

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
April 16, 2012
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 26, 2012 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 – Present
Mr. N. Cusano – Present
Mr. M. Fergusson – Absent
Mr. C. Nicholson - Present

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

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MINUTES

Mr. Cusano clarified that the proposed fencing for Tranquility Garden is 5 ft. solid and 1 ft. lattice plus or minus. Mr. Nicholson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 19, 2012 with the change as stated. Mr. Cusano seconded. All members being in favor, the minutes were approved.

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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

HC 08-12: Disabato & Bouckenooghe, LLC – Review of Signage
Block 1501, Lot 2, 4 Hilltop Road

Present: David Disabato, Applicant
Lisa Bouckenooghe, Applicant

The applicants had provided the Commission with signage design, size and location in their application dated March 30, 2012.

Mr. Disabato explained that he and Ms. Bouckenooghe are opening a law firm at 4 Hilltop Rd. They had obtained approval from the TRC and were seeking approval of their signage from the Historic Preservation Commission.

They are planning on window lettering in the left hand window as one faces the building. The window lettering will be 44 inches wide by 30 inches high and centered on the window. The color is gold and green as proposed in the application.

The awning will be solid black, and there will not be any lettering. They are not changing any lighting, and there will not be a hanging sign.

Chair opened the meeting to questions by the public. There being none, the public session was closed.

Commission was pleased with the signage and had no further comments.

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

ROLL CALL: The result of the roll call was 5 to 0 as follows:

In Favor: Carpenter, Cusano, Jones-Curl, Nicholson, Zedalis
 Opposed: None
 Abstentions: None

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

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HC 09-12: Beck, Chris & Laurie – Review of replacement fencing
 Block 1901, Lot 39, 36 West Main St.

Mr. Nicholson recused from the Commission, and as the contractor, requested to present the application for Mr. & Mrs. Beck. Given the month wait until the next meeting, the application was reviewed by the Commission.

Mr. Nicholson explained that the applicants had had a picket fence along Main St. The fence was 36 inches high. When they took it down to repaint it, they determined it was rotten, and that they would need a new fence. The area being replaced is 44 ft. along the front of the property.

He described the replacement fence as 32 inches high without any scallop. It would be a simple white painted cedar fence with a decorative post cap. There will be treated 4 x 4 posts. The hardware would be black wrought iron. He provided a drawing of the property and the location of the fence.

Commission reviewed the drawing and did not have any concerns with the proposal.

Chair opened the meeting to questions by the public. There being none, the public session was closed.

Mr. Cusano made a motion to approve the application. Ms. Jones-Curl seconded.

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

In Favor: Carpenter, Cusano, Jones-Curl, Zedalis
 Opposed: None
 Abstentions: None

The motion carried. The application was approved.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Signage: Commission noted that the letter requested at the last meeting on signage had been drafted and sent to the Council. They expressed concern that the Council act before additional signage is hung in the District.

Tranquility Garden: Mr. Nicholson reported that he had met with Ms. Sandman, and that she had advised the homeowner of the fence selection. He appeared to be in agreement. Commission questioned when the stone wall in the front of the garden and home were going to be repaired.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the Commission, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix House, 2 West Main St., Mendham, NJ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Callahan
 Recording Secretary

