

Historic Preservation Commission  
Township of Readington  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2015

- **Call to Order**

Chairperson Pat Fisher-Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:32 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, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Herb Fischer, Alan Harwick, Jim Horvath, Chuck Waters, and Alternate Commissioner John Woodward. Alternate Commissioner Derek Dandurand was absent.

- **Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews**

- **Whitehouse-Mechanicsville Historic District**

BI 13 L 31.01  
63 Old Highway 28  
Whitehouse, NJ  
Applicant: Henry Lewis  
REVIEW: New Windows

The application relates to the replacement of the building's windows with two over two MIWD 1450 double hung vinyl replacement windows. The Commissioners reviewed the materials provided by the applicant and discussed the application.

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

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BI 17 L 17  
22 Old Highway 28  
Whitehouse, NJ  
Owner: DeMarco Estate, represented by George DeMarco, Executor and Douglas Orr, Attorney  
REVIEW: Demolition request

The applicant returned to the Commission regarding the proposed demolition of the house on 22 Old Highway. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen recapped Mr. DeMarco's

appearance before the Commission's August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. She further explained that any building in an historic district must be thoroughly document prior to undergoing demolition. Chairperson will send the Township's demolition guidelines to Mr. DeMarco once they are approved by the Township Committee. Mr. DeMarco will also have to submit a completed Historic Preservation Commission Design Review Application.

- **Readington/Raritan South Branch Historic District**

BI 73 L 22  
River Ridge Farm  
185 Rockafellows Mill Road  
Flemington, NJ  
Owner: Lorette and William Cheswick  
REVIEW: Chimney Replacement

The application relates to the repair and/or reconstruction of the three chimneys which are in urgent need of repair. The north chimney requires repointing, waterproofing and sealing. The east and west chimneys are structurally unsound and are fire risk. Repair of the east chimney will consist of repairing the flues and reconstruction from the roof line. The west chimney will also be reconstructed from the roof line. Materials will match those of the existing chimneys as closely as possible.

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

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- **Plate 14 – Sites of Historic Significance**

BI 14 L 1  
31-35 Island Road  
Whitehouse, NJ  
Potential Purchaser: Teresa and Dennis Statue  
REVIEW: Demolition of Barn; Addition to House

The applicants are planning to purchase a portion of this Plate 14 property containing a house, barns and other outbuildings. They came before the Commission for a preliminary review of their plans to (i) demolish the existing small barn and attached shed and use the materials from the demolished barn to repair the other barns on the property; and (ii) add an addition with basement and second floor to the house. The addition will include a kitchen, master bedroom suite and wraparound porch, attached garage, and mother-daughter suite on the second floor. The applicants noted that the

small barn is structurally unsound and cannot be repaired. The Commissioners reviewed the materials provided and discussed the application. Commissioner Horvath remarked that the barn may be a New World Dutch Barn, which the Commission would want to have preserved. Commissioners Horvath, Carden and Harwick asked if they could see the barn. The applicants will ask the owner. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen advised the need to preserve the main part of the house while making the addition complementary.

- **Minutes**

**June 9, 2015:** Motion to approve, by Alan Harwick, seconded by Herb Fischer, approved by vote of J. Horvath, P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, J. Carden, A. Harwick, C. Waters and H. Fischer.

**August 11, 2015:** Motion to approve, as amended, by Alan Harwick, seconded by Chuck Waters, approved by vote of J. Horvath, P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, J. Carden, A. Harwick, C. Waters and H. Fischer.

- **Old Business**

*Historic District Audit.* Commissioners Woodward and Brennan will meet with Chairperson Fisher-Olsen to prepare the spreadsheets.

*Whitehouse-Mechanicsville Celebration.* Chairperson Fisher-Olsen asked each of the Commissioners to bring baked goods. The Commissioners discussed the placement of the historic district signs at each end of the district

- **Adjournment**

Alan Harwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Horvath seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Erin Brennan.