

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 16, 2009
Phoenix House, 2 West Main Street, Mendham, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular and reorganization meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chair Zedalis at 7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix House, 2 West Main Street, Mendham, NJ.

CHAIR'S OPENING STATEMENT

Notice of this meeting was published in the Observer Tribune and Daily Record on January 26, 2009 in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and posted on the bulletin board of the Phoenix House on the same date.

ATTENDANCE

Ms. C. Jones-Curl – Absent
Mr. N. Cusano – Present
Mr. M. Furgueson – Absent
Mr. C. Nicholson - Present

Mr. M. Zedalis - Present
Mr. J. Dannebaum, Alternate I - Present
Ms. Susan Carpenter, Alternate II- Absent

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MINUTES

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2009 regular and reorganization meeting of the Commission as written. Mr. Dannenbaum seconded. All members being in favor, the minutes were approved. The February 2009 meeting had been cancelled as there were no applications.

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APPLICATIONS

HC 03-09: **Sheils** – Review of Porch
 Block 1903, Lot 10, 16 West Main St.

Present: Mrs. Sheils, Applicant
 Mr. Fairchild, Mendham Township Historic Preservation Commission

The contractor for Mrs. Sheils had provided the Commission with porch design and materials with the application dated 2-26-09.

Mrs. Sheilds explained that they want to raise the pitch of the porch in order to use cedar shakes on the roof. They want to return to the consistency of the period with a gable roof. Mr. Fairchild advised that it needs to be slightly flatter in order to avoid crossing into the windows. It would be noticed from the side, but not from the front. The screened porch will remain. It will not be demolished, but replacement will take place where it is needed.

Commission was very pleased to see that house was being saved. Mr. Cusano stated that the porch may have been built in the 1840s or 1850s when the hip style came into fashion. There is no colonial aesthetic for the porch. It is 1840s historic and eclectic to the home. The shake roof will tie it together with the home. Mrs. Sheilds stated that the home dates from 1738.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to approve the application changing the hip roof to gable with the screened-in porch remaining, but replacement of the wood as needed. The actual structure and footing will remain. The lattice will be replicated. The plank flooring will remain. Mr. Cusano recommended that ¼ inch by ¼ inch lattice be used. Mr. Cusano seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: The result of the roll call was 4 to 0 as follows:

In Favor: Cusano, Nicholson, Dannenbaum, Zedalis
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

The motion carried. The application was approved. Ms. Callahan will prepare a letter of approval with copies to the Zoning Officer and Construction Official.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Callahan reported that the Planning Board had approved the Phase I map and sent it to the Council for alignment of the existing Historic District with the existing National Register. Phase II is still being worked and after feedback from the State, the maps will be finalized and the appropriate action initiated.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Zedalis opened the meeting to public comment or questions on any items that were not on the agenda. There being none, the public session was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the Commission, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix House, 2 West Main St., Mendham, NJ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Callahan, Secretary