

Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 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 (arrived late), 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 L17
68 Old Highway 28
Whitehouse, NJ 08888
Applicant: Alexander and Megan Firsichbaum
Contractor: Watts HVAC LLC
Review: HVAC Condensers

The application relates to the installation of three HVAC condensers on the east and west sides of the house. Two units will be placed at the rear of the east side and one on the west side between two windows. The commissioners discussed the application.

Vice-Chair Harwick suggested that additional shrubbery be placed on the west side of the house to sufficiently screen the unit from the road.

Motion by Alan Harwick to approve the application as submitted subject to the planting of additional shrubbery on the west side of the house so that the condenser is screened. John Woodward seconded the motion. Motion approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, E. Brennan, J. Carden, S. Nees, C. Waters and J. Woodward.

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- *Pleasant Run Historic Corridor*

BL 64 L37.23
41 Pleasant Run Road
Flemington NJ 08822
Applicant: John and Diana Delair

Contractor: Bellamy & Sons LLC
Review: New Garage

The application relates to the construction of a detached four car garage at the north end of the existing gravel driveway to the rear of the house. The garage will be completely vinyl-sided to match the house and the garage doors will match those on the house's garage. The roof will consist of charcoal-colored GAF asphalt shingles. The homeowner will decide on light fixtures and placement of either two or three, as shown in the drawings submitted to the Commission. The house is not visible from the road.

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

- *Stanton Historic District*

BL 50 L20.01
123 Stanton Road
Flemington NJ 08822
Applicant: Kevin and Lauren Dunn
Contractor: Riverside Pools
Review: Pool/Hot Tub Installation (Revision of earlier application)

At the Commission's meeting held on April 12, 2022, the application to remove an existing above-ground pool and installation of a 20'x42'x31' concrete lagoon shape pool with a saltwater filtration system was approved. However, a 6-person hot tub was inadvertently omitted from the drawings. The hot tub will be placed on the existing pavers to the right of the deck.

Motion by Alan Harwick to amend the April 12, 2022 decision of the Commission regarding this property to include a 6-person hot tub to be installed on the existing pavers to the right of the deck. Steve Nees seconded the motion. Motion approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, E. Brennan J. Carden, S. Nees, C. Waters and J. Woodward.

- **Minutes.**

- **June 14, 2022:** Alan Harwick moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Chuck Waters seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **June 28, 2022:** Alan Harwick moved that the minutes be approved submitted. Jim Carden seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- **Other Business.**
 - *Local Historic District Signs.* The paperwork is currently with the Township Administrator.
 - *Historic Trees.* Chairperson Fisher-Olsen suggested that the Commission work with Neil Hendrickson of the Environmental Commission with respect to the removal of trees in the historic districts.
 - *Route 22 Zoning.* Vice-Chair Harwick noted that the upcoming Planning Board meeting will cover spot zoning along Route 22 backing the Whitehouse-Mechanicsville Historic District. He suggested that commissioners attend the July 25th meeting, if possible.
- **Adjourn.** Alan Harwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Carden seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Erin Brennan