

**BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
748 River Road, Fair Haven, NJ 07704

**Regular Meeting Minutes -December 7, 2021 – 7:00 pm**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mr. Pavluk, Historic Preservation Commission Chairman, with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act statement (below).

Roll Call

Present: Art Pavluk, Patricia Drummond, Jay Anderson, Hillary Mullen, Joseph Schluter, Michelle Mandia, Steven Smith, and Carrie Nitka

Absent: none

Also in attendance: Theresa Casagrande, Business Administrator

Mr. Pavluk introduced the first agenda item, an informal application:

Applicant	Rebecca Pleat and Askash Dheri		
Address:	38 De Normandie Avenue	Block 49	Lot 18
Work Proposed:	Addition/Remodel/Demolition of the current structure		

The applicant, Rebecca Pleat and Askash Deheri, introduced their architect, Anthony Condouris.

Two Historic Preservation Commission members said they may need to recuse themselves if formal action is taken: Ms. Mandia and Ms. Drummond

Mr. Dheri reviewed the history of the house and current state.

Mr. Pavluk asked about structural issues with the house and the intentions with the front façade.

Mr. Dheri introduced Ms. Marino. She spoke of a structural report.

Mr. Condouris reviewed the architectural plans. He stated the intent to demolish the existing home.

Mr. Pavluk asked if a feasibility study was done to use any part of the existing structure.

Mr. Condouris said that they haven't looked at the existing footings.

Mr. Pavluk reminded that the Commission's charter is to preserve, and the applicant needs to investigate whether the structure is unsound.

Mr. Anderson asked the applicant to explore scenarios of whether there were any parts of the existing house that can remain. He suggested looking at building to the side and then back. He also mentioned maintaining the woodwork.

There was discussion about digging out the basement and some pitfalls that can be encountered.

Several Commission members suggested keeping the façade intact.

Mr. Schluter asked for a structural report.

Ms. Drummond asked about shutters.

Mr. Dheri asked if keeping the front wall and building behind would be acceptable.

The Board complimented Mr. Condouris on the design of the home.

Mr. Pavluk suggested coming back to the Historic Preservation Commission in January.

Mr. Pavluk introduced the next agenda item: Continued discussion/action regarding Bicentennial Hall.

There was discussion regarding the placement of the dais and the construction of the vestibule at Bicentennial Hall. There was also conversation regarding entering through the front doors of Bicentennial Hall.

Ms. Casagrande stated that the goal, based ADA compliance, is for all people to enter through the same door of the building. She also stated that the governing body needs a more permanent dais. She affirmed that long term plans include committee use of the building.

Ms. Drummond stated that the original use of the building did not include government meetings.

Mr. Anderson stated that the flexibility and integrity of the space needs to be considered.

Mr. Pavluk mentioned lessening the intensity of use.

Mr. Pavluk said the Commission will put together a Memorandum of Action. The Commission gives their support for all aspects of the project except the fixed dais.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Ms. Stephanie Rapp, of the Green Team, spoke of maintaining an energy efficient space.

Ms. Bonnie Porcivia expressed concern about the plantings around the building. She also mentioned the amount of parking provided. She likes the idea of butterfly gardens around the building to enjoy the historical building.

Ms. Susan O'Brien commented that the Historic Preservation Commission should have been brought in earlier.

Mr. Pavluk made a MOTION to adjourn that was carried by voice vote at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Papa  
Historical Preservation Commission  
Secretary

**Public Announcement of Compliance**

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN. THIS MEETING WAS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

THIS MEETING WAS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 28, 2021 AND INCLUDED IN A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS SENT TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, THE TWO RIVER TIMES AND THE STAR LEDGER ON JANUARY 28, 2021, POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE AND HAS REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY POSTED AS REQUIRED UNDER THE STATUTE. IN ADDITION, COPIES OF THE ABOVE NOTICES ARE AND HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK.

ON NOVEMBER 24, 2021, NOTICE OF A MEETING DATE CHANGE FROM DECEMBER 28, 2021 TO DECEMBER 7, 2021 WAS SENT TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND TWO RIVER TIMES. NOTICE WAS THEN POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE AND THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND INCLUDED IN CONSTANT CONTACT AND HAS REMAINED POSTED AS REQUIRED UNDER THE STATUTE.

WITH ADEQUATE NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN, THE SECRETARY IS DIRECTED TO INCLUDE THIS STATEMENT IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.