

**Tewksbury Township Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2011**

The meeting of the Tewksbury Township Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:31 pm in the Mountainville Meeting Hall by Commissioner Scheier. The members of the Commission present were Michael Scheier, Cyril Beveridge, Janet Clark (arrived 7:40), 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

Chairman Scheier 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 August 22, 2011 were approved with corrections. On page 2 in the third line under Applications add the word “were” after the word “question”. On line twelve add the word “is” after the word “surface”. On page 3, change the fifth sentence to state “Dennis Bertland stated the Commission should consider use of Belgian block could be acceptable in a particular situation and would not necessarily be a precedent”. On page three remove the ninth sentence. On page three in the last sentence, add the words “issue of the” after the word “the”. A motion was made by Commissioner Young seconded by Commissioner Melchiorre to approve the minutes with the corrections. The following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Commissioner Scheier, Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

The minutes of August 25, 2011 were approved with corrections. On page one in the seventh line change the word “regarding” to the word “regarding”. In the ninth line remove the word “going”. In the sixteenth line add the word “and” after the word “tar”. A motion was made by Commissioner Beveridge seconded by Commissioner Moriarty to approve the minutes with the corrections. The following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Commissioner Scheier, Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

The minutes of September 23, 2011 were approved as submitted. A motion was made by Commissioner Hartten seconded by Commissioner Melchiorre to approve minutes as submitted. The following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Commissioner Scheier, Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

Correspondence

Claims

Resolutions

The Commission considered Resolution 2011-13 for Fredrick Root. A motion was made by Commissioner Beveridge seconded by Commissioner Melchiorre to approve the resolution as submitted. The five Commissioners eligible, Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre, voted in favor of the resolution.

The Commission considered Resolution 2011-14 for Neil Cuthbert & Wende Dasteel. A motion was made by Commissioner Hartten seconded by Commissioner Melchiorre to approve the resolution as submitted. The six Commissioners eligible, Commissioner Scheier, Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre, voted in favor of the resolution.

Applications

Application 11-15 Old Turnpike Realty LLC
Block 23, Lot 27 – 62 Old Turnpike Road, Oldwick

Edward O'Brien was present and sworn in. Mr. O'Brien stated his tenants were concerned about the large trees near the rental house on the property. A tree expert inspected the trees and found a red maple behind the house to be deteriorating and recommended it be removed. Mr. O'Brien stated the tree is behind the house among other trees and it would probably not even be noticed once it is gone. Mr. O'Brien said he would like to replant either a Dogwood or Bradford Pear and he would plan to plant it in the spring. Commissioner Clark asked where the new tree would be planted. Mr. O'Brien said he wasn't sure but the logical place would be in the side yard between the house and the Magic Shop next door. The Commission discussed the size of the replacement tree and if a condition should be put in on the size of the replacement tree. The Commission felt a minimum size should be required for the new tree. A motion was made by Commissioner Beveridge seconded by Commissioner Melchiorre to approve the tree removal with the following conditions:

1. The replacement tree shall be a dogwood with a minimum of four inches in diameter. Six of the Commissioners present voted in favor of the tree removal.
2. The replacement tree will be planted by June 1, 2012.

The following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Commissioner Scheier, Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre. Commissioner Clark voted against the motion.

Application 11-16 Joseph & Justine Caracciolo
Block 41, Lot 1 – 6 Joliet Street, Oldwick

Enzio Columbro and Justine Caracciolo were present and sworn in. Mr. Columbro is the architect for the property owner. Mr. Columbro stated the owners would like to put an addition on the house for an in-law suite for Mrs. Caracciolo's father on the first floor and a master bedroom suite on the second floor. Mr. Columbro is currently seeking the Commission's approval in concept because they will need to go before the Land Use Board for a variance because the proposed addition would be in the front setback on the property. The addition would be on the east side of the house and will be less than a full two story addition so it will be in proportion to the main house. The addition will also have doghouse dormers on the front roof for the master bedroom and a shed roof on the east end of the first floor. The final decision on the roof material has not been made because the owners are unsure of the age of the existing roof. The new roof will be asphalt and possibly a standing seam metal roof on the shed roof portion of the addition. The addition will have wooden clapboards with trim to match the existing house. Commissioner Clark asked if the doorway to the new addition is currently where the window is on the east side. The property owner said yes. Dennis Bertland asked if the windows were original to the house. The owner said she believed so but wasn't certain. Dennis Bertland said the house is from 1830's to the 1860's and probably remodeled in the Victorian era with the porch, gables and rear portion of the house. Mr. Bertland also stated he felt the addition and the dormers are in keeping with the rest of the house. A motion was made by Commissioner Beveridge seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the application in concept. The following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Commissioner Scheier, Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Clark questioned the sidewalks on the west side of Main Street in Oldwick. Her concern was if the Historic Preservation Commission had ever approved the sidewalk on the west side. Secretary Benson stated he was told the sidewalk being installed is based on the original approval from the Commission when the sidewalks were originally proposed. Commissioner Clark asked how the west side sidewalk project was being funded. Secretary Benson said it was from the same grant that funded the sidewalk improvements on the east side. Commissioner Clark asked if it was possible to get a copy of the accounting of the money that was spent on the sidewalks. Secretary Benson said he believe the information was public and would provide it if it was.

Commissioner Scheier said the contractor for the Glasgow property on King Street had contacted him in reference to the siding on the house. The Commission had approved the application with wood clapboards but now the property owner would like to use Hardi plank. The Commission said the property owner should come before them with the proposed change.

Public Participation

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Beveridge and seconded by Commissioner Clark 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 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Randall Benson
Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission