

Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2022

- **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, Steve 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 18 L8
52 Old Highway 28
Whitehouse, NJ 08888
Applicant: Adam Perper
Contractor: Sun Power Corporation Systems, Austin TX
Review: Roof Mounted Solar System & Tree Removal

The application relates to (i) the removal of three large trees; (ii) installation of a new roof; and (iii) installation of a new photovoltaic roof mounted solar panel system. The application was tabled to the next meeting because additional information was required from the Zoning office and the Environmental commission.

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- *Three Bridges Historic District*

BL 93 L90
438 Main Street
Three Bridges, NJ 08887
Applicant: Scott Kwiatkowski
Site Name: Lehigh Valley Railroad Station
Architect: Pickell Architecture LLC
Review: Replace the existing shed roof and east side porch

The application relates to (i) the replacement of the existing shed roof on the east side addition of the historic train station; and (ii) the restoration of the east porch and roof.

The current east addition was remodeled some time in the last 60 years, at which time the addition was brought flush with the main structure, the roof pitch was reduced, and an overhead garage door was added. The applicant would like to return the pitch of the roof and the addition to its original position as apparent from historic photographs. In addition, the garage door will be removed and walled up, a small window will be added to the right to enable a view of approaching trains, an ADA accessible door and a window will be added to the north side of the addition, and the existing window on the south side of the addition will be replaced. The windows on the north and south sides of the addition will be 2/2 divided light to match the existing window.

The applicant will also restore the hip-roofed porch to the east of the stationmaster's office to its original design (within the confines of the property line) as shown in historic photographs. The porch had been removed in the past 60 years. The applicant will dig new footings but noted that there may be a cistern in the porch area.

Motion by Jim Carden to approve the application as submitted. Steve Nees seconded the motion. Motion approved by vote of, A. Harwick, J. Carden, S. Nees, and J. Woodward. P. Fisher-Olsen recused herself due to a conflict of interest and E. Brennan recused herself due to proximity.

BL 92 L1
17 Case Avenue
Three Bridges, NJ 08887
Applicant: Nela Licastro
Contractor: York Fence Company
Review: Pool Fence

The application relates to the removal of an existing wooden stockade fence on the south and west side of the pool area and replacement with a four-foot-high Edgemont black iron look aluminum fence. The existing wooden fence on the east side of the pool area will be repaired. The new fence will attach to the existing wooden fence with three steel brackets on the inside corner so as not to be seen. The two existing 4' x 9" gates will be replaced and made out of the same material as the fence.

Motion by Alan Harwick to approve the application as submitted. John Woodward seconded the motion. Motion approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, J. Carden, S. Nees, and J. Woodward. E. Brennan was recused due to proximity.

- **Minutes.** The commissioners reviewed the draft minutes from the May 10, 2022 meeting. Alan Harwick moved that the minutes be approved. John Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- **Other Business.**
 - *Local Historic District Signs.* Commissioner Nees will send the paperwork to Richard Sheola so that a purchase order can be issued.
 - *Taylor's Mill.* Chairperson Fisher-Olsen reported that she is looking for a grant from the NJ Historic Trust to fund the repairs. There are grants available for the 250th anniversary of the country, which would apply to this structure as it provided grain for Washington's troops. Commissioner Nees asked if barriers could be placed around the mill to prevent entry to this unsafe structure. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen will contact DPW.
 - The commissioners discussed other historic structures such as 602 Route 523 and the Caldwell Banker building that are still up for sale. Township Committee Liaison Fort noted that the Caldwell Banker building is zoned residential.
- **Adjourn.** Alan Harwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Erin Brennan