

**HOPE TOWNSHIP  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
May 11, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Robert May.

***OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:***

The secretary read the "Open Public Meetings Act" Under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publishing notice in the Express Times and Star Gazette and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township Bulletin Board all on March 13, 2015 and March 20, 2015 respectively.

Present at this meeting were: Chairman, Robert May and members: Mary Billow, Emily Brown, Verity Fox. Absent were: Vice Chairman Gerry Manger and members: Lacey DiTondo, Jane Guthrie, Henry Morgan and Julie Steven.

**MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2015 have been distributed to the members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Billow, seconded by Fox to approve the minutes as submitted. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Based on the minutes of the last meeting, Billow questioned why Mr. Perez was required to have a handicapped ramp on his building. A brief discussion was held during which it was decided that it might possibly be because he is currently doing renovations on the building and the building will be open to the public.

**APPLICATIONS #15-03 354 High St. Block 2001 – Lot 1800 St. John's UMC.** Several people were present from St. John's UMC for this application. Rev. Costantino explained that they would like to reside the sanctuary with vinyl siding. She noted that the wood siding that is there will no longer hold paint. When asked how often the church had been painted, Reverend Costantino noted that the church was constructed in 1870 and she was unsure of how many times it had been painted. The siding that they are considering will match the siding on the Sunday school building.

The steeple will be replaced in the future – the details were not immediately available, the group noted that they were still doing research on what it is that they would be doing and finding someone to do the work. It was also noted that they will be considering fiberglass or aluminum for the material for the steeple.

Reverend Costantino also informed the commission that they intend to take off the metal fire escape from the outside of the building. She noted that there is no longer a choir loft, but just a storage room on the top of the building. She also noted that the bottom windows would remain the same as they were changed just a couple of years ago. The bell tower and corbels would remain wood.

A motion was made by Billow, seconded by Brown to approve this application. Roll Cal: Brown-yes, Fox-yes, Billow-yes, May-yes. The approved application was signed and sealed by the Chairman.

**#15-04 423 Hope-Blairstown Rd. Block 1700 – Lot 900 Larry Liquori** Present for this application was the owner of US Gas – Gary Madahar. He explained that they are replacing the roof. The shingles are now a light gray and will be a darker, blended color (Tamke – Heritage). Madahar has a sample with him which he passed around to the commission members. He indicated that they would be doing the project this summer.

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Billow to approve the application as submitted. Roll Call: Brown-yes, Fox-yes, Billow-yes, May-yes. The approved application was signed and sealed by the Chairman.

**NEW BUSINESS** Chairman May noted that when he passed the First Hope Bank the porches were removed from the front of the two adjoining buildings. He asked if any applications had come in the the Historic Preservation Commission or to the building department for that work. The secretary noted she had heard nothing about that but she would check with the construction office about permits. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the secretary would send a letter to Mr. Beatty regarding that work.

**VOUCHERS** A voucher for the National Trust for Historic Preservation annual membership dues ..... \$100.00  
A motion was made by Fox, seconded by Billow to approve this expenditure. By voice vote, all were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business before the commission, a motion was made by Fox, seconded by Billow to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Gabel, secretary