

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
6101 THIRTEENTH ST.
MAYS LANDING, NJ
August 11, 2016
7:00 PM

This meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order August 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Cheryl Fetty presiding.

Flag Salute.

Secretary Rita Martino certified compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law by posting a notice on the bulletin board and by sending a copy of this notice to The Press of Atlantic City, Atlantic County Record and Record Journal on January 15, 2016.

Roll Call:

Present: Carl Farrell, James Kerrigan, Ronald McArthur, Heather Tomasello (arrived late), Cheryl Fetty, Kim Rullis.

Absent: Arlene Blosch, Roberta Boney.

Also Present: Rita Martino, Secretary.

Minutes

On the motion of Carl Farrell, second of James Kerrigan and carried by unanimous voice vote the minutes of May 12, 2016 were approved as presented.

Applications

Heather Tomasello arrived at the meeting.

Application #12-2016- Twp. of Hamilton Historical Society-49 Mill St. Bl. 732 Lot 73

Application to replace roof with a metal roof.

Dottie Kinsey, appearing for the applicant stated that the roof will be a metal roof in the color "Mission Red".

On the motion of Ronald McArthur, seconded by Mr. Kerrigan, the application was approved as presented.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Kerrigan, McArthur, Tomasello, Rullis

Nay: XXX

Abstain: Farrell, Fetty

Announcements

There is a fundraiser scheduled for Sunday to benefit "Save the Lighthouse", at Lake Lenape.

Old Business

At the suggestion of Ronald McArthur, Mrs. Fetty will pick up a card for Arlene Blosch, who has been ill.

New Business

Presentation by Wayne Faulkner, Project Manager, JMT regarding the Cotton Mill Bridge

Also presenting: Douglas R. DiMeo, PE, Supervising Engineer, Bridges, Atlantic County; John A. Conover, PE, Senior Engineer, Civil for Atlantic County; Yan Gao, PE,

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NBIS, Associate Structures, JMT and Lindsay Allen, Associate, Natural & Cultural Resources, JMT.

It was noted that JMT was hired by the County for this project and had spoken to representatives of SHPO who had no objection or input because the state agency did not consider it a contributing structure. It was further stated that the SHPO referred the matter to the local HPC for input.

Mr. Faulkner reviewed the condition of the existing bridge, stating it was in poor condition and explained the proposal for a complete replacement of the bridge. The replacement bridge will be 2 feet wider and there will be six foot sidewalks instead of 5 foot. It was further explained that the railings will be painted metal railings. The structural engineer explained the benefits of this type of structure; mainly that it will last longer.

It was further noted that a 1995 Historic Bridge Survey stated that the existing bridge was not significant.

A picture of the historic bridge was shown.

Members raised concerns with the look of the railings on the replacement bridge. Mrs. Tomasello suggested that the railings be given a lattice type look to mimic the lattice on the historic bridge.

It was explained that the rails are set at a certain height for safety reasons. There was discussion of the weight limit. Concern was expressed for the dam during construction of the bridge. It was stated that the bridge would be destroyed in the event of a dam break.

Mrs. Tomasello asked that a nod to the history of the bridge, the district and the town as a whole be given. Stating further that it is not a historic bridge now but it was at one point.

The possibility of a different rail design and the tinting of the concrete was discussed.

Chairman Fetty stated that the proposed bridge was not appropriate for the location and asked if they would please come back with the final design.

There was discussion of members attending a workshop on October 1, 2016.

Correspondence

A thank you was received in response to the donation sent in memory of Carl Farrell's father.

Memorializations

On the motion of James Kerrigan, seconded by Ronald McArthur, the following Memorializations were approved: #6-2016, #8-2016, #9-2016, #10-2016 and #11-2016.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Farrell, Kerrigan, McArthur, Fetty, Rullis.

Nay: XXX

Abstain: Tomasello

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

On the motion of Ronald McArthur, second of James Kerrigan and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Martino, Secretary