

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
01/18/12

Present: Ed Gagne, Barbara Rossi, Eileen Stokes, Leah Korbel and Dale Blum, Susan Penney, Gregg Forsbrey.

This regularly scheduled January meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, advertised in the *Observer Tribune* and the *Daily Record* in accordance with the Open Public Meeting act, and posted on the Municipal Building bulletin board and the Township website, was called to order at 7:40 pm by Chairman Stokes.

Gregg Forsbrey arrived at 7:55 pm.

Reorganization of officers-Dale Blum moved that the current HPC officers retain their current positions. Susan Penney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. It was noted that Jim Liabratton is our liaison from the Washington Township Committee.

Minutes-Eileen and Leah will work on updating minutes.

There was no December 21, 2011 meeting and no January work session.

COA December (12-01-11)-Firehouse (flat membrane roof-not visible to public) HPC finds it is appropriate and issues automatic approval

COA January (01-01-12)-16 Schooley's Mtn. Road (replacement of existing sign. Same size (3' x 3' aluminum panel with vinyl letters.) Eileen issued phone approval.

Old Business -

25 Middle Valley Road **proposed driveway-in December** Eileen contacted each member of the Township Committee **to find a way to meet the safety requirements of the Advisory Driveway Ordinance Waiver Review Board without demolition of existing historic stone wall. The Township Committee approved a solution in December that keeps the wall and which will be incumbent upon all future owners and will be approved by township ordinance this month.**

Budget-the 2012 HPC budget was submitted to the Township by Barbara Rossi on January 16, 2012.

German Valley bridge repair-HPC received a complaint regarding poor quality of stone laying up and repointing. From the Long Valley Cycle side of the bridge, the newly repaired stone area does not match the rest of the bridge. It is too white and although the old part is convex, the new portion is concave. Eileen will forward the letter regarding this to Roslyn Khurdan at Morris County Engineering.

Spartan Mart-The gasoline tanks were pulled from the Spartan Mart gas station. The owner's (Mohawk) lease is coming up. Mrs. Stokes said that the HPC should have been notified of

removal since it affected the street scape. For 200 years, this location has been a transportation related piece of property.

Eileen requested that someone write a letter to the boards in the Township stating that if something was being done that would impact the street scape, the HPC should be notified. Ed Gagne volunteered to write the letter and requested a copy of a previous letter addressing this.

Grant-On behalf of the HPC, Barbara Rossi applied for and received, a grant in the amount of \$5000.00 from the Morris County Heritage Commission to write the Washington Township historic design guidelines. HMR, preservation architects, will collaborate with HPC members to design the Township's guidelines. HMR proposed an initial planning meeting for Wednesday January 25, 5-6 pm at the municipal building.

Eileen had received an inquiry from a woman about an internship and Barbara passed out a hand out-"what Every Board Member Needs to Know".

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Motion to approve as corrected was made by Susan Penney.

Second by Ed Gagne.

Motion passed unanimously: Gagne, Rossi, Korbel, Penney and Stokes.

February 15, 2012