

Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2024

- **Call to Order**

Pat Fisher-Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:31 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, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Sarah John, Steve Nees, Chuck Waters, and Alternate Commissioners Scott Barton and Marie Almer. Commissioner Alan Harwick was absent.

- **Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews**

Whitehouse Station District

BI 21.12 L 245

Review: Addition, Siding, Windows, Roof

The application relates to the construction of a second floor addition to the rear of the house. The addition will extend out to meet the existing first floor extension and the roof will be raised to accommodate the addition. The added facades will replicate those on the existing structure. The entire structure will be re-sided with Deco Grey vinyl siding, taking care to preserve the historic window hoods and surrounds. The trim will be white. The existing brackets (corbels) will be retained or replicated with manufactured Fypon brackets in the same design. These brackets will also be used on the new rear addition. The structure's roof will be replaced with light grey architectural asphalt shingles. The commissioners discussed the application.

Motion made by Jim Carden to approve the application as submitted and stressed that the brackets and historic window hoods and surrounds must be retained. Steve Nees seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Sarah John, Steve Nees, Chuck Waters, and Scott Barton.

Taylor's Mill Historic District

BI 1.01 L 1.9

Review: Earthquake Stabilization Repairs

Commissioner John recused herself because she is on the Museum Committee.

The application relates to repairs to the stonework that was damaged in the earthquake of April 9, 2024. The earthquake dislodged the second floor lintel and partial chimney stack

located on the Taylor's Mill Road and Rockaway Road facades, jeopardizing the mill's stability. The stone from the lintel and chimney stack will be reset and all the stonework on the Taylor's Mill Road and Rockaway Road facades will be repointed to stabilize the masonry. The commissioners discussed the application.

Motion made by Jim Carden to approve the application as submitted. Steve Nees seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Steve Nees, Chuck Waters, Scott Barton, and Marie Almer.

- **Minutes**

- *May 14, 2024*: Motion to approve the minutes as amended made by Sarah John and seconded by Marie Almer. All were in favor.

- **Other Business**

County Bridge Replacements

Chair Fisher-Olsen presented two letters from Richard Grubb & Associates ("Grubb"), which is conducting a Phase IA Historical and Archaeological Survey and Intensive-Level Architectural Survey in connection with the replacement of County Bridge R-124 on Holland Brook Road and County Bridge R-170 on Locust Road. Grubb is requesting information on any significant historic, archaeological or architectural resources that may be affected by the projects. Chair Fisher-Olsen noted that there had been indigenous camps in at both sites but had no evidentiary material to provide. She asked Commissioner Brennan to check the records at the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

- **Adjourn.** Scott Barton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Carden seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Erin Brennan.