

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
September 15, 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, Jane Guthrie and Julie Steven. Absent was chairman, Robert May and members: Lacey DiTondo, Verity Fox, Darren Koeppen and Henry Morgan

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of July 5, 2014 have been distributed to the members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Billow, seconded by Steven to approve the minutes as submitted. By voice vote, all were in favor.

APPLICATIONS 14-09 – 423 Hope Blairstown Rd., Block 1700, Lot 900, US Gas. The owner of US Gas was present for this application. He indicated that they would be replacing the shutters and the vinyl siding on the gable ends of the building. The material and the color would be the same. Since the owner of the business was available the commission members took the opportunity to discuss with him, not only the application but the subject of signs on his establishment as well. He noted that he had applied for his sandwich board sign to the zoning officer and also to this commission. Manger explained to him that he has many other signs – too many and they need to be addressed. It was added that the signage in the windows also count as signs. The owner agreed to look into that.

A motion was made by Steven, seconded by Billow to approve the application as submitted. Roll Call: Guthrie-yes, Steven-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-yes. The approved application was signed and sealed by the vice chairman.

14-10 329 High St., Block 2300, Lot 200, Burgdorff Realtors. This application was for approval to replace existing signage with new logo. A brief discussion was held regarding placement of the signs. Manger noted that they would remain where they were. (1 – 96"x24" on front of building and 1 – 48"x36" perpendicular to the building). A motion was made by Billow, seconded by Guthrie to approve the sign logo change. Roll Call: Guthrie-yes, Steven-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-abstain. The approved application was signed and sealed by the vice chairman.

APPLICATIONS AT DEADLINE There were no applications approved in September of 2012.

OLD BUSINESS The question was raised whether the secretary heard any more from luolo's (Hope Crossing Antiques) regarding their signs. The secretary

indicated that she had not. The commission members agreed that another letter needed to be sent to get clarification on which signs were included on their most recent application. The secretary agreed to do that.

In other old business, a very brief discussion was held regarding the generator and the fencing around it behind the Century Link Building. All agreed that the chain link, alone, with plant material around the outside, would have sufficed but we got word to the company too late and they had already constructed the wood-look fence. They did what the commission had asked of them and that's fine, the members just thought that we might have saved the company a little money and an extra step. It will be interesting to see the plant material go in.

CORRESPONDENCE A letter from Darren Koeppen, resigning from the commission was read and accepted with regret. The secretary was instructed to send a letter of appreciation to Koeppen.

VOUCHERS A motion was made to approve the voucher for Preservation NJ for annual membership for 2014 for \$100.00 by Manger, seconded by Steven. Roll Call: Guthrie-yes, Steven-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-yes.

Just prior to adjournment, Manger noted that he sent someone named George Blair down to the Municipal Building to look at Snells History when he was looking for his relative Robert H. Blair. Manger noted that Blair did, eventually, manage to find his relative's headstone in the cemetery.

A question was raised about the hours of the Historical Society Museum. A brief discussion was held about the museum hours (Sundays 1:00pm – 3:00pm) and the infrequency of people stopping in there.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Gabel, secretary