

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 18, 2013
Phoenix House, 2 West Main Street, Mendham, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular 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 24, 2013 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. Dannenbaum, Alternate I – Present (7:45 p.m.)
Ms. Susan Carpenter, Alternate II- Absent

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MINUTES

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 25, 2013 as written. Mr. Zedalis seconded. All members being in favor, the minutes were approved. Mr. Cusano abstained.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Zedalis opened the meeting to comments by the public on anything that was not on the agenda. There being none, the public session was closed.

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APPLICATIONS

HC03-13: **Rezza, Brad** – Review of Awning
 Block 1501, Lot 1, 2A Hilltop Road

Present: Brad Rezza, Applicant

Mr. Rezza provided photos with his awning design in his application dated March 1, 2013. At the meeting he submitted a revised drawing which was marked March 18, 2013 and placed in the file.

Mr. Rezza explained to the Commission that he was opening an office for his digital database business at 2A Hilltop Road. The awning will be the same color and location. It will be the same location. He must remove the awning to change the graphics. They cannot do it with the graphics on the building.

The Commission was pleased with the awning and referred to it as a “classic” design.

Mr. Cusano made a motion to approve the application with the revised graphics submitted and dated March 18, 2013. Mr. Nicholson seconded.

ROLL CALL: The result of the roll call was 3 to 0 as follows:

In Favor: Cusano, Nicholson, 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 the Construction Official.

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HC 04-13: Marcucci, Justin – Review of Sign
Block 1902, Lot 21, 5 Hilltop Road

HC 05-13: Marcucci, Justin – Review of Sign
Block 1902, Lot 20, 7 Hilltop Road

Present: Justin Marcucci, Applicant
Kelly Mills, Applicant

Mr. Marcucci had provided sign designs for 5 Hilltop and 7 Hilltop with his applications dated February 20, 2013.

Mr. Marcucci explained to the Commission that they currently have their business at 5 Hilltop and are also purchasing 7 Hilltop where they will also conduct business. As there are two buildings involved, they have provided two applications. The signs at both 5 and 7 Hilltop will be located in the same place as they are today, but they will be using a single sign post at each location. The same materials and design will be used for both signs. There will be white gooseneck lighting.

Responding to the Commission on whether the source of light would be seen from the street, Mr. Marcucci stated that it would not. The Commission noted that it was a matter of Planning Board review for the source of the lighting.

The Commission was pleased with the design.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to approve both applications. Mr. Cusano seconded.

ROLL CALL: The result of the roll call was 3 to 0 as follows:

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

The motion carried. The applications were approved. Ms. Callahan will prepare a letter of approval with copies to the Planning Board, Zoning Officer and Construction Official.

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HC 07-13: McChesney, Joan – Review of Fence
Block 601, Lot 22, 21 Orchard St.

Present: Joan McChesney, Applicant

Ms. McChesney had provided a copy of the fence design, materials and location with her application dated March 12, 2013.

Ms. McChesney explained to the Board that she has two small children and wants to complete the fencing on the side of her yard. She also wants to hide the cooling system that can be seen from the front of the home. For the front she has selected a 4 ft. gothic straight picket fence that is concave. It matches the fence that is currently hiding the garbage cans. She needs to use a straight fence in this area as the concave fence will not provide the screening necessary. On the sides she will use the concave fence.

Responding to Mr. Cusano on the type of wood in the fence, she did not know. He recommended that a pressure treated wood would not hold up as well as cedar. Commission noted that the type of wood was not related to their decision.

Mr. Cusano made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Nicholson seconded.

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

In Favor: Cusano, Nicholson, Dannebaum, 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 the Construction Official.

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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 15, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix House, 2 West Main St., Mendham, NJ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Callahan
Recording Secretary