

# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for February 18, 2009

Present: Bill Beute, Ed Gagne, Barbara Rossi and Eileen Stokes.

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, having been advertised in the *Observer Tribune* in January, 2008, and posted on the Municipal Building Bulletin Board and the Township web site, was called to order at 7:47 p.m.

Minutes for the December, 2008, and January, 2009, meetings were tabled for lack of quorums.

## Zion Lutheran, B33 L42,43,44 and 50, Schooleys Mtn Road, German Valley District

Applicant requests in writing an extension of their COA approved February, 2008. Commissioner Barbara Rossi recused herself from discussion for possible conflict of interest. RO 02-01-08 was granted an automatic extension as no changes were requested and they are still working through the Planning Board process.

## Old Business

*Zion Lutheran:* Site walk was held without Morris County Planning Board and HPC. Chairman Stokes sent a letter to County Planning Board reminding them that any roadwork/streetscape changes would have to come before the HPC for design review and supported a waiver from compliance with road work based on safety issues for emergency vehicles.

## *Andrich Market LLC (SM Store), B22 L22, 250 Schooleys Mtn. Rd., Schooley Mtn. District*

A letter has been sent reminding Mr. Andrich that certain research was requested at the November 19 meeting. Ginny Kesper asked that the applicant be reminded that some of the future work he discussed in concept will need a Zoning Permit and/or Waiver of Site Plan and must be submitted to her for review in addition to receiving a COA.

## *Middle Valley Bridge Replacement Project*

Chairman Stokes received a call from Jonathan Kinney at SHPO who was reviewing the MC application. During discussion about bridge width, she brought up the January 15, 2009, letter forwarded to HPC by Dianne Gallets from Terry Pilawski, Chief, Bureau of Watershed Regulation granting an exemption within the Highlands for the replacement and stipulating the need to maintain existing bridge width. As neither the HPC nor the SHPO had been copied on the letter, she sent a copy to Jonathan who called a second time to say there would not be a problem with the new two-lane bridge as the widths were close enough.

HPC also was copied on a response from Dan Saunders @SHPO to Paula Scelsi @ DOT for the Section 106 Review inquiry. SHPO concurs that new bridge design is appropriate.

## New Business

*Postcard mailer:* We need to get the mailing list updated. Eileen will speak with Nina. Ed offered to help with the mailing.

## *Sidewalk project, GV District*

Leon Hall, Township Engineer, is requesting approval for a retaining wall similar to that constructed behind the municipal building—stone facing with bluestone capping. Wall is needed to construct the last piece of sidewalk along East Mill Road. Neighboring retaining walls are stone or poured concrete. Members of the Commission were not sure about the size of the wall or the mixture of styles and requested a site visit. Ed Gagne, Barbara Rossi and Eileen Stokes will request a meeting with Leon Hall.

*Potential New Commissioners*

Does anyone know if either of the prospective new applicants have applied? Eileen will try to send them some preservation background materials.

Meeting Open to the Public for items not on agenda

Sean Christie introduced himself as a potential buyer for the stone River Building (Kice's) and explained what he is interested in doing with the building (rental unit upstairs for income, his business downstairs), inquired of HPC restrictions, process, etc. Eileen will provide him with information on Investment Tax Credits and old photographs of the building; she will also make contact with Kim Kaiser for possible Highlands restrictions.

Meeting Closed to the Public

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30pm Note next meeting: March 4 Work Session  
March 18

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen M. Stokes  
Acting Secretary