

# Easttown Historical Commission

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Anna Sicalides.

Other members in attendance: Kathleen Weiss, Joyce DeYoung, Richard DiStefano, Bill Friedrich, John Leone

Also attending: Colleen Gray, Don Curley (Planning) and Michelle Bradley (President, Friends of Historic Waynesborough).

### **Election of Officers for 2023:**

**Chair**, Anna Sicalides, **Vice Chair**, Palmer Dalesandro, **Secretary**, Bill Friedrich

**December 14 Meeting Minutes:** Approved without comment or revision

**Welcome New Commissioner** – John Leone

### **Review of 23 Knox Avenue:** Applicant Dave Ludin

No new plans/elevations presented. Applicant is on the agenda for Feb 7 PC review and requested ETHC issue a letter of support for demolition permit to remove the existing structure (June '23 or later) and replace it with new multi-family structure that closely resembles the existing building.

- Planning confirmed the application for demolition only was submitted prior to the zoning addendum adoption-and that all permit applications to build on the site would be governed by the new zoning. The ETHC will need to review the multi-family structure details at a future meeting.
- Motion to support the issuance of a demolition permit for 23 Knox Ave pending the satisfactory (future) review of architectural plans and elevations consistent with the design guidelines provided to ETHC for final review and approval. Motion carried with 5 yes / 1 no votes.

### **Berwyn Firehouse: Mike Baskin (Captain, Berwyn Fire Co.):**

- At the request of the ETHC, Captain Baskin gave an overview of the 18 month process to plan for the replacement of the existing firehouse, the proposed drawings, and possible historic elements to be included in the new station. He acknowledged the bid packages were distributed recently with proposals due mid-February.
- ETHC comments focused on the very plain façade as a mismatch with the character of Berwyn Village - more like the Tires Plus shop next door. Kathleen Weiss offered to work with the project architects to add elements more consistent with the historic character of Berwyn Village. Requested the architect meet with ETHC to find low cost façade enhancements.

### **Status of 2022 Projects**

- **Training:** Joyce will revise the draft plan and have Anna review prior to sharing it.
- **Research process for homeowners:** Palmer is progressing
- **Mapping Update:** Stacey, Joyce, Anna, Kathleen areas are complete. Anna or Kathleen will work with Richard on his area assignment.
- Bill will incorporate all updates into a new master list in Excel and ensure we have AIF pages for each property. Short discussion on architects of local significance and notations on AIFs.

- **Articles:** Joyce is working on a new article for the History Matters series. Members are requested to recommend topics for future articles- and other published articles for inclusion on the Township website. Anna will find out how to add articles, links, etc to the ETHC page on the Township website.

### **Goals and Projects for 2023**

- Bill: Training, CLG research, Village Walk, Zoning update/ public education event (Library)/
- Joyce: TEHS information sharing
- Look into possible Township website postings of links to Easttown-related TEHS information
- Richard and John : Awards, Historic Marker programs
- Kathleen, Palmer: small forums, education, local builders
- Anna: outreach/other HCs, county support for survey updates

### **HWB Update:** Michelle Bradley

- Recent events were poorly attended (<30 volunteers and visitors). Surrounding area events in Willistown, Sugartown generate 300+ visitors. Request for all to think how we could better support HWB.

### **New Business:**

- DAR 250 years celebrations in 2023, Easttown should have better representation
- 303 S. Waterloo porch installation- Planning confirmed permits granted prior to zoning addendum. Members will drive by and have comments for next ETHC meeting

### **New Business:**

- No updates

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Submitted by: Bill Friedrich