

**PRINCETON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes – Regular Meeting

September 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014 by Chairman Capozzoli in Meeting Room B of the Municipal Building.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, a notice of this meeting's date, time, location and agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Municipal bulletin board and filed with the Municipal Clerk as required by law.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Present: Julie Capozzoli
Elric Endersby
Catherine Kurtz Gowen
Harold Kuskin
Roger Shatzkin
Cecelia Tazelaar

Absent: Shirley Satterfield
David Schure
Robert von Zumbusch

Also present: Jo Butler, Council Liaison; Christine Lewandoski, Historic Preservation Officer; Elizabeth Kim, Deputy Development Review Officer; Kerry A. Philip, Recording Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were provided.

MINUTES

April 21, 2014 (amended) – Motion was made by H. Kuskin and E. Endersby seconded the motion to approve the amended minutes with changes requested by the applicant's architect. The vote was 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.

May 12, 2014 – Motion was made by C. Kurtz Gowen and H. Kuskin seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. The vote was 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

June 9, 2014 – Motion was made by E. Endersby and C. Kurtz Gowen seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The vote was 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.

DISCUSSIONS

- a) PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
Welcome to Princeton Signs
Various Sites
Authorization Under the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act
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Chairman Capozzoli stated that she had two photographs of the sign posted by Ms. Ferreira for consideration by commission members on Route 206 at different distances, the 30 inch sign appears so small that it is unreadable. E. Endersby stated that the sign is one of many signs in the area. Alina Ferreira, Construction Engineer, was asked to prepare a mock-up of the sign at a 40 inch width.

- b) Princeton New Jersey
Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance

Chairman Capozzoli advised that the draft ordinance discussion is tentatively scheduled for Planning Board review on October 2nd. Commission members were asked to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public. Kip Cherry stated that pertaining to the historic preservation ordinance, she discouraged fees because this may discourage developers and homeowners and there are no provisions for fees in the land use law. C. Lewandoski stated that Ms. Cherry's comment about the provision for fees in the land use law is not accurate. Ms. Cherry stated that the definition of an historic site is limited in the Master Plan and the wording being used is not helpful to those who are committed to doing what is best for Princeton. She also stated that there is a pit on the ridge near the location of the pipeline that was found to be a pre-historic garbage pit used by the Native American Woodland Indians and a phase three archeological study was done for this site and Somerset County has a copy of that study. This site would be considered historic although it is not on the State register.

STAFF REPORTS

C. Lewandoski stated that a proposal for 150 Mercer Street is scheduled to be reviewed by the Zoning Board on October 17th. The Institute for Advanced Study's amended proposal is scheduled before the Planning Board on September 18th. The proposed historic ordinance is scheduled for review by the Planning Board on October 2nd. The proposal for the Present Day Club will be heard by the Planning Board on October 2nd.

She advised of the new Click Fix program for Princeton, AccessPrinceton is a one call center for information from the town. For zoning and historic preservation, there are several things in both offices that are very detailed so people who have inquiries pertaining to historic preservation and zoning are asked to contact the office directly for information. Signs for this program should be submitted for consideration very soon.

C. Lewandoski stated that she recommends one change to the Historic Preservation application, six copies of all materials should be submitted for an administrative waiver. Motion was made by R. Shatzkin and C. Tazelaar seconded the motion to approve the revision to the Historic Preservation application. The vote was 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

For: Capozzoli, Endersby, Kurtz Gowen, Kuskin, Shatzkin, Tazelaar

Against: None
Abstain: None

C. Lewandoski was asked to prepare the budget and she advised that consultant monies are needed. The budget subcommittee must meet and provide their report by the end of the year. R. von Zumbusch will be asked to provide the status of the Kings Highway guidelines since money had been budgeted for this and the project is not complete. She stated that numbers are needed to explain the 2013 and 2014 budgets to determine future budgetary needs. She asked board members to send their comments to her via email.

C. Tazelaar stated that there should always be money in the budget for consultants and a planning session is needed to discuss anticipated expenses and our priorities. C. Lewandoski will forward the current budget to commission members with explanations of the expenses.

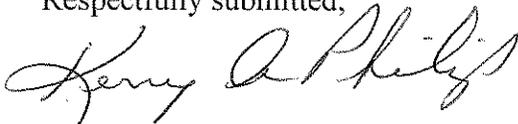
C. Lewandoski advised that she is working on a database of all historic properties, the database has approximately 1200 of the former township architectural surveys; the database is now being updated with properties of historic note in the former Borough. E. Endersby suggested descriptions and background information of all historic properties in the database.

MEMBER REPORTS

Chairman Capozzoli encouraged all commission members to go to the Planning Board meeting on October 2nd and voice their opinion about the historic preservation ordinance. After some discussion about the fees, commission members expressed that they are against requiring fees for conceptual review for historic properties. The reason is that this has been endorsed in the past and continues to be the stance of HPC. Council Liaison Butler asked that the Chairman prepare a memorandum explaining HPC's position. C. Tazelaar stated that she will prepare the first draft for review.

Being that there was no other business before the board, motion was made by E. Endersby and C. Tazelaar seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kerry A. Philip
Secretary