

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

Regular Meeting Minutes -February 24, 2022 – 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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, Joseph Schluter, Steven Smith, and Carrie Nitka

Absent: Jay Anderson, Hillary Mullen, Michelle Mandia

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

Applicant:	Rebecca Pleat and Akash Dhuri
Address:	39 DeNormandie Avenue Block 49 Lot 18
Work Proposed:	Addition/Remodel/Demolition of the current structure

Present for the applicant: Akash Dheri, applicant; Mark Aikens, attorney; and Anthony Condouris, architect

Mr. Aikens introduced himself as the applicant's attorney and gave the history of the application. Mr. Condouris summarized the previous submission to the commission. He said that the applicant will now keep the front façade of the home with the intention to maintain two feet back on each side of the house. The roof will remain at the same height. Mr. Aikens explained that the new house will be nestled in the old façade.

The Commission asked questions about the gables, windows, doors, and shutters.

Commission member Jay Anderson was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Pavluk read into the record the following comments from Mr. Anderson's February 15, 2022 email to the Commission:

"As discussed at the previous meeting, I was happy to see the inclusion of the original façade/street portion of the original house. There were two concerns about the design, however, I wanted to mention. The bigger of the two is that the roof of the new portion of the house is much higher than the original section of the house..... It looks like the "tail is wagging the dog". I've attached 6 images of houses in the historic district where the subsequent additions, several much larger than the original house, had roof lines no higher than the original house.

The other concern would be that the portion of the original house which would be retained will be meaningfully incorporated into the overall massing and not look "pasted on". "

Mr. Aikens said that colors and materials would be presented at the formal meeting. He also stated there would be minimally invasive exploration of the structure of the building prior to the formal presentation to the Commission.

Mr. Pavluk summarized an email dated February 22, 2022 from Councilman Rodrigues regarding Bicentennial Hall. The email said that there were no changes to the status of the project.

Mr. Pavluk introduced the administrative item on the agenda: approval of the minutes from the January 25, 2022 meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Pavluk and second by Mr. Smith to approve the January 25, 2022 meeting minutes.

In Favor: Pavluk, Smith, Nitka

Opposed: None

The meeting was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Pavluk made a MOTION to adjourn that was carried by voice vote at 7:45 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. NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS INCLUDED IN A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS SENT TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, AND THE TWO RIVER TIMES, ON JANUARY 24, 2022, 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.