

Historic Preservation Commission
Township of Readington
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018

- 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, John Woodward and Alternate Commissioner Dana Maurer. Commissioner Chuck Waters was excused.

- Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews

- Three Bridges Historic District

BI 88 L10

17 Broad Street

Three Bridges, NJ

Applicant: Somerville Aluminum

REVIEW: New siding

The application relates to the replacement of existing T1-11 plywood siding with ProVia Ultra 5 inch Dutch lap polymer siding in "Pewter Grey". The structure will have white trim and corner boards and black shutters. The Commissioners reviewed the application.

Erin Brennan moved to approve the application as submitted; Jim Carden seconded the motion. Approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, J. Carden, H. Fischer, A. Harwick, and J. Woodward.

BL 95 L 2

730 Route 202

Three Bridges, NJ

Owner: Vincent Randazzo

Greenway Landscape Concepts and Design

REVIEW: Demolition of New World Dutch Barn

The structure is one of the last historic Dutch barns in the township. The owner had appeared before the Commission in 2013 with a request to demolish the barn due to the deteriorated state of the structure. At that time, the Commission approved demolition, provided that the owner preserve as much of the barn's original timber framing as possible. Last March, a number of the Commissioners visited the site and, the owner agreed to preserve the original Dutch Barn structural elements by bracing

and cabling the historic structure and constructing the new barn around them. Drawings outlining the construction were presented to the Commissioners at this meeting.

Jim Carden moved that the application be approved as submitted; Herb Fischer seconded the motion. Approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, J. Carden, H. Fischer, A. Harwick, and J. Woodward.

- Minutes. The commissioners reviewed the draft minutes from the February 13, 2018 meeting. Alan Harwick moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Jim Carden seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- New Business:
 - Three Bridges National Historic Register Application

Chairperson Fisher-Olsen proposed to the Commission that work be commenced to nominate the Three Bridges local historic district to the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

Erin Brennan moved to commence the process to place the Three Bridges Historic District on the State and National Registers of Historic Places; Jim Carden seconded the motion. Approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, J. Carden, H. Fischer, A. Harwick, and J. Woodward.

- Historic Preservation Awards

The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the list of properties that had come before the Commission.

John Woodward moved that this year's Historic Preservation Awards be given to (i) the Ryland Inn in the Whitehouse-Mechanicsville Historic District and (ii) 133 Stanton Road in the Stanton Historic District; Jim Carden seconded the motion. Approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, E. Brennan, J. Carden, H. Fischer, A. Harwick, and J. Woodward.

- Changes to State Construction Code.

Chairperson Fisher-Olsen described the recent changes to the state Construction Code. The changes eliminate the need for construction permits for the installation of siding for one and two family detached dwellings (except for polypropylene) and the replacement of roofs for one and two family detached dwellings.

The Commissioners agreed that the elimination of the permit will significantly reduce the ability of the Commission to oversee the preservation of properties in the

Township's historic districts. The Commissioners further agreed that the Township's Historic Preservation Ordinance will have to be revised. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen will meet with Mike Sullivan (Township Planner) and Mike Hanrahan (Architectural Advisor). Alternate Commissioner Maurer will draft a letter to all property owners in the historic districts.

Herb Fischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan Harwick seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Erin Brennan.