

Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2023

- **Call to Order**

Pat Fisher-Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. She announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met, and that this meeting had been duly advertised. The meeting was held at the Readington Township Municipal Building.

- **Roll Call**

In attendance were Commissioners Pat Fisher-Olsen, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Sarah John, and Steve Nees. Commissioner Chuck Waters and Alternate Commissioner Dana Maurer were absent.

- **Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews**

*Stanton Historic District*

BI 50 L 43

Review: Generator

The application relates to the installation of a new 20/22/24W Generac Guardian Series Residential Standby Generator located on the west side of the house behind both plantings and a privacy fence. The generator location will not be visible from the street. The commissioners discussed the application.

Motion made by Steve Nees to approve the application as submitted to the Commission. Jim Carden seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Sarah John, and Steve Nees.

*Plate 14 – Sites of Historic Interest*

BI 50 L 27.02

Review: Propane Tank for Pool Heater

The application relates to the installation of a pool heater and propane tank. The propane tank will be located behind the house and not visible from the road. The pool construction was approved by the Commission on September 12, 2023. The commissioners discussed the application.

Motion made by Steve Nees to approve the application as submitted to the Commission. Alan Harwick seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Sarah John and Steve Nees.

*Whitehouse Station Historic District*

BI 32 L 7

Review: Fence Installation

The application relates to the installation of a new wood board stockade style fence (Floridian) to be installed at the rear of the property. The fence will commence on the southeast corner of the property and continue across the gravel parking area to the frame shed. A gate will be located at the center of the fence, aligning with the walkway to the rear of the house. The fence will also be installed along the north side of the house on the property line, beginning at the rear and ending at the front. The commissioners discussed the application.

Motion made by Steve Nees to approve the application as submitted to the Commission. Jim Carden seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Sarah John, and Steve Nees.

- **Minutes**

- *November 14, 2023:* Motion to approve the minutes as amended made by Alan Harwick and seconded by Sarah John. All were in favor.

- **Other Business.**

- *Bridge over Pleasant Run at Barley Sheaf Road:* Chair Fisher-Olsen advised the commissioners that the county desires to replace the existing one-lane bridge. As a freshwater wetlands permit is required from the NJDEP, the state has hired Richard Grub Associates to identify any archaeological resources eligible for listing on the new Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places that may be affected by the bridge replacement. Chair Fisher-Olsen advised that she had access the sources at the Hunterdon County Historical Society to learn of possible Native American sites near Pleasant Run. Since the Pleasant Run Historic Corridor is a local district and currently not listed on either the State nor National Registers of Historic Places, she will call the State Historic Preservation office to determine what would be needed to obtain an opinion.
- *Taylor's Mill:* Chair Fisher-Olsen thanked the commissioners who attended the clean up at Taylor's Mill and noted that the stone had been reset and repaired. Mike Hanrahan will interview the proposed intern.

- **Adjourn.** Steve Nees made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan Harwick seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Erin Brennan.