

**Chesterfield Township
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes May 7th, 2024**

Chairmen James Codella called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

The Open Public Meeting Statement was read and Compliance Noted

Roll Call:

Present- James Codella, Jill Moraca, Jennifer Lynch, Timothy Beggs, Eugene Cardone, HPC Liaison Denise Koetas-Dale, HPC Liaison Matthew Litt

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Beggs made a motion seconded by Ms. Lynch to approve the April 4th meeting minutes All were in favor, motion carried.

New business:

485 Main Street- Eric Talley- Proposed replacement of Tongue and Groove pine flooring on deck with the same materials as existing, as well as replacing the fence with a smaller lattice vinyl fence, the current fence is half vinyl half wood and the proposed fence is 100% vinyl. The HPC requests that the height remains the same on the new fence. A motion was made by Mr. Beggs seconded by Ms. Lynch to approve application as submitted with height recommendation for fence, all in favor, motion carried.

464 Main Street- Scott Buchanan- Proposed replacing dilapidated sidewalk like for like, proposed adding garden beds to the front of the house. The current front porch has a brick border with random slate inside. They proposed using the same size. They would like to replace the current gravel with red crushed stone, the HPC stated they would recommend grey but the owners stated the neighbors all have red so it would flow better. Mr Beggs made a motion seconded by Ms. Lynch to approve application as submitted, all in favor, motion carried.

Timothy Beggs recused himself as his application was heard

16 Buttonwood Street- Proposed dilapidated barn demolition- Barn built in 1904, foundation is in disrepair. The major support beam is cracked and a tree crashed through the barn during the 2023 tornado. The barn sits very far back and is not very visible from the road, The HPC discussed and decided that the structure is not visible from the road and therefore the applicant has the option to withdraw his application. Ms. Lynch made a motion seconded by Ms. Moraca to approve the application being withdrawn, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion- Ms. Koetas-Dale shared that the Township Committee will be holding a meeting on May 30th regarding the Historic ordinance that will invite residents in the Historic district to come out and ask questions and gain knowledge about the ordinance prior to introduction. She encouraged the HPC members to attend and Mr. Litt is going to inquire with the Township attorney to ensure proper procedure for the HPC members to attend.

Public Comment-

Susie Mahon- 16 Chesterfield-Crosswicks Road- Asked why the meeting minutes from the March meeting haven't been posted yet, Hailey explained the procedure is to typically post immediately following approval and that it must have been an error and that she was going to look into it and get them posted as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Mr.Beggs Seconded by Ms. Moraca to adjourn All were in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:45pm.