

Historic Preservation Commission
Township of Readington
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2015

- **Call to Order**

Chairperson Pat Fisher-Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:36 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, Erin Brennan, Jim Horvath, Alan Harwick, Chuck Waters, and Alternate Commissioner John Woodward. Commissioner Jim Carden and Alternate Commissioner Derek Dandurand were absent

- **Minutes**

May 12, 2015: Motion to approve, by Jim Horvath, seconded by Herb Fischer, approved by vote of J. Horvath, P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, A. Harwick, C. Waters and H. Fischer.

- **Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews**

- **Whitehouse-Mechanicsville Historic District**

Ryland Inn
Bl 14 L 29
111 Old Highway Rte. 28
Whitehouse, NJ
Applicant: Landmark Developers
REVIEW: Garden Fence

The application relates to the construction of a post and wire garden fence towards the rear of the property. The Commission reviewed and discussed the application.

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

- **Whitehouse Station Historic District**

Bl 34 L 9
120 Main Street
Whitehouse Station, NJ
Applicant: Rosa Alexandra Rios
REVIEW: New Porch Addition

The application relates to the construction of 21 ft. x 6 ft. porch across the front of a one story Minimal Traditional dwelling with a prominent overhanging roof. The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the proposed porch roof and how the roof would tie into the existing structure. Commissioner Waters noted that the application did not contain detailed drawings, therefore making it impossible to determine the relationship between the porch and the existing structure.

Motion to reject the application as submitted, and to request the applicant to resubmit the application with detailed architectural drawings showing (i) how the roof would tie into the existing structure, and (ii) footings and other structural elements, and to consider extending the porch and roof to the entire structure by Alan Harwick, seconded by Jim Horvath; approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, H. Fischer, A. Harwick, J. Horvath, and C. Waters. Alternate Commissioner J. Woodward recused himself as he lives next door to the applicant.

- **Old Business**

Bob Clapp Memorial Trees. Commissioner Jim Horvath advised that Nancy O'Malley of the Museum Committee will order the trees.

Update of Historic District Maps. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen will ask the Tax Assessor to provide a list of the properties in historic districts along with year built. She also asked the Commissioners to consider the period of significance when reviewing their districts.

Historic District Signs. Commissioner Horvath received an estimate to purchase signs identifying the Township's National Register Districts, as well as the Eversole Hall House (8 signs in total). Although the Museum Committee agreed to fund the purchase, the Commissioners agreed to request the Township Committee to provide additional funding due to the size of purchase (approximately \$2,000). Chairperson Fisher-Olsen will write a letter to the Committee.

Haypress Cemetery. The Commissioners reviewed and commented on the proposed contract between the Township and the Mount Amwell Project, Inc. provided by Commissioner Harwick.

- **New Business**

Whitehouse-Mechanicsville Celebration. The Commissioners discussed holding an ice cream social celebrating Whitehouse-Mechanicsville's placement on the National Register of Historic Places and recommended September 27 or October 4. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen will contact Dennis Berglund about providing walking tours.

Realtor Letter. Commissioner Brennan asked about the possibility of advising realtors about listings in an historic district. Commissioner Horvath advised that it would not be proper to

come between the agent and the seller. The Commissioners agreed that once the maps of the districts were completed, all realtors in the area should be sent a copy.

- **Adjournment**

Jim Horvath made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan Harwick seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Erin Brennan.