

Historic Preservation Commission

Township of Readington
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2013

1. 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.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Erin Brennan, Herb Fischer, Jim Horvath, and Township Committee Liaison Betty Ann Fort.

Absent: Bob Clapp, Clay Mason. Chuck Waters

3. Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews

Whitehouse Station Historic District

BL.23 L 18

131 Main Street

Whitehouse Station, NJ

Applicant: Kohlmann Blau

21 Fairview Avenue

Clinton NJ 08809

REVIEW: Change to the rear design of house

Note: (original design approved in April 2013 meeting, first revision approved in August, 2013 meeting).

The application appeared to be in order and the proposed work was deemed to be more in keeping with the original design of the building.

Motion to approve by Jim Horvath, seconded by Herb Fischer, approved by vote of H. Fischer, J. Horvath, E. Brennan, and P. Fisher-Olsen.

Roof Reviews

The following roof reviews were previously approved by the Roof Committee of the Historic Preservation Commission (the "Commission"):

- Pleasant Run Corridor Historic District
BL 52 L 9
6 Pleasant Run Road
Flemington, NJ

Applicant: Willard S. Stevens
6 Pleasant Run Road
Flemington, NJ

The application is for the replacement of a brown asphalt roof with new brown asphalt shingles on the garage and storage shed. The roof on the home was replaced in 2011. Existing roof is in need of replacement. The buildings are not contributing structures to the historic district. The proposed new roof is compatible with the historic district.

- Stanton Historic District

BL 50 L 7
169 Stanton Road
Stanton, NJ

Applicant: Derek Martin
169 Stanton Road
Stanton, NJ

The application is for the removal of the black asphalt shingled roof and replacement with new black asphalt shingles. The premises is a contributing structure to the district. Asphalt shingled roof is compatible with the house and the district. It should be noted that the work was substantially completed before a permit was applied for and a design review was requested.

- Three Bridges Historic District

BL 90 L 4
451 Main Street
Three Bridges, NJ

Applicant: Karin & James Lynch
451 Main Street
Three Bridges, NJ

The application is for replacement of the roof on the side exterior stairway and the kitchen in the rear. The application does not include the Second Empire Mansard Roof. The subject is a Second Empire home with a mansard main roof constructed of slate arranged in a decorative pattern. The one story kitchen in the rear and the enclosed exterior stairway to the upper floors appear to have been added on to the main building and have conventional asphalt roofing. The proposed work is consistent with the historic district. The Commission encourages the homeowner to continue to preserve the mansard roof on the main structure.

4. Minutes

August: Tabled until November 12.

September: After review, Jim Horvath moved that the minutes be approved as written. Herb Fischer seconded the motion. P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, H. Fischer, and J. Horvath.

5. New Business

Readington Reformed Church Steeple Dedication

Chairperson Fisher-Olsen referred to the flyer submitted to the Commission and advised the members that they were all invited to the dedication of the steeple on Sunday, October 27th.

Mapping Project

Chairperson Fisher-Olsen introduced Marilyn Cummings and Kenneth Cummings of the Delaware Township Historical Society. They gave a presentation on their project which points out township historic sites using Google Earth. They are promoting the project county-wide. The members of the Commission agreed that the plan was impressive and useful. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen recommended that once the Whitehouse-Mechanicsville State/National Register application is finished, the information from the National Register application be uploaded.

6. Other Business

Whitehouse-Mechanicsville State/National Register Nomination – Public Meeting October 29th

Chairperson Fisher-Olsen will contact those people in the district who had come before the Commission and request that they attend the meeting. She will also bring the historic maps to the meeting.

7. Adjournment

Jim Horvath made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Herb Fischer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Erin Brennan.

