

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
JANUARY 8, 2024 REORGANIZATION MINUTES**

Hybrid Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Emily Brown at 7:01

ROLL CALL: Present: Kamil Belverio, Gianfranco DiSalvo, Robert May, Verity Fox and Emily Brown.

Absent were Chris Beatty, Josh Belverio, Melissa Debiak, and Maria McDonough

Members of the public in attendance: Charles Iulo.

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 New Jersey Herald and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township Bulletin Board.

NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON: Mr. May made a motion to nominate Emily Brown, Verity Fox seconded, all in favor.

NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. May made a motion to nominate Josh Belverio, Emily Brown seconded, all in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 16, 2023, meeting have been distributed to the members prior to the meeting. Emily Brown made a motion to approve the minutes with two small edits, seconded by Robert May. Voice vote taken – All in favor. Abstaining was Verity Fox.

APPLICATIONS:

23-05 CHARLES IULO BLOCK 2100, LOT 300 – 347 HIGH STREET

Mr. Iulo appeared before the Commission in order to discuss certain edits to his application which had been given prior approvals. Those edits that were approved are for: removal of window on first floor on driveway side; window replacement of Anderson Wood-Rite composite (wood and vinyl) 6 over 6 double hung, dividers on exterior and interior and inside glass, black exterior color with white trim; white paint color to match the house next door.

Also discussed, but no need for Commission approval, were the roof and chimney repair in kind with identical materials; not removing the first-floor window in the kitchen on the opposite side of driveway; not replacing the bay window just painting it.

Verity Fox made a motion to **APPROVE the REMOVAL OF THE FIRST FLOOR WINDOW, DRIVEWAY SIDE; WINDOW REPLACEMENT WOODEN 6 OVER 6 DOUBLE HUNG, DIVIDERS ON EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR GLASS, BLACK EXTERIOR COLOR WITH WHITE TRIM AND WHITE PAINT COLOR TO MATCH THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR** as items amended on Application No. 23-05 that action could be taken on. This motion was seconded by Mr. DiSalvo. Roll Call Vote on the motion to approve the application: Kamil Belverio – yes; Gianfranco DiSalvo – yes; Verity Fox – yes; Robert May – yes; and Emily Brown - yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 meeting dates were approved on a motion made by Emily Brown and seconded by Robert May. All in favor by voice vote.

Mrs. Brown also brought up the new 2024 Warren County CHPP grant applications being made by the Creative Team and Hope Historical Society. She showed photos of proposed wooden kiosks to show Hope Walking Tour brochure map and have a holder for promotional materials and potential signs for historic properties. Once the grant applications have been finalized, formal applications will be made to the HPC for both projects since they will both need to be approved by the Historic Commission. The photo of the proposed kiosk has a metal roof, the group asked about slate or cedar shake roof, but could be later if metal is all that is available.

Also discussed was the property for sale at 1 Cedar Street. No HPC applications needed yet. Mr. May noticed a septic test being done and hopes that the sale goes through. Emily mentioned metal in the yard was not an oil tank removal, just scrap metal that was buried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Commission a voice vote all in favor adjourned the meeting.

Robin L. Keggan, Secretary
(minutes typed based off notes taken by Chairperson Emily Brown)