

Delaware Township Historic Advisory Committee
Minutes - January 11, 2023 - 7:00PM - Sergeantsville, NJ

Attendance

Liza Davis, chair	Bob Chamberlain	Michael Cuba, advisor
Tim Davis, v. chair	Alan Johnson	Marilyn Cummings, advisor
Nancy Bond, secretary	Deborah Kline	Marfy Goodspeed, advisor
Anthony Anastasio	Chuck Taylor	

Visitors: Valerie Tucci, Ravenna Taylor, Ralph Finelli, Paul Giannattasio

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of November 9, 2022 minutes with minor change (AA moved, BC second, approved unanimously)

Officer Reports

Chairperson

1. **2023 mtg. dates:** Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13
Mark your calendars!!
2. Affirmation of members and advisors

Vice-chairperson

Secretary

Member Discussion

CT moved that we table the presentation by GTG. AA seconded, and an extended discussion followed. I suggested leaving our meeting to hear what was offered by GTG. Discussion ensued, with opinions ranging from it being premature to hear their plans, to it being shortsighted to not hear their plans. LD reminded the committee that the committee was asked by Chuck Kline of the Zoning Board of Adjustment at the ZB's 10/13/22 meeting to comment on the GTG building proposal, and that our committee guidelines include that we provide advice to the township's governing bodies. After discussion, the motion was put to a vote. Table the presentation: CT, AA; Hear the presentation on this date: LD, NB, TD, BC. DK. Motion did not carry.

A suggestion was made that members need to be qualified and have township committee approval.

Visitor presentation

Ralph Finelli presented GTG's plans for a project in Sergeantsville. Photos and maps depicted a 4-unit townhouse building. Each will be a complete unit, attached by vertical walls. It will have one affordable unit. He says it will fall within all the rules for zoning.

The committee had a discussion about whether to provide advice to the Board of Adjustment. Some members believe a single-family home would be more appropriate for the historic district, and other members believe that this project will not detract from the historic district characteristics. Together we worked on the letter that HAC chairperson LD will read at the zoning board of adjustment tomorrow.

After the presentation, the regular business of the committee continued.

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Ongoing Topics

- Historic properties:
 - Holcombe House - no change
 - Saxtonville Tavern - no change
 - Reading School - no change
 - Locktown Stone Church
- Historic Cemeteries - no change
- County Engineering - Bob has been in discussion about problems. Truss bridge on Hamp Road is now on the list for county repair. We wondered if the repairs will be in-kind, and if the county will need to get approval from the NJ Historic Preservation Office.
- NJDOT Rt 29 Alexauken Creek Rd project - no change
- Informative brochure/webpage info. - what do we want to tell our citizens?
- GTG Builders - presentation by representatives of the project

New Business

- Budget - for what might we want to request a budget?

Adjournment

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