

**HOPE TOWNSHIP  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
January 14, 2013**

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 2, 2012.

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

**REORGANIZATION:** The secretary opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chairman. A motion was made by Billow, seconded by Steven to elect Bob May as Chairman for 2013. By voice vote, all were in favor.

The secretary opened the floor to nominations for the position of Vice Chair. A motion was made by Billow, seconded by May to elect Gerry Manger as Vice Chairman for 2013. By voice vote, all were in favor.

At this point, the chairman, Robert May, took over the meeting.

The meeting dates were reviewed by the members present. A motion was made by Koeppen and seconded by Fox to approve the meeting dates as follows:

February 11, 2013  
March 11, 2013  
April 8, 2013  
May 13, 2013  
June 10, 2013  
July 8, 2013  
August 12, 2013  
September 16, 2013  
October 21, 2013  
November 11, 2013  
December 9, 2013  
The commission will reorganize for 2014 on January 13, 2014

By voice vote, all were in favor.

**MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2012 have been distributed to the members prior to this meeting. There being not enough members present eligible to vote on these minutes, the minutes have been held over until the next meeting in February.

**APPLICATIONS** **13-01 345 High Street – Treible** – This application is actually a request for an extension on a previous application. Mrs. Treible was present and noted that after she applied for the permission to paint the house, several things occurred that prevented her from having the job done. She is ready now to complete the paint job. The secretary passed around the old application that had paint chips attached so that all of the commission members could review the color of the paint and the trim.

Mrs. Treible also noted that there were little pieces under the edge of the roof that had been removed years ago (corbells). She indicated that she would very much like to put them back in the front of the house. A brief discussion was held with Mrs. Treible after which it was decided by all present that the corbells should be replaced. A motion was made by Steven, seconded by Koeppen to approve this application with the addition of the replacement of the corbells. Roll Call: Koeppen-yes, Fox-yes, Steven-yes, Billow-yes, May-yes. The Chairman signed and sealed the approved application.

**APPLICATIONS AT DEADLINE** It was decided that all the applications at deadline have been completed.

**OLD BUSINESS** With regards to the Truck Traffic in the Village, Steven noted that it seems to have gotten bad again. A brief discussion was held as to what, exactly the troopers can and cannot do to help us with this problem. Koeppen offered to speak with some of the troopers and ask them if there's anything that they can do to get the truckers to remain on 80 and 46. The secretary reported that there was an additional concern about trucks coming off of Rt. 80, turning right onto Foundry and then going up Mt. Hermon. It was discovered that the trucks were dumping natural plant debris from the storm on a farm in Knowlton. We contacted Knowlton and they are aware of it and are looking into whether the property owners have all the proper permits.

**NEW BUSINESS** Budget – 2013. A discussion was held regarding what the commission members felt was a reasonable amount to request. It was noted that our budget is used mostly for our memberships to National Trust for Historic Preservation and Preservation NJ. It was agreed that it would be nice if some of our members would be able to attend some seminars on Historic Preservation. Billow moved that we request \$350, Fox seconded that motion. By voice vote, all were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE** –The secretary noted that one letter went out from the zoning officer to the people who purchased the Tarrant house on Johnsonburg Rd. regarding the shed that was put up in the side yard. The secretary noted that there has been no response to the letters as yet.

At this point, Koeppen noted that the oil tank that was installed on the side of the house on the corner of Hickory and High Streets is gone. The owner indicated to Koeppen that he didn't need it so he sold it. He also noted that he would be heating with wood.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Gabel, secretary.