

Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2023

- **Call to Order**

Pat Fisher-Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. 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 at the Readington Township Municipal Building.

- **Roll Call**

In attendance were Commissioners Pat Fisher-Olsen, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, Sarah John, Steve Nees and Chuck Waters. Commissioner Jim Carden and Alternate Commissioner Dana Maurer were absent.

- **Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews**

*Whitehouse Mechanicsville Historic District*

BI 18 L 11

Review: New Fence and Shed

The application relates to the installation of a new privacy fence and garden shed. The new fence is a six-foot-high wood Dog Ear Privacy Stockade Fence. The new fence is to be installed across the midpoint of the property per the plot plan for the proposed shed and fence dated December 20, 2021; the plot plan is to be referenced only for the location of the fence and shed. The fence will have a 6" wide gate located near the east end of the fence as depicted in the drawings provided to the Commission. A 12' x 18' garden shed in blue and white or a color that complements the house to be located inside the fence near the fence gate. The commissioners discussed the application.

Vice-Chair Harwick noted that the survey provided dated from 2021 and, while it was acceptable for the positioning of the fence and the shed, the driveway depicted on the east side of the house is the property's only driveway. The driveway depicted on the west and south sides of the house no longer exists.

Motion made by Alan Harwick to approve the application for the installation of the privacy fence and garden shed as submitted. Steve Nees seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, Sarah John, Steve Nees, and Chuck Waters.

*Whitehouse Station Historic District*

BI 21.2 L 25

Review: Fence Installation

The application relates to the installation of a new 42" split board fence with 42" black square welded wire fencing affixed thereto. The 42" wood fence is to be installed at the rear of the property, beginning at the house and down the sides of the property line. The fence will transition to an existing chain link fence along the back of the property line, enclosing the backyard. The right side of the new fence will contain two entry points, one being a 96" x 42" double gate and a 48" x 42" single gate. The commissioners discussed the application.

Motion made by Steve Nees to approve the application as submitted. Alan Harwick seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, Sarah John, Steve Nees, and Chuck Waters.

*Stanton Station Historic District*

BI 59 L 4

Review: Demolition of Barn Addition

The Commission tabled the matter pending additional information.

- **Minutes.**

*September 12, 2023.* Motion to approve the minutes as submitted made by Sarah John and seconded by Alan Harwick. All were in favor. Steve Nees abstained.

- **Other Business.**

- **Local District Signage:** The signs have been installed.
- **Master Plan Amendment:** Chair Fisher-Olsen will write a letter to the Planning Board proposing that the DAR Cemetery be added to Plate 14.
- **Training:** Chair Fisher-Olsen noted further that the Zoning Official will provide a refresher course on the Municipal Land Use Law for the commissioners. The Commissioners agreed on January 23, 2024 for the training.
- **388 Route 22:** Vice-Chair Harwick noted that the windows installed on the structure did not match those approved by the Commission at their September

2021 meeting. The Construction Code Office issued a stop order and the property owner reverted to the approved design.

- **Memorial Trees:** The Commission agreed to have trees planted at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead grounds in memory of former Commissioners Herb Fischer and Ray Smith.
- **Adjourn.** Alan Harwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Waters seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Erin Brennan.