

Historic Preservation Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes November 13, 2018

- Call to Order

Chairperson Pat Fisher-Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:34 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, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, John Woodward and Alternate Commissioner Dana Maurer, as well as Township Committee liaison Betty Ann Fort. Commissioners Jim Carden, Herb Fisher, and Chuck Waters were excused.

Guests: Mayor Ben Smith

- Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews

- Whitehouse-Mechanicsville Historic District

BI 18 L 17

68 Old Highway

Whitehouse, NJ

REVIEW: Solar Panels

Represented by: Sandeep Tripuraneni, Amergy Solar, Inc.

The application relates to the installation of solar panels on the third floor front roof, second floor rear roof, and rear gables of the structure. The panels will not be seen from the road.

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

- Plate 14 – Sites of Historic Interest
 - BI 24 L 2
 - 24 Washington Drive
 - Whitehouse Station, NJ
 - “Abram van Horn House”
 - REVIEW: removal of metal and glass sunroom and replacement with new structure
 - Applicants: Gerard Busch/Michael Vollrath

The application relates to (i) the removal of an existing 1980’s sunroom; (ii) replacement with an enclosure to match the original mudroom addition; (iii) addition of a railing on the second floor to match the existing porch; (iv) replacement of the rear door with a double-hung window; and (v) painting with white exterior paint and “Whipple Blue” trim. In addition, the new enclosure will be on a foundation of river rock and be clad in cedar shakes to match the rest of the house.

John Woodward moved to approve the application as submitted; Alan Harwick seconded the motion. Approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, E. Brennan, and J. Woodward.

- Minutes. The commissioners reviewed the draft minutes from the October 9, 2018 meeting. John Woodward moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Dana Maurer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Alan Harwick abstained
- Other Business
 - Mayor Smith presented an award to Commissioner John Woodward to honor him with 50 years of service to the Township, in various capacities. Mr. Woodward is a lifelong resident of Readington Township.
- Old Business
 - October 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen pointed out that a portion of the minutes were missing from the website. She directed E. Brennan to correct the final version of the minutes to reflect the missing pages.
 - Updated Design Review Application

Chairperson Fisher-Olsen noted that she had heard nothing back from the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the changes to the construction code. She will call to follow up.

- New Business:
 - 17 James Street, Whitehouse Station

Chairperson Fisher-Olsen noted that the above property has been designated as affordable housing. The structure is located in the Whitehouse Station Historic District and requires renovation.

Erin Brennan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Erin Brennan.