

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
October 20, 2014**

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 "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: Chairman, Robert May, Vice Chairman, Gerry Manger and members: Mary Billow, Verity Fox, Jane Guthrie and Henry Morgan. Absent were members: Lacey DiTonda and Julie Steven.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2014 have been distributed to the members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Manger and seconded by Billow to approve the minutes as submitted. By voice vote, all were in favor with May, Fox and Morgan abstaining.

APPLICATIONS 14-11. 1252 Bridgeville Rd., Rui Sousa This application was for approval of a fence, white, post and rail around the front, sides and eventually the back of the house. A brief discussion was held regarding which property it was and what the fence will be constructed of. The secretary noted that the applicant indicated to her that it would be made of wood. The commission members asked that it be noted on the application that the fence will be constructed of wood. A motion was made to approve application 14-11 by Manger, seconded by Morgan. Roll Call: Morgan-yes, Guthrie-yes, Fox-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-yes, May-yes. The approved application was signed and sealed by the chairman.

14-12 5 Walnut St., Hope Township This application was for approval for removal of a dead pine tree on the corner of Cedar and Walnut Streets. A very brief discussion was held regarding the fact that the tree was already taken down as a safety precaution. A motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Manger, seconded by Morgan. Roll Call: Morgan-yes, Guthrie-yes, Fox-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-yes, May-yes. The approved application was signed and sealed by the Chairman.

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

NEW BUSINESS Chairman May reported that he received a complaint from Mrs. VanHorn regarding the work done on the stone bridge on the corner of Millbrook and Johnsonburg Roads. Mrs. VanHorn complained that the workers were not using the original stone to repair the wall and that it did not look good. A discussion followed in which it was decided that Mrs. VanHorn should contact the

Warren County Bridge Department and ask how and why the stone was chosen. The secretary was instructed to send a letter to Mrs. VanHorn with that suggestion.

In addition to the correspondence that came in during the month of September, the secretary reported that the Township Committee received copies of two letters (one to Rotundi and one to Nature's Choice) reminding them of the need to follow the approved truck routes to their facilities. The reverse side of the letter laid out the truck routes to be followed.

The secretary also noted that a package of information was received from NJDEP regarding January being Radon Action Month.

Just prior to adjournment, Manger reported to the Commission that the Burgdorff company has decided not to put the sign on the Walnut St. side of the building, they will only have the sign on the front.

Manger then noted that the Hewitt house is still unsold and it appears that the porch is deteriorating and in danger of being beyond repair. Manger noted that the original house was constructed prior to the time when porches became popular. That house without the porch would still be in keeping with the time period.

A brief discussion was held about the use of the banner by the Inn. It appears that it is erected frequently for any and every event going on there. The secretary was asked to send a letter to the Inn reminding them of the limited number of days that the banner can be up.

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