Township of Harding Historic Preservation Commission Minutes November 7, 2019

Opening of Meeting

Historic Preservation Chair, Ms. Claytor opened the meeting in accordance with Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call

Ms. Claytor called the roll. It went as follows:

Mr. dePoortere	Present	Mr. Kao	Excused
Mrs. Claytor	Present	Mr. Wilson	Present
Ms. Hefner	Present	Mr. Bogusky	Present
Mr. Maselli	Present	Mr. Dinsmore	Excused
Mr. Cooney	Excused		

Mayor Yates was also present

<u>Minutes</u>

There was a motion to table the July 9, 2019 minutes until the December 5, 2019 meeting. It was seconded. On a voice vote, all members voted in favor of tabling the minutes.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the October 3, 2019 Minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Bogusky. On a voice vote all were in favor of approving the minutes.

New Business

Construction Referral for Demolition

<u>Application 11-07-19-11</u> Harding Holdings PM, LLC/Peter Dorne

679 Mt. Kemble Avenue, B27/L2 District: Independent, Contributing

Demolition

Presenting:

Peter Dorne, Owner

- Mr. Dorne noted that he was proposing demolition for a historic mansion that has fallen into disrepair. He noted that there was a prior demolition permit granted for property that has since expired.
- Mr. Dorne noted that there is a contract purchaser for the property who is proposing a senior care facility for the property.

- Mr. Dorne noted that he visited the property with the Township Construction Official. He added that the Construction Official found the building to be unsafe.
- Mr. Dorne stated that the contract purchasers requested that he renew the demolition permit.
- Mr. dePoortere requested that any salvageable items be saved.
- Mr. Dorne stated that they will salvage what they can.
- Mr. Maselli agreed that anything that can be repurposed would be appreciated.
- Mr. Dorne noted that the contract purchaser wishes to repurpose some items.
- Mr. Dorne noted that the closing on the property will take place between now and January.
- Mr. Dorne noted that all of the stone will be saved.

Mr. dePoortere made a motion to approve the demolition. It was seconded by Mr. Wilson. A roll call vote went as follows:

For: Mr. Bogusky, Ms. Hefner, Mr. Kao, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Claytor, Mr. Maselli and Mr. dePoortere.

Ms. Claytor will issue a report for Construction.

Discussion Topics

Ms. Claytor discussed the next steps for the McCabe report.

Ms. Claytor noted the Reorganization date is Tuesday, January 7, 2019.

Adjournment

There being no further discussions; the meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Taglairino

Recording Secretary of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Upon request a verbatim recording is available through the Historic Preservation Office