

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
July 13, 2015**

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 Express Times and Star Gazette and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township Bulletin Board all on March 13, 2015 and March 20, 2015 respectively.

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

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2015 have been distributed to the members prior to this meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted by Manger, seconded by Guthrie. By voice vote all were in favor.

APPLICATIONS: 15-08 2 Sandy Lane, Richard Coates. This application was reviewed first as Mr. Coates was present at this meeting. Mr. Coates explained that he was putting a long needed addition on his house, adding room in the back of the house and raising the flat roof on the garage. A brief discussion was held with the commission asking Mr. Coates about his renovation project. He noted that most of the changes would not be visible from the road, but the addition above the garage, obviously, would. He added that the roofing material would be the same as the rest of the house and the shakes on the side of the house would be changed from asbestos to cedar. In addition, he would like to add a small roof over the porch and add a fireplace to his living room.

A motion was made by Manger, seconded by Brown to approve Application 15-08. Roll Call: Brown-yes, Guthrie-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-yes, May-yes. The approved application was signed and sealed by the Chairman.

15-06 326 High St., Estella VanHorn, This application was to replace the glass panel in the office door with a wooden panel for security reasons. A brief discussion was held. A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Guthrie to approve the application. Roll Call: Brown-yes, Guthrie-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-yes, May-yes. The application was signed and sealed by the Chairman.

15-07 1301 Hope-Bridgeville Rd., First Hope Bank. This application is for approval for general maintenance on the porches of the buildings adjacent to the main bank building. The Commission members looked over the pictures included with the application and determined that there was just general maintenance being done. A motion to approve this application was made by Billow, seconded by

Manger. Roll Call: Brown-yes, Guthrie-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-yes, May-yes. The approved application was signed and sealed by the Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS At this time, a visitor came in to the meeting and introduced himself as Mickey Tudor from the Frelinghuysen Historic District Commission. Tudor explained that the Historic District Commission in Frelinghuysen will be starting up next month and he was visiting to see what how this commission works. The Chairman informed Tudor that the commission had just finished its work for the evening after reviewing 3 applications for changes to the exteriors of buildings in the Historic District. A discussion was held with the commission members explaining what they do each month and why it's important for people who own property in the district to know their responsibility as far as applying to the commission prior to work being done. Tudor expressed some concern about the residents' reaction to having to seek permission before making changes/ additions to their homes and properties.

Tudor then went on to explain how he happened to come to settle in this area and how much he loved Hope and admired what was being done here. He indicated that he was present when the Environmental Commission held the joint meeting for the surrounding municipalities' environmental commission with representatives from Sustainable Jersey.

After a brief discussion, the Chairman thanked Tudor for attending. Tudor informed the group that the Frelinghuysen HDC would be meeting on the 4th Monday of each month.

APPLICATIONS AT DEADLINE

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Gabel, secretary