

**Historic Preservation Advisory Commission Meeting
Regular Meeting of September 20, 2010 7:00 pm**

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission took place on the above date. Chairman Dennis Becker read the Open Public Meeting Act and requested Board Secretary Mrs. Citterbart called the roll. Board Secretary Citterbart stated there was a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Best, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Read, Mrs. Schulte, Mr. Becker

ABSENT: Mr. Wright

FLAG SALUTE

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

None

APPLICATION

Applicant: #HPC -14-2010 -Jane Blackburn

Block: 402 Lot 5

Property Location: 87 High Street

Application is requesting to replace front entry way from rod iron railing to wood railings.

SWORN: Jane Blackburn, 237 Route 565, Sussex, NJ

Mark Blackburn, 237 Route 565, Apt. 2, Sussex, NJ

Mr. Becker asked: Is this a picture of how you want it to look?

Mr. Becker continued: You are having the wood railings attached to the stairs so that they will be properly supported?

Mr. Martin stated: Yes.

Ms. Best asked: Are the steps being replaced?

Mrs. Blackburn stated: No. Just the railings are being replaced.

Mr. Kaplan asked: Do you plan to complete this project rather soon?

Mr. Blackburn stated: Yes. Next week.

Mr. Read made a motion to accept the application changing the railing from aluminum to wood. Mrs. Schulte seconded the motion.

AYE: Ms. Best, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Read, Mrs. Schulte, Mr. Becker

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PUBLIC

Mr. Becker opened the meeting up to the public.

David O'Conner, 89 High Street, Newton, NJ stated: I was notified in the spring that Mrs. Blackburn was going to do some landscaping. It is now fall and nothing has been done. I spoke to Kathy Citterbart on the phone and was made aware that this building is going to stay the way it is.

Mr. Becker asked: What type of building is this?

Mr. O'Conner stated: It used to be a garage. I understand there is some historic value to it and that is why it needs to remain intact the way it is. I would like to know where I go with this because I feel it is depreciated my property value.

Mr. Becker asked: When was it demolished?

Mr. O'Conner stated: Last year.

Mr. O'Conner stated: I understand it is a retaining wall but if you were to pull into the driveway and were thinking of purchasing my home, you would not feel the same way after seeing the demolished garage. I would just like to know what the plans are for the garage.

Mr. Becker asked: What are the plans?

Mrs. Blackburn stated: I don't know what they are.

Mrs. Schulte stated: We will have to review the minutes to see exactly what happened here.

Mr. Becker stated: There is nothing we can do now. The garage should never have come down.

Mrs. Blackburn stated: We had a permit for it.

Mrs. Citterbart stated: Mr. Bittle approved it.

Mr. Becker stated: There was a mix up with it.

Mr. Becker stated: An engineer needs to go out and look at it.

Mrs. Blackburn stated: An engineer went out with Mr. Bittle and they both signed off on leaving it how it looks.

Mr. Becker stated: It does not look good.

Mrs. Blackburn stated: I haven't had any other complaints.

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Mr. Becker stated: We are an advisory commission so we can't take action on either side. My suggestion would be you go to the Town Manager and ask who you would have to see.

Mr. O'Conner stated: I was told the zoning official.

Mrs. Schulte stated: Maybe he should talk to Keith Utter.

Mr. Becker stated: Maybe you two can work out an agreement where you both are happy.

No public stepping forward, Mr. Becker closed this portion of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The board reviewed two items they received.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Read made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kaplan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned with a unanimous "aye" vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on October 18, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Citterbart
Historic Board Secretary