

Historical Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes, July 17, 2012

Attendance: Char Henn, Art Hamilton, Brad Stone, Mike Blair, Virginia Oliver, Kerby Rigelman

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm

Minutes from the June 19th, 2012 meeting approved

Kerby presented the DRA for Christ Church's siding project. DRA was approved and will be recommended to the Town Board for approval.

Brad made a motion to revise the HPC Ordinances that had been approved and submitted to Mike Blair in the June meeting. That draft of the Ordinances had not been publicly approved, or been posted to allow for the required public review period.

The revisions stemmed from a member having carefully reviewed the Ordinances after the June meeting. The revisions were reviewed, and the motion passed. The revised Ordinances will be posted on the web and outside the Town Hall for public review before the August Town Board meeting, when a public meeting before 7:00 pm that day will be requested. The revisions were:

1. a clearer ordering of the Articles, Sections, and sub-sections of the document.
2. introduction of term limits for HPC members in section 1.04. of Article I. Members will be able to serve two consecutive, 3 year terms , and then have to take 3 years off, before being allowed to serve additional terms. The rationale for the revision was the observation that organizations and committees are more often than not stronger when there is a change in leadership on a regular basis. Also, a change in leadership often gives other members a chance to offer their leadership skills, and could potentially attract new members to the HPC over time.
3. In section 1.0 (1) B, article II, the Park Commission was added as a commission, in addition to the Planning Commission, with which the HPC is required to consult in certain instances.
4. In section 2.01 Article II, subsections (2) - (4) were added to provide for time period limitations regarding HPC recommendations. The subsections detail how many days HPC recommendations are in force before new HPC approval is required, along with additional related items.

In addition to these revisions, Mike Blair will consult an attorney regarding the State Statute references in the document to ensure they are current.

Art proposed that we consider in the future the possibility of having utility lines buried, including electric, cable and phone lines.

It was decided to discuss Grant writing at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm