

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
6101 THIRTEENTH ST.
MAYS LANDING, NJ
March 11, 2010
7:00 PM

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Ronald McArthur. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the certification of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law was read. The following members were in attendance: Linda Benner, Cheryl Fetty, John Kurtz, Elmer Ripley (arrived late), Sam Wells and William Sacchinelli. Jennie Ayres was absent.

Minutes

On the motion of William Sacchinelli, second of Cheryl Fetty and carried by unanimous voice vote the minutes of January 14, 2010 were approved as presented.

Planning Board Application 2010-002 Hamilton Township MUA 5714 Main St
(sent to HPC for recommendation only)

Applicant seeks to replace old pump station with new, safer pump station. Representing applicant were Bob Mulford, Fralinger Engineering, Steven Blankenship, MUA Executive Director and Robert Mattle, MUA Chairman.

On the motion of John Kurtz, second of Cheryl Fetty this application was added to tonight's agenda.

Mr. Mulford presented the plans to replace the existing pump station. Mr. Blankenship explained that after advertising twice no bids were received for the existing building.

Elmer Ripley arrived to the meeting.

Linda Benner asked if application had been made to the SHPO for permission to move or demolish the building and explained that application must be made to the state if it is a municipal building in an historic district.

The applicant stated that an application was made to the state on 2/25/10, but the purpose was to check cultural resources and the significance of the building, not for approval.

Melissa Davenport was recognized in the audience. Mrs. Davenport implored that any decision one way or the other wait for the state HPO decision and suggested that the HPC have a historic architect look into it. Mrs. Davenport provided the HPC members with her research on the property. Mrs. Davenport stated that this building may have been the Farragut Ave. Train Station.

Mr. Blankenship said that he would move forward with the application to the state and said that he thought they would be successful. Mr. Blankenship described the proposed replacement building as set forth in the presented plans and explained where the new building would be placed on the lot. In response to a question by Sam Wells, Mr. Blankenship explained that the triangular piece would contain a sign with landscaping behind it and an architectural type fence. Cheryl Fetty pointed out that the sign should read "Township of Hamilton", not "Hamilton Township".

Melissa Davenport asked if the applicant would consider donating the building. Mr. Blankenship responded that negotiation could now take place because it has been advertised twice. Cheryl Fetty asked that Mr. Blankenship look into having the Press do a story to generate interest in moving the building. Mr. Blankenship stated that he didn't want to see the building destroyed, but that they did need to move forward with the project. Mr. Kurtz suggested that a recommendation to the Planning Board be drafted before the end of the meeting.

Applications#03-10 Weymouth Bridge- Atlantic County

On the motion of Cheryl Fetty, second of Linda Benner and carried application 3-2010 was added to the agenda.

Mr. John Conover of the Atlantic County Division of Engineering explained that he was there because the local HPC had been selected to choose the colors for the Weymouth Bridge. Mr. Conover said that he would ask the HPC to choose 3 colors for the concrete repairs tonight, he will make samples and come back for the final decision. Mr. Conover also explained that he would come back for the truss color at another time.

Mr. Ripley stated that he wanted the same colors as used on the Babcock Bridge because they were selected as the standard colors.

On the motion of Linda Benner, second of Sam Wells and carried with the following roll call vote: (Benner, aye; Fetty, aye; Kurtz, aye; Ripley, no; Wells, aye; McArthur, aye;) the application was approved with the following color choices, Mesa Buff, Pebble and Sandstone.

After discussion it was decided that the Chairman would name a sub committee to review the truss colors and make a recommendation back to the Chairman for approval.

Melissa Davenport stated that the records may indicate the wrong color on Babcock Bridge.

Old Business

Rules of Procedure

The following amendments to the rules of procedure were proposed:

- oath to be administered- to be removed
- meeting date changed to 2nd Thursday
- remove oath requirement on page 5
- adjust date for application to be submitted – should read 15 days prior to the meeting

The amendments will be voted on at the next meeting.

CLG Update

Chairman McArthur stated that the annual report is being worked on. Chairman McArthur informed the members that there will be a presentation at the May meeting by Andrea Tingy and that the Twp. Committee liaisons will be present.

New BusinessChanging start time for the May 13th meeting

On the motion of Elmer Ripley, second of Sam Wells and carried by unanimous voice vote the start time of the May 13 meeting was changed to 6:00 PM, in order to allow time for the presentation.

Recommendation to Planning Board regarding pump station

On the motion of Sam Wells, second of Elmer Ripley and carried by unanimous voice vote to send the Planning Board the following recommendations:

1. application process for state approval must be completed
2. explore every possible alternative with the goal to move the building rather than demolish
3. applicant needs to return to the HPC for approval of aesthetics for new building including sign, colors, fence, etc.

Memorializations

On the motion of John Kurtz, second of Sam Wells and carried by a unanimous voice vote, the following decisions and resolutions were approved: #01-10 and # 02-10.

Public Comment

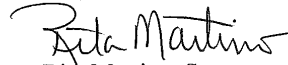
Melissa Davenport stated that the Scoops building has been moved before and that she liked the sign idea. Ms. Davenport stated that her letter to the editor had been shortened and the response to her letter was comparing apples and oranges. Ms. Davenport thanked everyone for the good job they continue to do.

On the motion of Cheryl Fetty, second of Linda Benner to close the floor to public comment.

Sam Wells apologized for missing two meetings, explaining that he and his wife had recently had a second child.

On the motion of John Kurtz, second of Sam Wells and carried the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Rita Martino, Secretary