

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2011**

MINUTES

Paul Showers opened the meeting with the following members present: Christopher Knisely, Scott Bergman, Scarlett Lovell, and Jim Malaby. Absent: Joseph Glutting and Jeff Summerton. Others Present: Bruce Hasbrouck, Solicitor, and Suzanne Champion, Secretary.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mr. Showers noted that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Meeting called to order at 7:11 P.M.

MINUTES

Dec. 9, 2010 Regular

Dec. 20, 2010 Special Meeting

Mr. Knisely made a motion to approve both sets minutes seconded by Mr. Bergman. Vote: all approved.

APPLICATIONS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Knisely asked that we send a letter to the Township Committee recognizing all the time and work that Mr. Gaunt had done. Mr. Showers stated that he included this request in the last letter for new members to the Committee to the Mayor.

Mr. Showers went over the letters that were drafted to Mr. Drivers, Dr. Park, Yvonne Stow & Donna Andreas, Ms. Edith Rudderow, & Deutche Bank requesting information on shutters on the property and doors and windows missing on some of the others and construction going on without any approvals.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Showers talked about the e-mail from the Mayor about the garage at 94 N. Main St. that needs to be moved or demo for the next phase of the 322 By Pass. He stated that Mr. Fertig would be interested in the building at his property because he had tried to save his barn but it was too far gone and not restorable. He stated that he had been out to the site and looked at the garage and that it would need some work to hold it together. He has already talked with an Eagle Scout Leader about using this as a project for an Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Showers stated that the Mayor stated that with the budget constraints that the County is the Mayor had asked if there was a way to help on the cost of this part of the project. Mr. Showers stated that as long as we have a new home for the building and can get some help to move the building that it is a win – win for the township and the HPC. Mr. Showers also stated that he had not talked with the Mayor as of yet about Mr. Fertig being interested in the building and the scouts wanting to help with the project. Mr. Showers stated that also in this e-mail was that the Mayor still thinks that the HPC shouldn't be to only place that you can get a COA that he feels that it only prolongs an applicant getting their approvals. He also stated that he does feel that they commission should stay a strong committee. Mr. Showers stated that he felt that this was a very good letter from the mayor and that he also stated that with every application that comes before us that he sends an e-mail out to the Mayor letting him know first had what is happening with HPC. Mr. Showers stated that one of the problems is that one of the applicants which received our approve ran over budget by 25% which really isn't the HPC fault but they had a lot of extra

work that needed to be done in the basement on the beams because of them finding powder post beetles in the wood, but there are a lot of other residents on Main St. as well as several board members here that have put a lot of money into their property. The secretary reported that Dr. Parks property did receive a tax abatement from the township to help set off the taxes as they have invested highly into the property. Mr. Knisely stated that the County also owned the property at 94 N. Main St. and he stated that the County isn't interested in keeping the structure on the property so this will be something up for discussion at a later date. He also stated that he was talking with James Noll who owns the house just past the Old Mill stated to him that the people that are going to be doing the work at the pond had been in touch with him in regards to the house and have gone through it with the possibility of purchasing it to either relocate it or demo it. He stated that he really doesn't know what they are planning on doing with the property. Other discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Knisely made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Malaby. Vote: All Approve 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne F. Champion, Secretary
Harrison Township Historic Preservation Commission