

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
6101 THIRTEENTH ST.
MAYS LANDING, NJ
September 10, 2009
7:00 PM

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman William Sacchinelli. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the certification of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law was read. In addition to William Sacchinelli the following members were in attendance: Linda Benner, Cheryl Fetty, Elmer Ripley and Sam Wells. John Kurtz and Ronald McArthur were absent. Also present was Rita Martino, Secretary.

Minutes

On the motion of Linda Benner, second of Cheryl Fetty and carried the approval of minutes was deferred until later in the meeting.

Applications

#17-09- Christopher Emmell- 6116 & 6118 Old Harding Hwy- Blk 732 Lots 60 & 61.

Application to add shutters, replace siding, replace door and windows, replace front porch roof and screening, add new aluminum gutters and downspouts. Applicant was told he did not have to change the size of the windows to come up to code because the home was on the National Register of Historic Places. On the motion of Linda Benner, second of Cheryl Fetty and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the application was approved with the following conditions: 1) railings are to be center mounted, 2) windows are to be 6 over 6's, 3) windows are to be the same size as what is existing.

Informal Presentation by Bob Mulford of Fralinger Engineering (for Hamilton Twp. MUA)

Mr. Steven Blankenship, Executive Director of the MUA explained the need for a new pump station and stated that advertisements for bids to remove the existing building at no cost to the MUA have been placed. Mr. Blankenship stated that if there was no interest in removing the existing building they were looking to demolish it. Mr. Bob Mulford of Fralinger Engineering presented the plans for the new building; which is to be 9 feet wide and 19 feet long. It was stated that the building would be located in the back corner of the lot.

In response to questions presented by the HPC members it was stated that it was not feasible to use the existing building even if it were to be moved on the lot. It was also stated that the location of the pump station could not be changed because in order to mitigate the cost, this was the logical site. Ms. Aline Dix, MUA Board Member stated that this location is the drainage point under the ground and therefore can not be moved.

William Sacchinelli asked if the history of the building had been researched as there are indications it may have been the original train station. The applicants were advised that the State Historic Preservation Office may have jurisdiction over this site especially if it is the original train station. The applicants were advised to contact the State Historic Preservation Office for information.

Old Business

The ordinance has been updated with the recommended changes, a workshop will be scheduled shortly to finalize.

New Business

It was requested that a link to the Standards and Guidelines be placed on the Township Web site. Linda Benner was authorized to attend the training course on November 13, 2009 at a cost of \$35.00.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Township Administrator regarding the tree lighting. Cheryl Fetty will make a follow up appointment with the Administrator regarding the need for a bucket truck and the overtime charge for an employee to turn on the lights.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Linda Benner, second of Cheryl Fetty and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the minutes of August 20, 2009 and the workshop minutes of August 27, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Memorializations

On the motion of Elmer Ripley, second of Sam Wells and carried by a unanimous voice vote the following decisions and resolutions were approved: #15-09, #16-09, #18-09.

Public Comment

There was no public comment. On the motion of Cheryl Fetty, second of Elmer Ripley to close the public comment portion.

On the motion of Cheryl Fetty, second of Linda Benner and carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Martino, Secretary