

Historic Preservation Commission
Township of Readington
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2014

- **Call to Order**

Chairperson Pat Fisher-Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. She announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting had been duly advertised.

- **Roll Call**

In attendance were Commissioners Pat Fisher-Olsen, Herb Fischer, Chuck Waters, Erin Brennan, Jim Horvath, Jim Carden, Alan Harwick and alternate member John Woodward, as well as Township Committee Liaison Betty Ann Fort

Absent: none

- **Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews**

- **Whitehouse Mechanicsville Historic District**

- **BL 13 L18**

- 31 Old Highway 28

- Whitehouse Station, NJ

- Applicant: Sergio Moderner

- REVIEW: New Fence

- The application relates to the erection of a fence constructed of western cedar wood. It will extend twelve feet across the back end of the driveway, 45 feet along the property line to the left and 12 feet along the rear of the property to a shed. The proposed fence is a so-called "good-neighbor fence" with a curved top and a double gate with dog-eared pickets. It will be six feet high, extending to seven feet in the rear. The Commission reviewed the application.

- Motion to approve the application as submitted, provided that the applicant checks with the Township zoning officer regarding the height of the fence, by Jim Carden, seconded by Jim Horvath; approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, J. Carden, H. Fischer, A. Harwick, J. Horvath, and C. Waters.

- **Three Bridges Historic District**

- **BL 91 L3**

- 18 Railroad Avenue

Three Bridges, NJ
Applicant: Jonathan E. Fort

REVIEW: Replacement of Porch Columns

The application relates to the replacement of the columns on the porch of an 1870's Queen Anne style house. The proposed columns will be identical to the original, except for the lack of fluting. The Commission reviewed and discussed the application as well as the replacement of the rotting balustrade and railing with a wooden balustrade and railing similar to those on houses in the district from the same period..

Motion to approve the application as submitted, by Alan Harwick, seconded by Herb Fischer; approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, J. Carden, H. Fischer, A. Harwick, J. Horvath, and C. Waters.

- **Minutes**

June 10, 2014: Motion to approve, by Jim Horvath, seconded by Pat Fisher-Olsen, approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, J. Carden, H. Fischer, A. Harwick, J. Horvath, and C. Waters.

August 12, 2014: Motion to approve, as amended, by Herb Fischer, seconded by Chuck Waters, approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, J. Carden, H. Fischer, A. Harwick, J. Horvath, and C. Waters.

September 9, 2014: : Motion to approve, by Jim Horvath, seconded by Jim Carden, approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, J. Carden, H. Fischer, A. Harwick, J. Horvath, and C. Waters.

Old Business

Update of Historic District Maps. The Commissioners discussed their progress with updating their districts.

County Audit of Historic Districts and Structures: Tabled until the Fall.

Bob Clapp Memorial: Chairperson Fisher-Olsen will follow up with Diane Clapp.

Whitehouse/Mechanicsville National Register Application: Chairperson Fisher-Olsen noted that the DEP still has not signed off on the application and that she has not received any response to her e-mails to the state. She also noted that the state had 90 days to approve the application and that the 90 days expired in June. Betty Ann Fort will ask Julia Allen, as

Township mayor, and Vita Mekovetz, as Township administrator, to contact the SHPO to check on progress. Betty Ann will also ask Mike Hanrahan to check with his contacts at the SHPO.

- **Other Business**

Wycoff-Stryker House (Plate 14, currently Wells Fargo Bank on Route 22): Chairperson Fisher-Olsen reported that she had received a call from an appraiser inquiring as to the restrictions on actions relating to the property imposed by the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen informed the appraiser that the Commission has jurisdiction over the exterior of the structure. The Commission then discussed the construction of the Walgreen's next to the property and the destruction of the viewshed.

Chairperson Fisher-Olsen reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming volunteer dinner.

- **Adjournment**

Herb Fischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan Harwick seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Erin Brennan.