

Plymouth & Whitemarsh Townships
Historical Architectural Review Board
Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2019

The following HARB members were present: Jerry Rafter, David Conroy, Plymouth Township Zoning Officer, Alex Pientka, Karen Coyne, Kathy Bandish and Robert Sztubinski, Whitemarsh Township Director of Building & Codes. Also in attendance was Charlie Guttenplan, Whitemarsh Township Director of Planning and Zoning, Laura Boyle Nester, Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors Liaison, and Karen Bramblett, Plymouth Township Council Liaison.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM.
2. ELECTION OF CHAIR: Alex Pientka was nominated and approved by a 6-0 vote.
3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR: Tabled until 2/13/19 meeting.
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE: Karen Coyne and Kathy Bandish, both from Plymouth Township, were announced as the newest members of the Board.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 10, 2018 – approved.
December 12, 2018 – approved.
6. OLD BUSINESS: None.
7. NEW BUSINESS:
 - Maple Hill Lot 16 (8 Catherine Lane) – Sam Paone of Paone Builders presented a custom Charleston model for this lot. The only change to the model was extending the front porch in front of the study, making it a full size porch. Materials are all ones previously approved. Motion to recommend to the Governing Body approve a Certificate of Appropriateness was seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - Maple Hill Lot 14 (4 Catherine Lane) – Sam Paone of Paone Builders presented a custom Shipley model for this lot. The changes to the model house include extending the front porch across the front of the house with a metal roof. Board and batten siding is now proposed on the garage, dining room, the second floor foyer, and the third bedroom; batten shutters in place of panel shutters. Two windows are proposed on either side of the glass door on the rear of the house. Black windows with white trim are also proposed. Stone will also be implemented on the water table for the porch. Garage extended two feet further forward. It was recommended that stone lintels be extended over the shutters; agreed by applicant. Motion to recommend to the Governing Body approve a Certificate of Appropriateness was seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None.
9. HARB MEMBER COMMENTS: Alex Pientka reiterated previous HARB's comments regarding "demolition by neglect" and whether the barn at the proposed townhome development at 14 East Germantown Pike can be salvaged. It would be the responsibility of the applicant to prove valid reasons why the barn cannot be salvaged.
10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Conroy, Zoning Officer