

Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2024

- **Call to Order**

Pat Fisher-Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:39 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, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Sarah John, Steve Nees, Chuck Waters, and Alternate Commissioners Marie Almer and Scott Barton. Commissioner Alan Harwick was absent.

- **Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews**

Whitehouse-Mechanicsville District

BI 13 L 30

Review: Pole Barn

The application relates to the erection of a 30' w x 50' l x 12' single-story pole barn with a 10.4' h roof towards the rear of the property beyond the house and the pool. The barn will have two sets of double doors and four windows. The gable end facing the house will have two sliding barn doors, a crossbuck bottom, and 16 light tops. A 6/6 light window will be installed at the peak of the roof. The south façade will have a pair of doors (see drawings for design) centered on the building with two 6/6 windows centered between the door and the end of the structure. The structure will be painted in classic barn red with white trim for all doors and windows. The roof is a dark grey color metal roof. It was noted that no driveway or driveway extension would be installed for this structure. The commissioners discussed the application.

Motion made by Steve Nees to approve the application as submitted. Sarah John seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Sarah John, Steve Nees, Chuck Waters, Marie Almer and Scott Barton.

BI 17 L 8

Channel Letters

The applicant returned to the Commission with plans to install new channel letter signage to replace the pin letter signage approved by the Historic Commission on September 7, 2021.

A sample of the new lettering was presented to the Commissioners along with photos of how the lettering looks when lit.

The Halo Lit Channel Letters are three-dimensional, solid on both the front and sides, and light from the back. The lettering installation has the logo square followed by the word “Creative” in gold and “Furniture” in dark grey. The monument signage will use the existing concrete base painted to match the building. The new signboard (interior lit) will match the color of the building. The lettering on the monument will use the same font design as the one used for the building. The lettering will be pushed through acrylic letters with the logo square and “Creative” in gold, “Furniture”, and address under it in dark grey. It was noted that the signage on neither the building nor the monument would be illuminated after business hours.

Motion made by Jim Carden to approve the application as submitted. Chuck Waters seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Sarah John, Steve Nees, Chuck Waters, Marie Almer and Scott Barton.

- **Minutes**

- *September 10, 2024:* Motion to approve the minutes made by Sarah John and seconded by Jim Carden. All were in favor.

- **Other Business.**

- *Taylor’s Mill:* Chair Fisher-Olsen informed the Commission that the Department of Public Works placed boulders donated by the Stavola quarry around the mill to protect it from vehicular damage. She also advised that the NJ Historic Trust grant to develop the preservation plan had been received.

- **Public Comment.** A college student approached the Commission regarding volunteer opportunities. Commissioner John described the needs of the Readington Museums and Commissioner Brennan described the needs of the Hunterdon County Historical Society. Both commissioners gave her the relevant contact information.

- **Adjourn.** Scott Barton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Carden seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Erin Brennan.