

**Chesterfield Township
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes April 2nd, 2024**

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

The Open Public Meeting Statement was read and Compliance Noted

Oath of office- Mr. Ratajczak was sworn in as a Class B member to the Chesterfield Township Historic Commission

Roll Call:

Present- James Codella, Robert Forwood, Jill Moraca, Timothy Beggs, Eugene Cardone, Joseph Ratajczak
HPC Liaison Denise Koetas-Dale

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Beggs made a motion seconded by Mr. Cardone to approve the February 6th meeting minutes All were in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Codella recused himself from the COA application for 476 Main Street as he is a close neighbor to that property.

New business:

12 Church Street- COA application- proposed exterior renovations- The applicants presented the proposed changes they plan on making to the exterior of their home. Plan to replace current wood siding and trim. Mr. Forwood asked the applicants what features of the home they intended on preserving, applicant stated they plan on saving the front porch columns, Yankee gutters, French drains and preserve as much of the historic aspects as possible. They expressed they would like to fully remove the existing trim, they will use smooth hardy plank rather than cedar finish. The current exposure of the siding is around 5 to 5.5 inches, the applicants would like to use 6 inch. The HPC recommended sticking with the current exposure to avoid changing the appearance too much. Mr. Forwood asked if they intended to keep the same architectural style of the trim as it has unique look to it, the applicants want to keep the trim style as is. They will be replacing the window trim as well. They also proposed replacing the roof on the porch as it has been leaking, Mr. Forwood and Mr. Cardone reviewed approved materials that would maintain the historic look without compromising cost effectiveness for the applicant. A motion was made by Mr. Beggs seconded by Mr. Forwood to approve application with the recommendation to the Planning Board that the homeowners use the same size exposure that is currently on the home. 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.

Public Comment-

Steve Hazen-447 Main Street- Raised a question regarding if Sykesville is historic based off of a sign that says welcome to Sykesville historic district. Ms. Koetas-Dale said she would ask for clarification on this matter. He asked if there's a HPC ordinance why it has not been advertised to the public. Ms. Koetas-Dale explained that there will be a public hearing on the ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Ratajczak Seconded by Mr. Beggs to adjourn All were in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:38pm.