

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 23, 2015**

The Tewksbury Township Historic Preservation Commission met at a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Meeting Hall, 60 Water Street, Mountainville, New Jersey.

Members present were Michael Scheier, Karen Moriarty, Janet Clark and Rosemary Hartten.

Absent was: Glenn Likus, Ruth Melchiorre, Alt. #1 and Herbert Ulrich, Alt. #2

Also present was Dennis Bertland, Historic Consultant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. and a quorum established.

OPEN PUBLIC METINGS ACT STATEMENT

Adequate notice of the following meeting had been provided by posting a copy on the bulletin board at the Administration Building, mailing a copy to the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat and filing a copy with the Municipal Clerk on January 22, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

REORGANIZATION

Nomination of Officers

Chairman

Mr. Dennis Bertland opened the meeting for nominations for Chairman for 2015. Mrs. Clark made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Moriarty to nominate Mr. Scheier as Chairman. All members present cast a unanimous vote electing Mr. Scheier as the 2015 Historic Preservation Commission Chairman.

Vice Chairman

Mr. Dennis Bertland opened the meeting for nominations for Vice Chairman for 2015. Mrs. Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scheier to nominate Mrs. Moriarty as Vice Chairman. All members present cast a unanimous vote electing Mrs. Moriarty as Vice Chairman for 2015.

Appointments

Secretary

Mrs. Clark made a motion to appoint Shana Goodchild as the Commission Secretary. Mr. Scheier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Historic Preservation Consultant

A motion was made by Mrs. Clark to appoint Dennis Bertland as the Historic Preservation Commission Consultant for 2015. Mr. Scheier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Official Meeting Dates

Resolution 2015-01

Mrs. Clark made a motion to adopt the following resolution setting the meeting dates for 2015. Mr. Scheier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 15-01**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, requires that certain notices of meetings be submitted to the press and other interested parties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Historic Preservation Commission of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Tewksbury Township Historic Preservation Commission for 2015 is hereby approved.
2. The Commission Secretary is designated as the person responsible for the following list of regular meetings and those other than regular meetings, to those persons and newspapers that request same:

	July 27
February 23	August 24
March 23	September 28
April 27	October 26
May 18	November 23
June 22	December 28

3. The Commission Secretary is also designated the person responsible for posting the list of regular meetings and notices of any other meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filing same with the Municipal Clerk.
4. The Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat are hereby designated to receive all notices of meetings as required under this Act, as it is determined that these are newspapers that would fulfill the requirements of the Act.

5. Requests for notice made by interested persons and the news media shall be granted without cost.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Scheier asked the public if there were any questions or comments regarding anything not on the agenda. There being no questions or comment, the public participation portion of the meeting was closed.

MINUTES

1. December 18, 2014 Special Meeting

Mrs. Clark made a motion to approve the December 18, 2014 minutes as submitted. Mrs. Hartten seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mrs. Moriarty abstained.

RESOLUTION

Mrs. Clark made a motion to adopt the following resolution. Mrs. Hartten seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02

FINDINGS OF FACT AND RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR GREGORY SCHMIDT/OLDWICK VILLAGE GARAGE FOR THE PROPERTY REFERRED TO AS BLOCK 42, LOT 33, LOCATED AT 30 OLD TURNPIKE ROAD, OLDWICK, NEW JERSEY

APPLICATION NO. 14-14

On December 18, 2014, Gregory Schmidt, property owner, appeared before the Tewksbury Township Historic Preservation Commission. The following Findings of Fact were made at that public hearing by the Historic Preservation Commission.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Gregory Schmidt is the owner of the property located at 30 Old Turnpike Road Oldwick, New Jersey.
2. The subject property is located in the Oldwick Historic District.
3. The applicant applied for a certificate of appropriateness so as to permit the removal of two (2) trees as described in his application and in accordance with Township Ordinance No. 08-2014.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tewksbury Historic Preservation Commission as follows:

1. That the proposed undertaking is found to be in accordance with the design criteria of the Township Historic Preservation Ordinance.
2. The Historic Preservation Commission authorizes the issuance of a certificate of appropriateness for the tree removal as submitted in the application of Gregory Schmidt/Oldwick Village Garage.
3. Based upon the findings of fact and the conclusions set forth above, the Township Historic Preservation Commission passed a motion made by Mr. Scheier and seconded by Mrs. Clark to approve the application with the following condition:
 - a. a replacement tree must be planted to replace Tree #1(Douglas Fir closest to the building). The applicant offered to construct a retaining wall/planter in the area and plant a small/slow growing tree in its place.

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Hartten and Mr. Scheier

Those Opposed: None

APPLICATION

Appl. 15-01 Marrazza Realty, LLC (Tewksbury Inn) – Block 44, Lot 2
55 Old Turnpike Road, Oldwick

Mr. Andrew Millet, Jr. representative of the owner, Marrazza Realty LLC, was sworn in and presented the application for exterior lighting and stone walls measuring 36 inches or higher at the Tewksbury Inn in the Oldwick Historic District. Mr. Millet explained that the lights, which are strung on wire along the eaves of the main roof and dormer and side-porch roof eaves, were installed four or five years ago. The stone walls, which border the outside dining area, were installed last summer. The walls slightly exceed 36 inches in some places due to the variation in ground level. It was noted for the record that walls exceeding 36 inches require a building permit.

Mrs. Clark made a motion to approve the exterior lights and stone walls as presented in the application and as currently exist, with the provisos that any proposed changes to the lights or walls are to be presented in an application to the Historic Preservation Commission, and that the approval was not to be considered a precedent. Mrs. Hartten seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Hartten, Mrs. Moriarty and Mr. Scheier

Those Opposed: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. by motion of Mr. Scheier and seconded by Mrs. Clark. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator