

Historic Preservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2021

- **Call to Order**

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. The meeting was held via Webex.

- **Roll Call**

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

- **Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews**

Whitehouse Station Historic District

BI 23 L 12
147 Main Street
Whitehouse Station NJ 08878
Applicant: Lynn Ann Hoffman
Contractor: Tri State Window & Siding
Review: New Windows, Shutters and Siding; New Porch Roof

The application relates to (i) the removal of old siding and replacement with double 4 inch clapboard vinyl siding in Firebrick; (ii) removal of old shutters and replacement with raised two panel Federal Brown shutters; (iii) replacement of rolled roof on the rear porch; and (iv) replacement of front enclosed porch windows with one over one white inward opening windows following the current fenestration. The commissioners discussed the application.

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

Stanton Historic District

BI 50 L 20.01
123 Stanton Road
Flemington NJ 08822
Applicant: Jordon Toth
Contractor: Toth Electric LLC

Owner: Kevin Dunn
Review: Generator Installation

The application relates to the installation of a 20/22KW Generac Generator to be placed to the rear of the house, well removed from the road. The commissioners discussed the application

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

Whitehouse-Mechanicsville Historic District

BL 18 L19
56 Old Highway 28
Whitehouse, NJ 08888
Applicant: Caroll Canales
Review: Fence Installation.

The application relates to a six foot high dog-ear pine fence to be installed. The fence installation will begin at the right rear corner of the house, across the yard to six inches off the property line, then turn and follow the lot line to the rear corner, turn and continue across the rear of the property then turn and follow the lot line to the point of terminus on the left side of the house that will form a "U" pattern. The Commissioners discussed the application.

Chairperson Fisher-Olsen expressed concern about the appearance of a blank six foot high fence facing the street. She requested that shrubs or bushes be placed in front of that section of the fence to soften the impact from the fencing.

Motion to approve the application as submitted, subject to the addition of bushes or shrubs to the right side of the property, facing the street by Erin Brennan. Steve Nees seconded the motion. Approved by vote of: E. Brennan, P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, D. Maurer, S. Nees, C. Waters, and J. Woodward.

Three Bridges Historic District

BI 90 L 11
10 Grove Street
Three Bridges, NJ 08887
Applicant: Anthony Lejnar
Contractor: Greg Lavish, Lavish Electrical Service
Review: Generator Installation

The application relates to the installation of a 10/13/16KW Generac Generator to be placed to the rear right of the house. The generator will not be visible from the road. The commissioners discussed the application

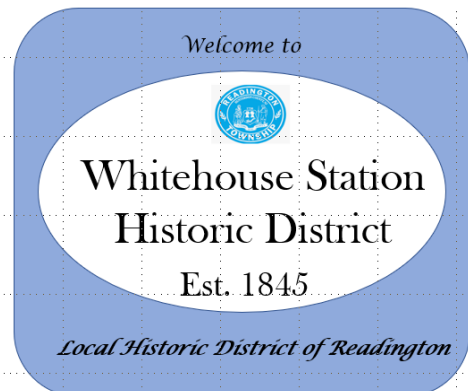
Motion to approve the application as submitted by Alan Harwick. Erin Brennan seconded the motion. Approved by vote of: E. Brennan, P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, D. Maurer, S. Nees, C. Waters, and J. Woodward.

BI 90 L 9
461 Main Street
Three Bridges, NJ 08887
Contractor: Greg Lavish, Lavish Electrical Service
Review: Generator Installation

The application relates to the installation of a standby generator to be placed to the rear right of the house, behind an existing fence. The commissioners discussed the application

Motion to approve the application as submitted by Alan Harwick. Chuck Waters seconded the motion. Approved by vote of: P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, D. Maurer, S. Nees, C. Waters, and J. Woodward. E. Brennan recused herself due to proximity.

- **Minutes.** The commissioners reviewed the draft minutes from the May 11, 2021 meeting. Alan Harwick moved that the minutes be approved. John Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Other Business.**
 - *Historic Preservation Month.* The presentation of the award to the Mount Amwell Project was tabled due to weather. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen will approach the Mayor for alternative dates.
 - *Local District Signage.* Alternate Commissioner Nees presented designs for local historic district signage. The Commissioners agreed on a sign design in blue and white as follows:



with each district containing an appropriate descriptive tag line at the bottom. Each commissioner will submit tag lines for their districts and Alternate Commissioner Nees agreed to get estimates. Erin Brennan moved that the design labeled "Option 2" in blue and white be approved. Chuck Waters seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- *New Application.* Chairperson Fisher-Olsen will update the current application and submit it for review by the other commissioners. Updates will include checkboxes for solar panels, generators, a checklist, and a requirement that the owner sign the application.
 - *97 Old Highway 28:* Vice-Chair Harwick advised the Commission that he met with the homeowner to explain the preferred landscaping requirements set forth in the township land use ordinances
 - *Bouman Stickney Farmstead Porch:* Commissioner Waters reported that he examined the condition of the porch and determined that while it was in poor shape, it was not unsafe would not fall down soon, barring extraordinary circumstances.
- ***Adjourn.*** Alan Harwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dana Maurer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Erin Brennan