

Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025

- **Call to Order**

Pat Fisher-Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, Jim Carden, Chuck Waters, and Sarah John. Alternate Commissioner Scott Barton was absent.

- **Approval of 2025 Meeting Schedule**

Sarah John made a motion to approve the proposed meeting schedule and James Carden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews**

Potterstown Historic District

BI 2 L 7.01

Review: New roof installation

The application is held to a future meeting, as there were not enough unrecused members to constitute a forum.

Whitehouse Mechanicsville Historic District

BI 13 L 47

Review: Airconditioning system installation

The Commissioners reviewed plans to install four new mini split air conditioning units that will be installed on the inside of the house. These units will be fed by two lines installed at the rear of the building that run down the side of the building to the condenser. The lines will be painted white to look like downspouts. The condenser will be installed on the right side of the building beyond the rear side window. Landscaping plant(s) to be planted in front of the condenser to screen it from the street view. Suggestions were a Butterfly Bush or something similar. The commissioners discussed the application.

Motion made by James Carden to approve the application as submitted. Chuck Waters seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Chuck Waters, James Carden, and Sarah John.

Whitehouse Station Historic District

BI 21.12 L 18

Review: Roofing and Porch alterations

The Commissioners reviewed plans to install and expand the side porch to include a screened area, update windows, and remove and replace siding and roofing. See architectural drawings and application for details. The new porch expansion will consist of removing the existing porch roof and updating the built-in gutter system in the porch roof with rubber roofing material. Install new CertainTeed shingles using the same carriage house CertainTeed shingles as the rest of the house. Remove the side and front windows and replace them with Anderson 400 series TDL windows with verticle grill work to match the existing windows. Remove the existing wood platform and steps at the rear entry door. The screened porch area will include matching screen doors to the double-wide staircase and a single screen door entry from the open porch area. The new porch area will consist of Azek decking material in color Morado, four new posts, a new railing system, and a new rear door. New French doors to the interior are to be installed off the screen porch area. The existing siding is to be removed and replaced with CranBoard Solid Core siding, color metropolitan grey. Aluminum facia boards and trim are to be replaced with Azek material. All trim work on the house is to be done in white. The commissioners discussed the application.

Motion made by Chuck Waters to approve the application as submitted. James Carden seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Chuck Waters, James Carden, and Sarah John.

Three Bridges Historic District

BI 93 L 82

Review: Generator installation

The Commissioners reviewed plans to install a new 24KW Generac Home Standby Generator at the rear of the building, approximately 35' from the northeast corner. The commissioners discussed the application.

Motion made by James Carden to approve the application as submitted. Chuck Waters seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Chuck Waters, James Carden, and Sarah John.

- **Minutes**
 - *Minutes approval for the December meeting was tabled, due to a lack of quorum of commissioners who had been in attendance.*
- **Other Business.**
 - Pat Fisher-Olsen updated the commissioners that the paperwork for the Taylor's Mill grant from the NJ Historic Trust is in process.
- **Public Comment.**
- **Adjourn.** Sarah John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Carden seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Sarah John.