

HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AN ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: Monday, November 22, 2010
Meeting Number: 9
Meeting Location: The Commissioners' Meeting Room, 2325 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19083
Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05pm

A. Attendees

Board Members Present: Haverford Township Historical Committee (HTHC), all present are marked by an "x".

x	Suzanna Barucco	Vice Chairperson
x	Mary Courtney	Member
x	Stacey Mattox	Member
x	Chuck Reardon	Chairman
	Dick Walker	Member
x	John Marshall, AIA	Member
x	Scott Winger, AIA	Secretary

Commissioners Present:

x	Mario Oliva	Commissioner 2 nd Ward
	Chris Connell Sr.	Commissioner 8 th Ward

Also Present:

x	Lori Hanlon-Widdop	Building & Zoning Official, Community Development, Assistant Township Manager
	Kelly Sullivan	Representing the township solicitor.
	Arlene La Rosa	Stenographer for the township

B. Agenda: See attached agenda from Meeting Number 9.

C. Items distributed to the Haverford Township Historical Commission

1	Agenda for Meeting number 9, which is attached to these meeting notes.
2	Lori Hanlon-Widdop presented the HTHC with a letter from Kaplin Stewart, Attorney George Broseman representing Haverford College requesting a postponement of their appeal until sometime after the new year. The HTHC noted that Commissioner Oliva and Lori Hanlon-Widdop would have a discussion with the College for clarification, as it may be the Colleges intention to postpone indefinitely.

D. General Items

Item	Description	Action by
	Annotation, please note that N.A.R. represents No Action Required.	
1	Lori Hanlon-Widdop reminded the HTHC that the zoning hearing process is public and ex-parte communication with the Board is not permitted.	N.A.R.
2	SM reiterated her concern of the potential validity challenge presented by Attorney Primavera representing the Gravina property and its relevance to the PA Planning Code and recent court cases.	
3	SM and SB discussed the potential to have Michele Lefevre speak to the HTHC and other interested parties to review the laws as they relate to HARBS, Historic Structures and Historic Ordinances. The potential exists for a larger format meeting and location.	

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E. Motions

Item	Description	Nom. by	Second	In favor	Opposed	Carried
1	Motion to retain 419 and 421 Earlington Road on the Historic Survey. DW was absent for this motion.	MC	SM	6	0	Yes.
2	Motion to adopt meeting notes from meeting 8.	MC	JM	All	0	yes
3	Meeting called to close at 9:02pm	SB	MC	All	0	yes

F. Appeals received by HTHC in response to Haverford Township Ordinance No. 2580-2009

Item	Description	Date Rec'd	Survey-code/ Ref	Appeal Date
A	The following Property / Reference Codes are to be contacted to determine availability: 204 East Monoa Road and Haverford College.			
1	721-725 Haverford Road, Bryn Mawr, PA, 19010	1/19/10	022	9-20-10
2	18 Dartmouth Lane, Haverford,	1/19/10	104	9-20-10
3	22 Dartmouth Lane, Haverford (with letter noting 18 & 20 Dartmouth Lane - Removed from Historic Survey- administrative motion.	1/20/10	104	N.A.R.
4	206 Caenorvon Lane, Haverford, PA, 19041 - requested to be removed from the appeal process and remain on the survey.	1/27/10	095	N.A.R.
5	1 - 9 East Eagle Road, Havertown, PA 19083 ** Insufficient votes to carry a recommendation.	1/27/10	110	6/21/10 **
6	746 Panmure Road, Main Line Art Center- Requested to be removed from Appeal list on Oct. 7, 2010	2/10/10	021	N.A.R
7	14 Claremont Blvd, Havertown, PA 19083 - Requested to be removed from list of appeals approximately 60 days from this meeting date.	2/10/10	060	N.A.R.
8	620 Grand Ave. Havertown PA 19083	2/10/10	064	5/17/10
9	19 Marple Road, Haverford, PA 19041	2/11/10	038	4/19/10 Tabled
10	307 Oxford Road, Havertown, PA 19083	2/12/10	079	7/19/10
11	2120 Bellemead Avenue, Havertown, PA 19083	2/16/10	098	7/19/10
12	419 Earlington Road, Havertown, PA 19083		007	11/22/10
13	421 Earlington Road, Havertown, PA 19083	2/16/10	007	11/22/10
14	330 Richland Avenue, Havertown, PA 19083	3/15/10		6/21/10
15	204 East Monoa Road, Havertown, PA 19083			
16	Haverford College - requested an extension on 11-12-10 until a later date	3/28/10		

G. Appeals reviewed by the Haverford Township Historical Commission

Item	Description	Ref No.	Action
1	419 and 421 Earlington Road		
	<p>November 22, 2010 the HTHC heard the appeal from Mr. Joe Bilovsky of 421 Earlington who also spoke on behalf of the owners of 419 Earlington Road. Mr. Bilovsky presented a letter to the HTHC dated Nov. 22, 2010 from Bridget and Campbell McCormack of 419 Earlington Rd outlining their position to seek appeal, of which include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It no longer presents as a single family house at this time. 2. The house was divided into a twin about 40 years ago and the owners believe to it is devoid of its Eighteen hundreds (1800) character. 3. The original woodwork has been replaced. 4. The floors have been updated to carpet and bamboo. 5. All of the appliances are of this (2010) era. 		See Motion E.

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	<p>6. The owners believe their house has no historic charm and is just like any other twin in Havertown.</p> <p>7. The owners are concerned that being placed on the Historic Survey will hurt the resale value.</p> <p>8. The owners believe that the first time home buyer who would be looking to purchase their home would be deterred if the house was of historical significance.</p> <p>Mr. Bilovsky noted that he visited the Media courthouse to research the past deeds of the house. Mr. Bilovsky provided approximately 6 photos of the exterior and interior of the house, and noted that the house has undergone significant modifications.</p> <p>The HTHC noted to Mr. Bilovsky that the Historical Ordinance is primarily an anti-demolition ordinance and as such the survey listing is an attempt to assist in ensuring the property is not demolished.</p> <p>The HTHC noted the following in response to Mr. Bilovsky's concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the ordinance is in fact an Anti-Demolition ordinance. 2. That although the single-family house has been divided into a twin the scale of the original house is evident from the exterior. 3. The house was in-fact part of the Grange Estate and served as a tenant house. 4. As homeowners both 419 and 421 are free to modify the house. 5. The HTHC will email to Mr. Bilovsky recent publications on the values of historical resource listings. 6. The HTHC noted a potential benefit to being on the Historic Survey for one property owner, if not both owners, in order to have input over possible changes to the other half of the twin. 		
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H. Action items for the HTHC

Item	Description	Action by
1	Chuck Reardon to forward letter of recommendation to the commissioners to Retain 419 & 421 Earlington Road, - Resource No. 007, of the Historic Survey.	CR
2	The HTHC is to prepare a comprehensive report outlining the HTHC recommendations for the appeal process, of which is to be issued to the Board of Commissioners.	HTHC
3	SW is to prepare a Memo for the HTHC summarizing the Appeals presented to date and the noted comments by the HTHC, to be used as a tool for the HTHC to prepare the comprehensive report.	SW
4	MC is to prepare a list of properties Historic Resource Survey properties that have been demolished.	MC
5	JM to contact the owner of 204 Monoa Road to learn if an appeal is still desired.	JM

I. New Items

Item	Description	Action by
1.	The HTHC had additional discussions regarding the wording of the language of the Historic Ordinance NO. 2580-2009, and how to ensure that a property of historical significance will be reviewed by the HTHC when an addition, alteration, excavation are considered. The intent is to craft wording to extend the ordinance beyond that of anti-demolition. The HTHC is to carefully review Ordinance items 1-5 and be prepared to discuss these items at the next meeting.	HTHC
2	The HTHC is to research to confirm what criteria was used to establish the Historic Ordinance NO. 2580-2009,	HTHC
3.	The HTHC discussed the need to update the Historic Resource Survey and to begin the process of determining evaluation criteria for inclusion of future resources.	HTHC
4.	The next meeting date is - Monday, December 20, 2010 at 7pm	HTHC

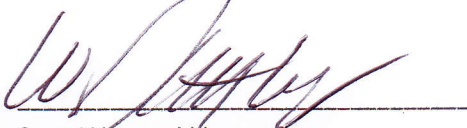
Post meeting notes:

- 1) Scott Winger forwarded a copy of the signed meeting notes number 8 to Lori Hanlon-Widdop's office.

If you have any additions or corrections, please inform the secretary prior to the next meeting date otherwise the items discussed will be considered a matter of record.

Prepared by:

Scott Winger, AIA, LEED AP



Scott Winger, AIA, secretary

Charles Reardon, Chairman

Encl: Items distributed at the meeting are listed under section F and H.

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AGENDA

Meeting Date: Monday, November 22, 2010
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Dick Walker is excused from this month's meeting due to his ongoing rehab from a recent hospitalization

1. Call the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
2. Appeals process -
 - Haverford College has requested an extension into next year - a copy of their letter will be distributed at the meeting tonight
 - Claremont called to cancel today - said sixty days ago they were no longer appealing but have not confirmed by letter as requested
 - 419-421 Earlington Road, Havertown
 - 204 East Manoa Road, Havertown
3. Discussion of any follow-up to tonight's meeting and completion of decisions on the appeals process in December
4. General discussion, specifically questions raised by Stacey Mattox as follows:
 - Discuss the documents Stacey handed out handed out at September's meeting, which we originally had on October's agenda but we did not get to.
 - Discuss ion in reference to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting that Stacey attended regarding the Clear telecommunications equipment.
5. Adjournment