

**PRINCETON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes – Regular Meeting

June 10, 2013

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2013 by Chairman Capozzoli in Meeting Room B of the Municipal Building.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, a notice of this meeting's date, time, location and agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the municipal bulletin board and filed with the Municipal Clerk as required by law.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Present: Julie Capozzoli
Elric Endersby
Catherine Kurtz Gowen
David Schure
Roger Shatzkin
Cecelia Tazelaar

Absent: Shirley Satterfield
Robert von Zumbusch

Also present: Christine Lewandoski, Historic Preservation Officer; Jo Butler, Council Liaison; Robert Kiser, Municipal Engineer; Deanna Stockton, Assistant Municipal Engineer; Kerry A. Philip, Recording Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

C. Lewandoski advised that the intern Laura Rossi is leaving for a full time position in South Jersey. Board members expressed their appreciation for all of her work.

- a) New Jersey Department of Transportation
Proposed Changes – Handicapped Ramps and Curbing
King's Highway Historic District
Bayard, Nassau and Stockton Streets
26HP-2013

C. Lewandoski stated that the NJDOT is proposing changes to the handicap ramped areas at this intersection. Initially they wanted to widen this intersection three feet but this not was received well by staff. Consequently, there will be no widening of the road. The proposed improvements are necessary to bring this intersection up to code.

Pertaining to the northeast corner, there is currently no handicapped ramp, the bluestone curb will be cut into and a concrete vertical curb tinted gray to match the bluestone will be installed.

Because this area has a lot of traffic that runs over the curb, a stabilized base should be installed prior to the installation of the iron detectable warning plate. Widening of the roadway was not recommended by the Commission.

Pertaining to the southwest corner, the bluestone that is broken will be repaired and reset. The remaining sidewalk will be gray cement tinted to match the bluestone.

Pertaining to the southeast corner, this is all brick without a handicapped ramp and some of the brick is proposed to be removed for a ramp. The remaining surface will be gray tinted cement. C. Tazelaar asked if the post on Stockton can be painted gray to match the cement. E. Endersby stated that he would hate to see the bricks being removed for this improvement discarded because they are the original bricks from a hitching post. If they are removed they should be stock-piled for another use. It was recommended that the crosswalk be shifted so the improvement does not impact the bricks. D. Stockton stated that the striping edge has to be a minimum of four feet from the stop bar. C. Tazelaar stated that brick pavers may be considered because this is an opportunity to enhance the crosswalks in this area. She asked if there are other options besides the red iron detectable warning plates. Lighted crosswalks were suggested. Jo Butler stated that lighted crosswalks are no longer being considered because they don't hold up well.

D. Stockton stated that the signal timing can be reviewed by the Traffic and Transportation Committee. R. Kiser was asked if the crosswalk near the brick on Stockton can be shifted. Mr. Kiser stated that there is some flexibility for a few feet but the turning lane and stop bars must be considered. J. Capozzoli asked if there are sensors for the light in the road bed. Mr. Kiser stated that the NJDOT will be milling and resurfacing the roadways so the sensors can be relocated. He advised that cameras will be installed to trigger the light.

The board recommended that the ramp and pedestrian walkway striping be shifted away from the brick. All traction plates should be replaced with a cast iron pad, not only those being considered. C. Lewandoski was asked to prepared a report for the NJDOT on the board's findings in a timely manner. J. Capozzoli recommended that the draft be forwarded to the members for final edits.

- b) Princeton, New Jersey
Sign for Monument Hall
Authorization Under the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act
Stockton Street
28HP-2013

C. Lewandoski stated that new signage is proposed for the monument building. The dimensions of the sign are not available at this time. Being considered is a single sign with individual panels which are replaceable. She was asked if the panel is raised and C. Lewandoski advised that she will find out. Pertaining to the top of the sign, two choices were presented and the rounded top was preferred. Board members recommended a sign that indicates that it is a Princeton municipal building. Since the dimensions were unknown board members asked for a smaller sign than was installed across the street at 369 Witherspoon. C. Lewandoski advised that this

sign is temporary. E. Endersby stated that the detail on the sign will be unreadable when driving. Due to the fact that the dimensions and detail of the sign, materials, etc. are unknown, this item will be tabled. Board members felt that the sign may be too big and the wording on the sign is very busy, simple wording/graphics for each group or department was recommended. Board members also strongly recommended that the sign be in compliance with the sign ordinance.

MINUTES

March 11, 2013 – Motion was made by C. Tazelaar and C. Kurtz Gowen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2013 as amended. The vote was 6-0 in favor from those eligible to vote. Motion carried.

April 8, 2013 – Motion was made by E. Endersby and R. Shatzkin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2013 as amended. The vote was 4-0 in favor from those eligible to vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF/BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

C. Lewandoski advised that since her presentation before Rutgers students on historic preservation, she has been working on the presentation to the Commission. E. Endersby recommended handouts ahead of time in order to digest some of the information. Small presentations on separate topics were recommended. C. Lewandoski stated that she would like to begin the presentations in August or September.

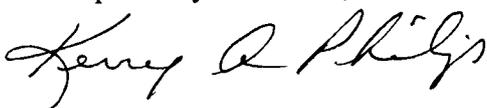
C. Lewandoski was advised that the stone wall for Old Barracks on Edgerstoune is being redone. Because this was unknown, she will look into it.

J. Capozzoli stated that the Zoning Amendment Review Committee (ZARC) reviewed the historic preservation ordinance and they were helpful but thought the new ordinance should be changed rather than just merging the two existing ordinances. C. Kurtz Gowen reported that ZARC expressed that this should be the best possible ordinance for the town, and in such case the hire of an outside consultant or counsel would be preferable. C. Tazelaar was asked by Anne Burns, School Board member, to find out the cost of hiring a consultant.

C. Tazelaar stated that the Valley Road School building has been chosen as one of New Jersey's most endangered places and historic designation is required in order to be listed. At this time we have little leverage without this eligibility.

Being that there was no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kerry A. Philip
Secretary