

**Tewksbury Township Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2010**

The meeting of the Tewksbury Township Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:30 pm in the Mountainville Meeting Hall by Commissioner Beveridge. The members of the Commission present were Rosemary Hartten, Karen Moriarty, Mary Elizabeth Young and Ruth Melchiorre. Randy Benson, the Secretary, and Dennis Bertland, the Historic Consultant, were also in attendance. Based on the members present, a quorum was established.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Commissioner Beveridge read the opening statement that the Commission meeting being held that evening was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, and indicated where notices for that meeting were posted.

Minutes

The minutes of July 26, 2010 were approved with corrections. A motion was made by Commissioner Young seconded by Commissioner Moriarty to approve the minutes with corrections. The first sentence under “Minutes” on page 1 should state “the minutes were approved with corrections” and not “as submitted”. Under Claims, remove the word “Commissioner” before the word “and”. Under Resolutions, one of the Commissioner Young’s should be changed to Commissioner Clark. On page two on line eight the sentence will state “and the possible moisture infiltration”. The following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

Claims

The following claims were submitted for payment:

Dennis Bertland Associates – Invoice #10-70-1.8 for review of applications and attendance at the 7/26/10 Commission meeting. \$180.00

On a motion made by Commissioner Young seconded by Commissioner Moriarty, the claims were approved as submitted. The following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, and Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

Applications

Application 10-10 Neil Cuthbert & Wendi Dasteel
Block 39, Lot 3 – 7 Church Street, Oldwick

Neil Cuthbert, the applicant and the property owner was present and sworn in. Mr. Cuthbert stated that he was appearing before the Commission to seek approval to replace

part of the existing fence on the property and to install new fencing in parts of his property. Mr. Cuthbert said the new fence would match the fence on the property next door which was owned by Hilary Prouty and the fence on her property had been approved by the Commission. The new fence will be between the barn and back yard and on the east side of the property. The fence will be unpainted cedar and have Williamsburg style. A motion was made by Commissioner Melchiorre, seconded by Commissioner Hartten to approve the application as submitted. The following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

Application 10-11 Brian Waggenspack
Block 38, Lot 10 – 10 King Street, Oldwick

Brian Waggenspack, the applicant and property owner, was present and sworn in. Mr. Waggenspack said that he was applying to install a new roof on his home and the chicken coop in the back yard. The new roofing material will be Timberline shingles on the main roof of the house and the porch roof. The front of the chicken coop roof will also be Timberline shingles. The color of the shingles will be the Williamsburg Slate. The flat roof on the rear of the main house and the rear roof of the chicken coop will be a membrane roofing material. The bay window on the front of the house is currently metal and the property owner would like to paint it or replace it with the shingles if it needed to be done. The Commission discussed the roofing over the two front bay windows. The Commission was not in favor of shingles over the bay windows. Commissioner Beveridge asked if the bay window roofs could be copper but the property owner said it would depend on the price. A motion was made by Hartten seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the application with the condition the property owner would have to return to the Commission if the existing metal roofs on the bay windows had to be replaced. The following Commissioners voted in favor of the application with the condition: Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

Application 10-12 Drew & Aphrodite Baptiste
Block 39, Lot 25 – 42 Old Turnpike Road

Edward O'Brien, the Architect and applicant for the property owner, was present and sworn in. Mr. O'Brien had been before the Commission in May informally for the home addition the property owner wanted to enlarge the kitchen area of their home. Based on the comments from the Commission at that time, Mr. O'Brien has provided architectural drawings for the proposed addition to the home. The addition will be one story and the chimneys and gables and details will match the existing house. On the north elevation the addition will not connect to the porch roof. On the south and east elevations the porch will be replaced with the addition. The patio doors are now moved to the northern end of the east elevation to enter the family room area instead of the kitchen. When asked if the large window could be moved on the east elevation and trim boards could be added to give the appearance of the gable end being framed out, Mr. O'Brien said they would look into it but they are limited by the interior design of the kitchen. Dennis

Bertrand asked if the parapet would be removed and Mr. O'Brien said it would. Commissioner Beveridge stated he felt the design was a good one and removing the parapet did not really take away from the historic character of the house. A motion was made by Commissioner Beveridge seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the application as submitted. The following Commissioners voted in favor of the application: Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

Resolutions

Correspondence

The Commission discussed the letter from the State Historic Preservation Office dated July 27, 2010 for the Hunterdon County Rural Preservation Trust. The Commission requested the Secretary write a letter to Teresa H. Martin, the grant writer, requesting the Historic Preservation Commission be included in the review and approval of any project that are located in Tewksbury Township.

Public Participation

Miscellaneous

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Moriarty and seconded by Commissioner Melchiorre to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and all of the Commission members present voted in favor of adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Randall Benson
Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission