

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
January 13, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, Linda Gabel.

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 "Star Gazette" and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township Bulletin Board all on February 1, 2013.

Present at this meeting were: Members: Mary Billow, Lacey DiTondo, Verity Fox, Jane Guthrie, Robert May, Henry Morgan and Julie Steven. Absent were members Darren Koeppen and Gerry Manger.

REORGANIZATION: At this time, the secretary opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Commission. A motion was made by Billow, seconded by Morgan to elect Robert May as chairman. By voice vote, all were in favor.

The secretary then turned the meeting over to the chairman. The chairman requested nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Commission. A motion was made by May, seconded by Morgan to select Manger as Vice Chair. By voice vote, all were in favor

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2013 have been distributed to the members prior to this meeting. May noted that on page 1 – the first paragraph in the Century Link application it should say that the commission members were not please(d) ... the secretary noted she would add the (d). A motion was made by May, seconded by DiTondo to approve the minutes as amended. All were in favor with Billow, Steven, Guthrie and Morgan abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS At this time, the Chairman acknowledged Michael Marguiles who was present for Century Link, and asked him to update the commission members on Century Link's response to the commission's request for adjustments to their original application. Marguiles noted first off, that with regard to the driveway, Century Link would be making application to the zoning officer and then, most likely to the HPC for the driveway opening. He added that moving the location of the gate, the softening of the front of the building with plant material and the changing out of the light fixture on the front of the building were being proposed by Century Link. He also noted that in the driveway application would be a different surface material than what is currently there – perhaps a crushed shale. DiTondo asked Marguiles if he would be the contact when Century Link came in to apply for the driveway opening? Marguiles thought it might be the engineering firm hired by Century Link that would do that (VanCleaf / Cherry Weber). Marguiles noted that Century Link asked him for suggestions for the

replacement of the light fixture so he indicated that he would be submitting samples of light fixtures for the outside of that building when Century Link was ready to get to that project. At this time, May thanked Marguiles for attending the meeting and answering the commission's questions / concerns.

APPLICATIONS : 14-01 Block 2400, Lot 400 – 2 Walnut St., The Long House.

This application was for approval of a sign to be placed on the end store front in the Long House. A lengthy discussion followed with commission members reviewing the old H.O.P.E. application for sign approval for each of the separate units in the building. It was noted that this sign application does not fit any of the previously approved signs (size, shape, location). In addition, the commission members were not happy with the proposed sign's white background with black lettering. They agreed that they would much rather see the maroons and greens similar to that of some of the other business signs in the village. Since the applicant was not present at this meeting, the secretary was asked to send a letter to the applicant stating the commission's concerns and asking her to attend the February meeting so that the sign issue could be addressed. The secretary noted that she would send a copy of that letter to Connie Locklin so that he might be aware of the sign that is being proposed to the HPC and perhaps he could shed some light on the discrepancy between what is being proposed by the applicant and what H.O.P.E. had approval for in the past.

A motion was made to table this application until February by Guthrie, seconded by Fox. Roll Call : DiTondo-yes, Morgan-yes, Guthrie-yes, Fox-yes, Steven-yes, Billow-yes, May-yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: A discussion was then held regarding the identification marker ordinance that will be introduced at the February Township Committee meeting and the letter that was sent out both to the Township Committee expressing the commission's concerns about the ordinance and also the letter asking the commission to appoint 2 members to a sub-committee to come up with suggestions for such an ordinance to be presented to the Township Committee. After a brief discussion, Lacey DiTondo volunteered to be on the sub-committee. Darren Koeppen was suggested as another good member for that sub-committee. The secretary agreed to email DiTondo the telephone numbers for the other organizations that were to be included in the sub-committee so that she could make some calls and set up a meeting. The secretary also offered the Township Buildings for the meeting to be held if the sub-committee needed a place to meet.

NEW BUSINESS The dates for the Historic Preservation Commission meetings for 2014 were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by Billow, seconded by Steven to approve the dates as submitted. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Just prior to adjournment, the question was raised if the commission members could have a list of contact information for the HPC, it was noted that no one had a recent one. The secretary agreed to send that out to everyone.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gabel, secretary