

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

***February 17, 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, February 17, 2021 at 7:35 p.m.

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

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Present:</b>	Commissioner Keith Carroll	Arrived at 7:58 p.m.
	Commissioner Kathy Dowd	
	Commissioner Jody Leight	
	Commissioner Brandon Matthews	
	Commissioner Janice Morrell	Arrived at 7:58 p.m.
	Commissioner Abdiel Velez	
	Commissioner Karen Wells	Arrived at 7:45 p.m.
<b>Also Present:</b>	Joyce L. Lanier, Secretary	
	Janine Bauer, Esq.	Arrived at 7:45 p.m.
<b>Absent:</b>	Commissioner Troy Simmons	

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](http://www.ci.orange.nj.us)) and the Council’s website ([www.orangetwpnjcc.org](http://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 12/16/2020 and 01/20/2021 Meeting*)**

Minutes postponed to the March 17, 2021 Meeting as there weren’t sufficient Commissioners present to 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 – 248 Roberts Road, Orange, N.J. (installation of solar panels)**

Mr. Hunter Schmidt a representative from Bright Planet Solar was sworn and testified that the project consist of installing fifteen (15) solar panels that will not be visible from the street.

**Motion to approve 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 – 381 Berkley Road, Orange, N.J. (installation of solar panels)**

Richard Marte a representative from SunRun Company was sworn and testified that the project consist of installing twelve (12) solar panels in the front of the house. Attorney Bauer advised that placing solar panels in front of the house is in violation of the HPC guidelines.

The applicant agreed to carry the application to the next meeting scheduled for March 17, 2021 and will come back with revised plans.

**C. Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 332 Ogden Street, Orange, N.J. (installation of solar panels)**

Richard Marte a representative from SunRun Company was sworn and testified that the project consist of installing twenty-two (22) solar panels at the rear portion of the rooftop not visible from the street.

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Matthews, second by Commissioner Velez.**  
**Roll Call**

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll	X				
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	(Commissioner lost audio)				
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.**

**D. Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 180 Austin Road, Orange, N.J. (installation of solar panels)**

Richard Stone, Esq. general counsel to Trinity Solar appeared.

Larry Murphy, Engineer was sworn and testified that the project consist of installing twenty-six (26) solar panels on the rear of the roof not visible from the street.

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Velez, second by Commissioner Morrell.**

**Roll Call**

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NP</u>
Commissioner Keith Carroll	X				
Commissioner Kathy Dowd	(Commissioner lost audio)				
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.**

**E. Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 473 Willow Street, Orange, N.J. (installation of solar panels)**

Shon Taylor, representative of Sea Bright Solar was sworn and testified that the project consist of installing fifteen (15) solar panels on the right side of the roof.

The application was referred to the Technical Review Committee and requested that the applicant provide revised designed plans. In particular, rearranging the panels and moving to the back of the roof.

**Motion to approve conditionally by providing revised designed plans to the Technical Review Committee by Commissioner Matthews, second by Commissioner Velez.**

**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	(Commissioner lost audio)				
Commissioner Troy Simmons				X	
Commissioner Abdiel Velez	X				
Commissioner Karen Wells	X				

**Motion passed.**

**RESOLUTION**

**4-2021 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO MANASSE ASSOCIATES, LLC 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, TO RESTORE AND/OR REHABILITATE DILAPIDATED OR DESTROYED MATERIALS WITH LIKE KIND MATERIALS.**

**Motion to adopt by Commissioner Wells, 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	<b>(Commissioner lost audio)</b>				
Commissioner Troy Simmons				X	
Commissioner Abdiel Velez			X		
Commissioner Karen Wells	X				

**Motion passed.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1. ZONING OFFICER APPROVAL:           None.**

**PENDING BUSINESS**

**Adjourn Meeting:**

**Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Wells, second by Commissioner Matthews.**

**Motion was unanimously approved.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

**APPROVED:           March 17, 2021**

*J. Lanier*  
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 Joyce L. Lanier  
 Secretary

*Jody Leight*  
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 Jody Leight  
 Chair