

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 5, 2016**

ROLL CALL:

Katherine Miller, Chair
Laly Espinoza Kuga, Vice Chair (excused)
David Danois (excused)
Scott Lamperti
Wendy Schaefer
Curt Climes, Alternate 1 (excused)
Janice Allen, Alternate 2
John P. Kaplan, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney

Also present recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood. Jonathan Kinney of the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office was also present.

Call to order at 7:01 pm. Ms. Miller read the Compliance Statement.

NEW APPLICATIONS

COA 01-04-05-2016, 86 Park Place. Jose Sala (homeowner) and Babatunde Adewunmi (engineer) were sworn in. Mr. Sala explained that he had removed the existing sidewalk in front of his house and installed a large paved parking area. He further advised that he had done so without obtaining the proper permits.

Steven Romeo, 16 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield, inquired after the percentage of the property now covered with asphalt.

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, questioned if Mr. Sala had been notified that his home was located within the historic district. Mr. Sala advised that he had not been notified.

Ms. Schaefer made a motion to deny Application 01-04-05-2016 for 86 Park Place as presented by Jose Sala and Babatunde Adewunmi, Engineer. We do not approve the removal of the existing sidewalk and the installation of a paved parking area in front of the house. Paved parking area shall be removed and all sidewalk and curbing replaced with bluestone in accordance with NPHPC ordinance 22.122.10.

Seconded by Ms. Miller and on Roll Call carried all four voting aye.

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

COA 02-04-05-2016, 30 Washington Avenue. Johanna Ferreira was sworn in. Ms. Ferreira advised of the need to replace the existing slate roof on the house as well as the existing asphalt porch roof. Mr. Lamperti called for the repair or replacement of the existing Yankee gutters as opposed to the installation of aluminum gutters. Ms. Ferreira explained that the damaged wood porch ceiling would need to be replaced as well as the porch floor and steps. Ms. Miller stressed the need to preserve and maintain all of the unique architectural porch elements.

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, offered to supply Ms. Ferreira with a list of roofers experienced in historical homes.

Ms. Schaefer made a motion to approve Application 02-04-05-2016 for 30 Washington Avenue as presented by Johanna Ferreira. Damaged slate roof may be repaired in kind or it shall be replaced with slate or an imitation slate which has the look and appearance of slate. All Yankee gutters shall be preserved and maintained or repaired/replaced in kind and all ancillary roof components shall be repaired/replaced in kind. Repair/replace in kind the existing front porch asphalt roof, the existing front porch wood ceiling, the existing front porch wood floor, the existing front porch wood steps and railings. Repair/replace in kind all front porch architectural features and/or structural elements. Repair/replace the existing wood front doors in kind.

Seconded by Mr. Lamperti and on Roll Call carried all four voting aye.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maynard Exum, 54 Myrtle Avenue, North Plainfield, inquired after the process needed to obtain a certificate of appropriateness. Explaining that he wished to remodel the interior of the home, the speaker noted that this would necessitate the replacement of several windows. He further advised that he wished to remove a second story fire escape door and replace that with a window.

Steve Romeo, 16 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield inquired after the status of the Yeshiva Tiferes Boruch, Inc. application. Ms. Miller advised that there was nothing new to report. Mr. Romeo suggested that the certificates of appropriateness be issued on colored paper so that they may be easily identified.

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, voiced his displeasure with the construction official not preparing reports for the commission as mandated in the ordinance. Ms. Miller assured that she would make every effort to work with all Borough officials.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of March 1, 2016: All in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.