

# Easttown Historical Commission

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

**March 8, 2023**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Anna Sicalides.

Other members in attendance: Kathleen Weiss, Bill Friedrich, Joyce DeYoung, Richard DiStefano, Palmer Dalessandro.

Also attending: Colleen Gray, Alex Bosco (online), Kayla Anthony (Landmarks), and Michelle Bradley (President, Friends of Historic Waynesborough (HWB)).

**February 8 Meeting Minutes:** Approved without comment or revision.

### **HWB update:**

- Kayla A. informed the HC that bids for the roof replacement project would include dormer and porch roof work. She reported the project is now fully funded.

- Kayla described the patio permit to install a bluestone walkway to, a patio beneath an existing pergola structure, and native plantings planned as a backdrop. There are no structural alterations involved. Commissioners commented on the bluestone as an appropriate material. A motion to approve was carried.

- Michelle Bradley reported the National Trust approved a historic marker to be provided by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as part of the America!250 celebrations. The motion to approve placement of the marker to the right of the carriage house door was approved.

### **246 Chester Road fence:**

Mr. Tyler (owner) presented remotely with the proposed design and pictures of other fences in the area. Metal materials and design were considered appropriate. Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

### **515 Newtown Road fence:**

The applicant wishes to replace a wooden fence at the side of the house and to the rear. Several Commission members noted the similar style to the existing fence and thought the slightly taller fence would not be noticeably different from the existing fence given the deep setback from the road. The motion to approve was carried unanimously.

### **227 Church Road: Deteriorating barnyard stone wall:**

The applicant (Mr./Mrs. Cady) described previous work to stabilize the front barnyard stone walls and described the deteriorating condition of the right-hand side walls adjacent to the ice house and pillar. They presented a plan to demolish roughly 30 feet of stone wall on either side of the ice house. Their plan includes renovating and retaining approximately 12 feet of the wall and the stone pillar at the eastern entrance. They expect to plant laurel bushes along that property line where the stone wall is removed. Neighbor (Leslie Kupstas, 217 Church road) thought a different plant species would be better with less browning during the winter months. A motion to approve was carried unanimously with a condition to keep the stone from the demolished wall on the property for future uses.

### **23 Main Street:**

Terry Conrad (owner resident) presented architectural plans for extensive exterior renovations of

the duplex. The plans involve replacing the existing porch, siding, doors, and windows. Suggested revisions : **roof line**: retain /replace roofline corbels and extend them across the entire front; **windows** - use 2 over 2 windows instead of the 6 over 1 in the plans, and incorporate window crowns similar to the current right hand side first floor windows; **siding**: consider wider cement board in place of the vinyl /5 inch reveal planned; **porch roof**: raised seam roof OK, consider keeping the rafter tail feature in the new design; **front doors**: consider more appropriate design: **porch railings**: use appropriate railing use spindle styles (not deck-like); **porch deck**: composite floor boards OK, **porch skirt**: plain front, composite material OK

### **VPP Grant Application**

- Discussed the BoS presentation, likely needs more work, likely submit an application for 2024 instead of 2023.
- 2022 Accomplishments: Anna presented the list to be presented to BoS, motion to approve was carried unanimously

### **New Business**

- Sugartown Rd bridge damage: Anna presented pictures of damage to the bridge sides on both lanes of the bridge. Anna notified Penn DOT who was passing the information along
- Membership: Discussed adding ETHC associate/non-voting members. Considered a good idea that would help the public know more about historic preservation, identify potential new ETHC recruits, and share project workload. These would be nominated and appointed by the ETHC.
- NAPC: webinar content and membership discussed . Motion approved to have Colleen place the topic on the BoS agenda and prepare the application.
- Consent agenda: Similar to other boards, discussed this as a way to make more time for applications/discussion by approving those where no discussion was necessary.

### **Status of Current Projects**

#### **Pending**

- **2022 Accomplishments: (Anna)** Finalize list for the March meeting and present to BoS in March
- **Training:** Joyce distributed the revised list with links to Commissioners.
- **Research process for homeowners:** Palmer revising draft
- **Mapping Update:** Anna worked 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.
- **Neighborhood Walk Arounds:** Bill had no update
- **Resident Information Session:** Bill will schedule the session at the library and promote the event
- **Articles:** Joyce finished an article on the development of the Devon Inn for the History Matters series. New topics suggested : Zoning changes (Bill), Anthony Wayne (Joyce). Possible topics : Roughwood, Waterloo Mills, Patterson mansion/Stonegate, plus any relevant published information for the Township website.
- PC liaison report: Looking for advice on 1038 Lancaster Ave. potential demolition. PC tabled discussion of potential redraw of Village zoning section boundaries

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Submitted by: Bill Friedrich