

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
April 14, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Gerry Manger.

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 14, 2014.

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

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2014 have been distributed to the members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Guthrie, seconded by Billow to approve the minutes as submitted. By voice vote, all were in favor with Fox and Koeppen abstaining.

APPLICATIONS Since Nancy Treible was present at this meeting, Manger decided to review Applications #14-03 and #14-04 first.

Application #14-03 345 High St., Nancy Treible. Mrs. Treible noted that the gutters on the house had come down and needed to be replaced. She would be replacing the gutters on the back of the house with seamless, clamshell gutters painted to match the house. After a brief discussion with Mrs. Treible a motion was made by Billow, seconded by Koeppen to approve the application. Roll call: Guthrie-yes, Koeppen-yes, Fox-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-yes. The Vice Chairman signed and sealed the approved application.

Application #14-04 14 Hickory St., Diane Cooke. Mrs. Treible also spoke on behalf of her daughter, Diane Cooke who applied for permission to repair/replace the concrete sidewalk in front of 14 Hickory St. Pictures of the damage to the current sidewalk were passed around for the commission members to view. A brief discussion was held as to the possible reasons for the damage to the sidewalk: tree roots; bad winter weather; road salt; snowplows. All could be contributing factors. Mrs. Treible noted that they needed to replace the sidewalk very soon or they would lose their homeowners insurance. She also noted that they would be replacing it with the same, concrete sidewalk. A motion was made by Fox, seconded by Guthrie to approve this application. Roll Call: Guthrie-yes, Koeppen-yes, Fox-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-yes. The Vice Chairman signed and sealed the approved application.

Application 14-02 4 Millbrook Rd., Hope Moravian Distillery. This application was for landscaping work and signage at the Distillery. The landscape plans were review and briefly discussed. It was noted that there would only be railing installed on one side of the sidewalk and the railing would be painted grey. The secretary noted that the whole project is due to be completed by April 28th. A motion was made by Billow, seconded by Koeppen to approve this application. Roll Call: Guthrie-yes, Koeppen-yes, Fox-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-yes. The Vice Chairman signed and sealed the approved application.

APPLICATIONS AT DEADLINE There were no remarks about the application that had been approved in 2012.

OLD BUSINESS The secretary noted that there was nothing new to report on either signage at the Cottage or work being done at the Century Link

The topic of the Identification Markers was brought up. Manger noted that he had not heard anything and asked the secretary if she would send a memo to the Township Committee asking for an update on the sub-committee for the Identification Marker Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS It was noted that the storm drain on Cedar St. near the Mount's house is severely damaged and is collapsing.

The question was raised whether the Honeywell Academy is within the Historic District. It was noted that the Mt. Hermon Hamlet is not within the District. Commission members noted that the Honeywell Academy is being redone and that Cynthia Potter is doing a nice job.

VOUCHERS National Trust for Historic Preservation..... \$100.00
A motion was made by Billow, seconded by Fox to approve this payment. By voice vote, all were in favor.

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