

Historic Preservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2021

- **Call to Order**

Pat Fisher-Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. She announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met, and that this meeting had been duly advertised. The meeting was held via Webex.

- **Roll Call**

In attendance were Commissioners Pat Fisher-Olsen, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Dana Maurer, Chuck Waters, John Woodward, Alternate Commissioner Stephen Nees, and Township Committee Liaison Betty Ann Fort. Alternate Commissioner Herb Fischer was absent.

- **Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews**

Plate 14 – Sites of Historic Significance

BI 62 L 9
75 Woodschurch Road
Flemington NJ 08822
Applicant: Glenn Loh
Review: Barn addition

The application relates to the 30' x 40' the back of the ~150 year old barn. The addition will be sheathed in white wood or vinyl siding to match the siding. The commissioners discussed the application.

Motion to approve the application as submitted by Alan Harwick. John Woodward seconded the motion. Approved by vote of: E. Brennan, J. Carden, P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, D. Maurer, C. Waters, and J. Woodward.

Three Bridges Historic District

BI 93 L 64
466 Main Street
Three Bridges, NJ 08887
Applicant: Nancy M. Rigassio
Review: Solar Panel installation on garage

The application relates to the installation of two arrays of eight LG 365 watt solar panels along each east and west sides of the roof line. Only 8 panels will be visible from the road. The commissioners discussed the application

Motion to approve the application as submitted by Alan Harwick. Jim Carden seconded the motion. Approved by vote of: E. Brennan, J. Carden, P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, D. Maurer, C. Waters, and J. Woodward.

BL 93 L80
430 Main Street
Three Bridges, NJ 08887
Three Bridges Cafe
Applicant: Hector Martinez
Review: New Sign.

The application relates to a redesign of the existing sign to reflect the new business in the building. The existing sign will be painted brown with yellow lettering .

Motion to approve the application as submitted by Alan Harwick. Jim Carden seconded the motion. Approved by vote of: E. Brennan, J. Carden, P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, D. Maurer, C. Waters, and J. Woodward.

Pleasant Run Historic District

BL 52.01 L14.04
42 Pleasant Run Road
Flemington , NJ 08822
Applicant: Paul Morris
Contractor: Custom Solar d/b/a Momentum Solar
Review: Rooftop Solar Panel Installation.

The application relates to the installation of a rooftop solar system consisting of black rimless panels. The panels will not be visible from the road.

Motion to approve the application as submitted by Alan Harwick. John Woodward seconded the motion. Approved by vote of: E. Brennan, J. Carden, P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, D. Maurer, C. Waters, and J. Woodward.

Whitehouse-Mechanicsville Historic District

BL 13 L45
97 Old Highway 28
Whitehouse, NJ 08888
Applicant: Ashley Jusino, Suntuity Solar
Represented by: Craig Dotolli
Review: Ground Mounted Solar Panel Installation.

The application relates to the installation of a ground mounted solar system to the rear of the property, in view of East Whitehouse Park, consisting a 61'-2" x 13'-4" array of 44 panels. The Commissioners discussed the application.

Vice-Chair Harwick pointed out that the array would be next to the park's picnic area and that the current buffer between the properties consists of deciduous trees. He further noted that additional evergreen buffering in accordance with township land use ordinances would be needed. He further noted that the Commission had to approve a landscape plan.

Commissioner Carden requested that the system be moved further east to accommodate the additional buffering.

Commissioner Woodward asked if the array could be seen from the Kearns Funeral Home parking lot. He was assured that there would be sufficient buffering.

The Commission requested the applicant to return next month with the owner to review a landscape plan.

- ***Minutes.***

- The commissioners reviewed the draft minutes from the April 13, 2021 meeting. Alan Harwick moved that the minutes be approved. John Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- The commissioners reviewed the draft minutes from the April 20, 2021 special meeting. Alan Harwick moved that the minutes be approved. Jim Carden seconded the motion. All were in favor. Dana Maurer and Chuck Waters abstained.

- ***Other Business.***

- *Historic Preservation Month.* Chairperson Fisher-Olsen will advise a date and time for the presentation of the award to the Mount Amwell Project.
- *Assistant.* Chairperson Fisher-Olsen announced that Shannon Long will be providing secretarial assistance to the Commission.
- *Bouman-Stickney Porch* – Township Committee Liaison Fort informed the Commission that the Museum Committee had a report on the porch's repair requirements, but a temporary solution was needed before it collapsed. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen will provide the report to Commissioners Waters, Carden and Nees. Commissioner Waters will inspect the property.

- *Woodbine Cottage*—Township Committee Liaison Fort informed the Commission that 16 Railroad Ave in Three Bridges was beyond repair and that the Township was interested in purchasing the property.
- *60 Old Highway 28* – Commissioner Carden advised the Commission that trucks were still being housed on the property.
- **Adjourn.** Erin Brennan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Waters seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.—

Minutes prepared and submitted by Erin Brennan