

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

02/15/12

**Present:** Ed Gagne, Barbara Rossi, Eileen Stokes, Leah Korbelt, Susan Penney,

**Absent:** Bill Beute, Dale Blum, Gregg Forsbrey

This regularly scheduled February 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 7:45 pm by Chairman Stokes.

Additional information regarding the HPC budget was forwarded to the requested by Township Committee office manager, Andrew Coppola & forwarded to him for use by the Township Committee.

**Applicants:**

Restaurant Village, B34 L53, (RO 01-02-12), One Fairmount Avenue, GVHD  
Steve Bussel for Generator pad. Barbara Rossi and Eileen Stokes approved the application by phone based on minimal impact noting that the generator pad would not be visible.

Leavens, roof replacement (RO 02-02-12), 359 West Mill Road, MVHD Approved by phone as a direct replacement and use of a pre-approved roofing material, metal standing seam.

**Old Business:**

Design Guidelines, Preliminary Meeting 01-25-12-Barbara Rossi and Eileen Stokes met with Ed Holterman and Kurt Leisure from HMR. Eileen gave them maps and the information that went with the, the ordinances, the proposed new ordinance, and the S&N Register nominations of the houses in the districts. They still need the maps of the Middle Valley District and the German Valley District and block and lot numbers. HMR is going to go over what Barbara and Eileen gave them and schedule a tour of the Township with Eileen. the matter of "substitute materials" will be addressed, as well as solar, porches, roofs, fencing, lighting and signs. .

The HPC members discussed the "no neon" clause to deal with signs that are lit but not necessarily neon, for instance, LED. In our current sign lighting ordinance, there is a section prohibiting motion light signs. Eileen will resend the "Rehab clock" diagram NPS document.

The HPC has not yet received the voucher for the grant it received for the design guidelines.

Eileen has not located the old letters that Ed Gagne requested at the January meeting.

**New Business:**

Eileen mailed a letter to E2PM (E2 Project Management) regarding the preliminary work they are doing for the Centenary Horse Farm cell tower. She stated that it is not in an historical district and we are not aware of anything of historic significance however she would like to see a plot plan since there are historic houses near by and at 171 feet, the tower would be significantly taller than anything around it.

Eileen reached out to the two new owners of Scott Farm and received a response from Ron Weis. She pointed out that he could apply for tax credits and to do this he would need a preservation plan. Eileen also mentioned to Jim Fitterer that possibly his historic stone house could be on the overlay.

**Mailbag** The National Park Service 2012 NJ Historic is having a preservation conference will be at Rider University on June 7. Registration is \$65 if registered by May 10. Counts for CLG training.

**Minutes:**

January 18, 2012 - Susan Penney moved that the January 18, 2012 minutes be approved with corrections. Ed seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was no December 2011 meeting.

September 21, 2011 - Leah moved that the September 21 minutes be accepted with corrections Susan Penney seconded the motion and the vote is as follows:

Eileen Stokes-yes

Barbara Rossi-yes

Susan Penney-yes

Leah Korbelt-yes

Ed Gagne-abstain

Motion to approve with clarifications by Susan Penney, second by Gregg Forsbrey. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm