

# HAMBURG HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**November 12, 2018**

The meeting was rescheduled from November 26, 2018 to November 12, 2018 by notice in the New Jersey Herald.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Chairman Graham read the Statement of Certification: This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 and 13, as advertised by Annual Notice.

Chairman Graham invited all those present to participate in the flag salute.

Those in attendance were Chairman Graham, John Haig, Guy Harby and Charles McMickle. Dan Barr was not in attendance. Wayne McCabe, Commission Historic Planner was also in attendance.

A motion was made by Harby, second by McMickle to approve the July 23, 2018 meeting minutes as revised with all other in favor.

There were no bills or vouchers on the agenda to be paid.

At 6:01 p.m., Joseph Paris, owner of the Bethany Chapel is sworn in by Mr. McCabe. Mr. Paris discusses the need to replace the roof on the Bethany Chapel. Since the cost of replacing a slate roof and the ability to find a contractor to do it proved challenging, he is proposing an alternative material, specifically a product made by DaVinci. He anticipates using the Castle Gray color for the roof. The estimate for the roof replacement was submitted to the Commission with the application and is discussed briefly.

Similar material was used at area churches including a church near Culver Lake and Newton Baptist Church. The Walpack Historical Society was familiar with this product as well. McCabe used this product for a roof replacement.

Michael Ward, regional representative for DaVinci was sworn in by McCabe. Mr. Ward discusses the composite material and the company that produces it. This company opened in 1997 and began manufacturing in 2007. The product is believed to last 70 years but warrantied for 50 years. Each roofing square weighs approximately 280 pounds. Mr. Ward discusses additional product detail including its fire rating.

A motion is made to open the meeting to the public at 6:10 p.m. by Harby, second by Haig with all others in favor. Ronald Garrett questions whether the product will be used on the parsonage. Mr. Paris indicates at this time it will be solely used to replace the damaged roof on the Bethany Chapel.

A motion is made at 6:11 p.m. to close the meeting to the public by Harby, second by Haig with all others in favor.

Harby questions the timeframe for completion of the project. Mr. Paris intends to have the roof installed in December. Ward discusses snow guards. McMickle questions the future use of the property. At this time, Mr. Paris will utilize the property and the apartment for his personal use.

A motion is made at 6:13 p.m. by Haig, second by Harby to approve the DaVinci product for use to replace the roof at the Bethany Chapel with Chairman Graham and McMickle in favor.

Due to a conflict, the Commission Secretary recuses herself from the portion of the hearing related to the Comet Management application. John Haig also recuses himself.

*As recorded:*

Ursula Leo, Esq. appears on behalf of applicant Comet Management for the properties located at 13 & 15 Ames Blvd. and 12 Main Street (Block 7 Lots 3, 4 & 14). Ms. Leo references the September 20, 2018 correspondence from the applicant's engineer regarding the NJDOT response to the Cultural Resource Survey of Lot 14 as it relates to the proposed project.

Mr. McCabe discusses the prior concern raised by NJDOT with regard to Lot 14 including their recommendation to not pave that lot due to the artifacts located. He discusses the potential excavation and installation of footings proposed by the applicant.

Chairman Graham indicates that the Land Use Board ultimately controls the approval of this application including the review of the solid waste enclosure, stormwater management, proposed garage and pavement. The Construction Official would oversee and inspect footings. The Construction Official should be made aware of the historic significance of Lot 14.

Ms. Leo and Mr. McCabe discuss permitting Mr. McCabe to oversee the excavation at the expense of the applicant and to make the onsite inspection by McCabe a condition of approval by the Land Use Board. In the event additional artifacts are unearthed, the recommendation would be made to include gravel parking.

Mayor Marino is in attendance as a member of the public. He suggests that if any artifacts are unearthed during the excavation, the project should be shut down on that lot.

A motion is made by Harby, second by McMickle to make a recommendation to the Land Use Board to include an onsite inspection by Wayne McCabe at the time of the excavation and installation of footings as a condition of approval by the Land Use Board with Chairman Graham, Harby and McMickle in favor.

At 6:31 p.m., Commission Secretary and Haig return to the meeting.

There are no items on the Chairman's Agenda.

McCabe discusses the Borough's Certified Local Government designation. The State of New Jersey DEP would require no match from the Borough for the 2019 grant application. He proposes to apply for the funds to complete the inventory of the Borough's historic properties.

Chairman Graham suggests adding another meeting prior to the grant submission deadline should the Commission wish to review the documents.

A motion is made by Harby, second by McMickle to approve the submission of a grant application to be prepared by Wayne McCabe for the purposes of obtaining grant funds to complete the historic inventory of the Borough's properties.

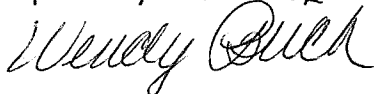
A motion is made at 6:38 p.m. to open to the public by Harby, second by McMickle with all others in favor.

Mayor Marino indicates that he supports McCabe's effort to obtain the funding.

A motion is made at 6:38 p.m. to close to the public by Harby, second by McMickle with all others in favor.

A motion is made at 6:38 pm to adjourn by Chairman Graham with all in attendance in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wendy Brick".

Wendy Brick, Secretary  
Hamburg Historic Preservation Commission