

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2021 7:30 PM**

MINUTES

Chairman Levine called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30pm

Roll Call:

Present: Jacob Levine Chairman, Karen Marlowe Vice Chair, Amy Dahn, Summer Jones Village Trustee, David Wright, Jason Martinek, Gretchen Schumann, Jonathan Wiesmeth

Also present: William Sullivan Counselor, Ojetti Davis Recording Secretary

Absent: Andre Preoteasa, Anina Rossen

Chairman Levine read the following:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the press in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6. In addition, notice of this meeting was posted in Village Hall and on the Village's website, and has been filed in the Office of the Village Clerk. Official action may be taken.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Dahn moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 19, 2020 and January 21, 2021, seconded by Ms. Marlowe. All members were in favor and none opposed.

Old Business:

- Library Update – Trustee Jones mentioned there are plans to apply for a new grant
- Baird Update – The Baird is now under construction
- 167 N. Ridgewood Road – Mr. Sullivan discussed the application before the Planning Board. He explained the application was approved for the minor subdivision and the applicant has filed a new Planning Board application for a three lot subdivision which would include a portion of the existing structure. At the advice of Village Counsel, the Board of Trustees did not take action on the request to designate the property as a local landmark due to potential legal issues. However, the applicant has been willing to work with the community on trying to preserve and save the property. Bill MacIntosh a neighbor and architect has been donating his time helping the applicant with designing a plan that would save the property. Mr. MacIntosh gave a brief presentation of the new proposed plan for a three lot subdivision that includes preserving the existing structure. Also discussed was a fundraiser drive to help with the cost of the new plan. The board members were in favor with the Plan. Ms. Marlowe made a motion to draft a letter to the Planning Board in favor of the new proposed plan presented by Mr. MacIntosh, seconded by Mr. Wright. All members were in favor.

Discussion/Follow up items

- 555 Berkeley Avenue & 8 Keasbey Road – The board discussed the purchased of 8 Keasbey Road and the foreclosure of 555 Berkeley Avenue. Also discussed was an idea to have a catalog of homes that are for sale. This was believed to be part of the Master Plan element.
- Trustee Report – There was no report.

Subcommittee Updates:

- Master Plan – Ms. Dahn is working on editing the historical section of the Master Plan. She spoke with Will of Topology on submitting the redline document. Mr. Levine made a motion to forward the markups to Topology, seconded by Ms. Marlowe. All members were in favor and none opposed.
- Website – There was no update.

Public Comment:

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, Chairman Levine adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:50 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2021.

Submitted by
Ojetti Davis, Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission