

***City of Orange Township
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes***

January 20, 2021

The Secretary announced that this is a meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Orange Township held via audio-video conferencing on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:46 p.m.

The Secretary asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Kathy Dowd
Commissioner Jody Leight
Commissioner Brandon Matthews
Commissioner Janice Morrell Arrived at 7:50 p.m.
Commissioner Troy Simmons Arrived at 8:05 p.m.
Commissioner Karen Wells

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, Secretary
Janine Bauer, Esq.

Absent: Commissioner Keith Carroll
Commissioner Abdiel Velez

The Secretary announced that the requirement of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., "Sunshine Law" has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Star Ledger, published in the Record Transcript on July 30, 2020 posted on the City's website (www.ci.orange.nj.us) and the Council's website (www.orangetwpnjcc.org) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MEETING MINUTES

- **November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes** (*Commissioners Matthews and Velez were absent and should abstain.*) (*Postponed from the December 16, 2020 Meeting*)

Motion to postpone to the February 17, 2021 meeting by Commissioner Leight, second by Commissioner Wells.

Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

- **December 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes** (*Commissioners Matthews and Velez were absent and should abstain.*)

Motion to adopt by Commissioner Dowd, second by Commissioner Morrell.

Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public will be allowed to question witnesses testifying on behalf of the Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, after the presentation is completed and after questions from the Commission. During the public hearing on the Application, the public will be allowed to comment on any new Certificate of Appropriation Application upon completion of the Applicant’s presentation and questions from the Commission. Each person addressing the Commission shall give his or her name and address in an audible tone for the record, and unless further time is granted by the presiding officer shall limit his or her address to five (5) minutes unless the comments are repetitive of other witnesses in which case the presiding officer may further limit the comment period.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 464 Mountainview Avenue, Orange, N.J. (new exterior siding, windows and repair front porch, stairs and driveway) (Rescheduled from the 12/16/2020 Meeting)

The applicant Kevin Phelimon and contractor Anise Toufiles from Anise Construction both swore and affirmed that their testimony would be the whole truth.

Applicant Kevin Phelimon testified that the exterior renovation plans include adding cedar shakes to the areas where there is unfinished siding.

Since the plans provided did not coincide with the testimony of the applicant, he was referred to the subcommittee. Furthermore, the plans must also include front door specifications.

Motion to refer the applicant to the Technical Review Committee by Commissioner Matthews, second by Commissioner Leight.

Roll Call

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll				X	
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	X				
Commissioner Jody Leight	X				
Commissioner Brandon Matthews	X				
Commissioner Janice Morrell	X				
Commissioner Troy Simmons	X				
Commissioner Abdiel Velez				X	
Commissioner Karen Wells	X				

Motion passed.

B. Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 563 Berkeley Avenue, Orange, N.J. (repairing front steps, front arch over door, roofing and siding) (Rescheduled from the 12/16/2021 Meeting)

Rev. Wanny Manasee was reminded that he is still under oath from the previous meeting of January 20, 2021. His architect Tao Zhang swore and affirmed that his testimony would be the whole truth.

Applicant Rev. Manasee testified that he intends to restore each of the dilapidated items as reflected in the revised plan (with revised notes) from Mr. Zhang and to replace with like-kind materials those features and items which have been destroyed.

Motion to approve the application as depicted on the plans by Commissioner Leight, second by Commissioner Matthews.

Roll Call

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll				X	
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	X				
Commissioner Jody Leight	X				
Commissioner Brandon Matthews	X				
Commissioner Janice Morrell	X				
Commissioner Troy Simmons	X				
Commissioner Abdiel Velez				X	
Commissioner Karen Wells	X				

Motion passed.

VIII. RESOLUTION

1-2021 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP TO RETAIN JANINE G. BAUER, ESQUIRE TO SERVE AS COUNSEL TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 AND RECOMMENDING THAT CITY COUNCIL APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COUNSEL TO ACT IN THAT CAPACITY.

Motion to adopt by Commissioner Simmons, second by Commissioner Matthews.

Roll Call

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll				X	
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	X				
Commissioner Jody Leight	X				
Commissioner Brandon Matthews	X				
Commissioner Janice Morrell	X				
Commissioner Troy Simmons	X				
Commissioner Abdiel Velez				X	
Commissioner Karen Wells	X				

Motion passed.

2-2021 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO MANASSEE ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE PROPERTY AT 201 HEYWOOD AVENUE IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, N.J., BLOCK 6602, LOT 46 ON THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP TAX MAP, FOR A NEW ROOF

Motion to adopt by Commissioner Morrell, second by Commissioner Wells.

Roll Call

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll				X	
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	X				
Commissioner Jody Leight	X				
Commissioner Brandon Matthews		X			
Commissioner Janice Morrell	X				

Commissioner Troy Simmons	X	
Commissioner Abdiel Velez		X
Commissioner Karen Wells	X	

Motion passed.

3-3021 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO KENNETH SCOTT ERHHARDT FOR THE PROPERTY AT 563 BERKELEY AVENUE IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, N.J., BLOCK 5802, LOT 18 ON THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP TAX MAP, FOR A NEW ROOF

Motion to adopt by Commissioner Dowd, second by Commissioner Leight.

Roll Call

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll				X	
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	X				
Commissioner Jody Leight	X				
Commissioner Brandon Matthews		X			
Commissioner Janice Morrell	X				
Commissioner Troy Simmons	X				
Commissioner Abdiel Velez				X	
Commissioner Karen Wells	X				

Motion passed.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

1. ZONING OFFICER APPROVAL: None.

X. PENDING BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- New side porch built at 648 Berkeley Avenue.
- Secretary Lanier requested that any unauthorized construction in the Historic District be reported to her via email, which she will forward to the Business Administrator, Zoning Offer and the Construction Department.
- Attorney Bauer to present to the other boards at the Joint Meeting scheduled for January 25th
- Applications be referred to HPC proceeding and procedure.
- Joint Meeting with Zoning, Planning and Historic Preservation Boards is scheduled for January 25, 2021.
- Commission requested black lined copy of the zoning ordinance
- Grant awarded to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Mailing of public notice and brochure.

- Board of Education intentions for 386 Clarendon Street and rehabilitation/uses for same.
- Request Business Administrator Hartwyk to attend next HPC meeting.
- Future Historic tours.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Matthews, second by Commissioner Simmons.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

The next Historic Preservation Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021 virtually at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED: March 17, 2021

J. Lanier

Joyce L. Lanier
Secretary

Troy Simmons

Troy Simmons
Chair