

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF**  
**THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**TUESDAY May 19, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held at the Mt. Rose General Store on Tuesday May 19, 2009 in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Chair Hayden called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm.

Commission members present: David Blackwell, Pam Crabtree, Max Hayden, Erika Kotite, Moira Lawrence(9:05pm) & Phil Robbins.

Excused: Betsy Ackerman

Township Administration Representative: Robert Miller Zoning Officer

Recording Secretary: Deborah Rishko

**Minutes for Approval**

The minutes of the April meeting were approved with corrections

**General Topics**

***Review of HPC mail***

A letter regarding the grant money for the Hunt House restoration was received stating that the grant money expires September 23, 2009. Mr. Miller stated that he would contact the county representatives regarding the progress on the project.

**Committee Reports:**

**Township Historic Properties Committee:**

The commissioners revisited the topic of using the Marshall's Corner Schoolhouse as an affordable housing unit vs. selling the property with a deed restriction to a private owner for a possible residence or commercial use. It was decided that the cost of rehabilitating the house to make it suitable for an affordable housing unit would have to be taken into consideration.

**Landmarks Designation Committee:**

The commissioners discussed the site visits to the Cornelius Larison house and the Moore farmhouse. Mr. Blackwell explained that earliest portion of the house is mid 18<sup>th</sup> century and compares to the Job Phillips house. The Moore farmhouse was built in 1820 and also had a mill for flax, a sawmill and a gristmill.

**Survey & Planning:**

No comment on the applications for block 91 lot 3.961, block 51 lot 56.07, block 78.02 lot 8, block 16 lots 4.01 & 5, and block 48.02 lot 3.

**Community Outreach**

The commissioners discussed holding the local register recognition day and dedication of a display of historic photographs of the designated properties in the fall. They also discussed holding an event at the Mt. Rose distillery and possibly tying it in with the Hopewell Harvest Fair. Ms. Lawrence stated she compiled a list of properties to be featured on the new bookmarks. They are the Hoff/Brown farmstead, the Mt. Rose Store, the Major Henry Phillips house, the Sam Moore Sr. house, the Andrew Titus house, the Enos Titus farmstead, the Harbourton Blacksmith house and the Titusville Store. Ms. Lawrence suggested that addresses for the designated properties be included. Mr. Miller stated that the township attorney would need to be consulted. The commissioners discussed the success of the HPC's involvement in the Spirit of the Jerseys History Fair and needing to come up with new ideas for next year. They also discussed holding an awards program to honor those that have contributed to historic preservation efforts in the township next May during historic preservation month.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Hayden mentioned Somerset County's grant program and how to get Mercer County more active in preservation efforts. The commissioners discussed inviting representatives from Mercer County to hear Tom D'Amico from the Somerset County Planning Board talk about their grant program.

**Motion** by Ms. Kotite seconded by Mr. Robbins to invite Mr. D'Amico to speak to the Historic Preservation Commission about getting a grant program started in Mercer County. All were in favor.

At 10:25pm there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.