

Historic Preservation Commission
Township of Readington
Emergency Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2014

- **Call to Order**

Chairperson Pat Fisher-Olsen called the emergency meeting to order at 7:38 pm. She announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting had been duly advertised. She stated that the meeting had been called to continue the review of the Ryland Inn Phase II Site Plan.

- **Roll Call**

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

Absent: John Woodward

- **Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews**

- **Whitehouse Mechanicsville Historic District**

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Ryland Inn

111 Old Highway 28

Whitehouse, NJ

Applicant:

Landmark Developers, represented by architect Jose Carballo and Gabriel Bailer.

REVIEW: Guest House 1

Guest House 2

Cottage

Barns

Bakery

Hotel

2nd Catering Hall

The applicant presented a revised site plan, reflecting the comments of the Commission at the November 11, 2014 regular meeting. The Commission reviewed the revised plan as follows:

Guest House 1: No changes.

Guest House 2: No changes

Cottage: No changes

Barn/Stable Complex: Mr. Carballo noted that board and batten siding had been added as requested, but he kept the shingles on the silo to provide a weathered, more natural appearance.

Bakery: No changes

Hotel: The Commission complimented Mr. Carballo on his redesign of the anchoring towers from hexagonal to rectangular. They noted that the design was conformed more to the simple, classic lines of the Inn and the Whitehouse Mechanicsville Historic District and that the double windows on the front façade provided a balance to the windows over the port cochere.

2nd Catering Hall: Mr. Carballo noted that the windows have a heavier mullion, reducing some of the framing and eliminating the “industrial” feel. He also noted that the silo will be sheathed in the same stone as other parts of the building. Finally, Mr. Carballo pointed out that the port cochere had been changed to include more wood, thereby “de-Sonicing” the structure.

Motion to approve the application, pursuant to the revised site plan dated November 19, 2014 as presented to the Commission, by Jim Horvath, seconded by Jim Carden; approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, , C. Waters, H. Fischer, A. Harwick, J. Horvath, and J. Carden.

Adjournment

Jim Horvath made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Waters seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Erin Brennan.