

Historic Preservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022

- **Call to Order**

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. The meeting was held via Webex.

- **Roll Call**

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

- **Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews**

- *Whitehouse-Mechanicsville Historic District*

BL 17 L16
32 Old Highway 28
Whitehouse, NJ 08888
Applicant: Andrew Marinelli
Review: New walkways and driveway

The application relates to the (i) replacement of the dilapidated concrete walkway from the front of the house with brick pavers in a herringbone pattern; (ii) blacktopping the gravel driveway; and (iii) the removal of the sidewalk commencing from the street and continuing along the west side of the driveway. The commissioners discussed the application.

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

97 Old Highway 28
Whitehouse, NJ 08888
Applicant: Ashley Jusino
Contractor: Suntuity Solar, represented by Craig Dotolli
Review: Approved ground mounted solar panels – change in dimensions

The application was originally approved on July 13, 2021; however the design of the installation was changed to comply with a request from the zoning official. The number of solar panels has been reduced to 42 from 44 and the layout has changed from 4 x 11 to 6 x 7 panels. The commissioners discussed the application.

Vice-Chair Harwick contemplated whether the owners would have to resubmit a revised landscape plan to the Commission. Mr. Dotolli believed that the new layout would not be visible from the street. The Commissioners expressed concern that the new layout would extend further into the yard, thereby requiring a greater amount of buffering on the east side of the installation.

Jim Carden moved to approve the application as submitted, provided that the landscape plan approved by the Commission on July 13, 2021 be amended to increase the buffering on the rear east corner of the property to screen the installation from the neighboring property, such buffering to include evergreens, flowering dogwood trees, viburnum shrubs, and butterfly bushes. Alan Harwick seconded the motion. Motion approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, E. Brennan, J. Carden, S. Nees, C. Waters, and J. Woodward:

60 Old Highway 28
Whitehouse, NJ 08888
Applicant: Maynor Veliz
Review: Porch design for historic house

Tabled to the next meeting as the applicant was not represented.

- *Stanton Historic District*

BL 50 L 1
20 Stanton Mountain Road
Lebanon, NJ 08833
Applicant: Corey Mandelberg
Contractor: Momentum Solar, Metuchen, NJ
Architect: Daniel Dunzik, Skillman, NJ
Review: Ground solar Installation

This application will be tabled to the following month again as there were no representatives present at the meeting

- **Minutes.** The commissioners reviewed the draft minutes from the February 8, 2022 meeting. Alan Harwick moved that the minutes be approved as amended. John Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Other Business.**
 - *Local Historic District Signs.* Chairperson Fisher-Olsen asked Commissioners Carden, Nees and Woodward to go out to the proposed sign locations to determine their suitability, and to confirm that such locations were acceptable to the police department.

- *New Properties.* Chairperson Fisher-Olsen complimented Commissioner Nees on the welcome letter to be sent to all new property owners in Township historic districts..
 - *Sustainable Jersey* – The Commissioners discussed the historic preservation section of the Sustainable Jersey submission. Several revisions were made. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen noted that most of the actions suggested in the Sustainable Jersey application have been in place in Readington Township for over 30 years, but had not been documented in one place as they are now.
 - *E-Mailbox* – Chairperson Fisher-Olsen asked Vice Chair to take on the responsibility of the Commission’s email account.
- ***Adjourn.*** Erin Brennan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Erin Brennan