

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 6, 2015**

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mark Sharp
Laly Espinoza Kuga
David Danois
Scott Lamperti
Wendy Schaefer
Katherine Miller, Alternate 2

Absent:

Curt Climes, Alternate 1 (excused)

Also present recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood.

Call to order at 7:05 pm. Mr. Sharp read the Compliance Statement.

NEW APPLICATIONS

COA 01-01-06-2015, 9 Rockview Terrace. James Steven Bills was sworn in. Mr. Bills explained the need to repair the architectural features and possibly the structural elements of the front porch on his house, specifically the front right corner.

There were no questions from the audience regarding the proposed work to be done at 9 Rockview Terrace.

Mr. Danois made a motion to approve Application 01-01-06-2015 for 9 Rockview Terrace as presented by Mr. Bills. Work to be done consists of replacing and/or repairing all front porch architectural features and/or structural elements in kind.

Seconded by Mr. Sharp and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

Mr. Sharp advised that the Certificate of Appropriateness would be ready within 7-10 business days.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Romeo, 16 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield, shared his concerns with a Borough sewer repair project on Rockview Avenue. Mr. Romeo voiced his displeasure with the Borough allowing for stamped concrete sidewalks rather than bluestone and further explained that his bluestone sidewalk had been damaged during the project. The speaker also noted that the newly installed curbing had already begun to deteriorate. Mr. Romeo questioned the Borough's authorization of this project without approval from the Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Kuga suggested that Mr. Romeo share his concerns with the Mayor.

Lee Gallman, 16 Rockview Terrace, North Plainfield, questioned how a potential home buyer may obtain a certificate of appropriateness, explaining that lenders won't finance the transaction if the house is in need of repair. Ms. Kuga explained that only the homeowner may apply for the certificate of appropriateness. Mr. Goldman urged for a review of the Construction Code and the Historic Preservation Ordinance to eliminate as much confusion as possible regarding this process. He also called for an update of the code regarding solar panels.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sharp opened the floor to nominating motions for new officers for 2015. Ms. Kuga nominated Mr. Sharp as Chairman for calendar year 2015. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lamperti and on Roll Call carried unanimously.

Mr. Lamperti nominated Ms. Kuga as Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2015. Motion was seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on Roll Call carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the July 8, 2014 meeting were examined.

Chairman Sharp called for a Roll Call on the minutes:

Regular Meeting of July 8, 2014:

Ayes: Danois, Lamperti, Schaefer

Abstain: Kuga, Miller, Sharp

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.