

Laytonsville Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2020

LAYTONSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Videoconference Meeting Minutes
Monday June 15, 2020

Present:

Charles Hendricks, Chair
Andy Drouliskos
Susan Phillips
Jill Ruspi

Absent:

Lisa Simonetti
Michele Shortley, Alternate

Attendees:

Mary Burke, Secretary
Jim Ruspi
Jennifer Sizemore
Caroline and Mike Maurer

Opening:

Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:31. He noted that a quorum was present.

New Business:

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the May 18 meeting. There were no comments on the minutes and Member Ruspi made a motion to approve the May minutes, Member Drouliskos seconded, and all approved.

Jennifer Sizemore was thanked for her 2 1/2 years of service as secretary. Mary Burke was introduced as the new secretary.

Chair Hendricks opened the meeting as a Public Hearing at 7:38 for the purpose of evaluating work proposed on Work Permit Application 03-20 submitted by Caroline and Mike Maurer of 7115 Brink Road.

Member Ruspi asked to recuse herself because she lives next door to the Maurers, and stated that she had no issues with the application. She emailed Chair Hendricks and said “as a neighbor she had no issues with the application”. Town resident Cindi Olive, 7201 Brink Road, was not in attendance but sent an email stating that it “Sounds like a good plan and hopes they get approved”.

Items from work permit discussed:

- The end posts on either side of the bottom porch stair will change from ball spindle to square
- The ceiling will be replaced with a beaded pine and will be stained
- Floor will be tongue and groove cedar board

It was noted that the home was completed in 2006. The former owner hoped to upgrade the building as it existed. A fire had occurred many years before, however, and when the house was examined substantial structural damage made restoration impossible. The existing house was demolished and a new home constructed.

Member Drouliskos made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Member Phillips seconded. There were 3 votes for and 0 against with Member Ruspi recused. Chair Hendricks closed the Public Hearing at 8:12. An official approval letter will be mailed to the Maurers.

Lot 2, Area C, Laytonsville Preserve: Owner would like to change the postal address of this undeveloped parcel from 21620 Laytonsville Road to an address on White House Lane. It was determined that it would be best for the Planning Commission take action on this item first. There was no call for action on this item. It was noted that this is the only lot in Laytonsville Preserve that has not been developed. The HDC has approved 2 models proposed by NV Homes, with restrictions. The garage must be a detached garage and a landscaping plan will need to be approved.

Open forum on Laytonsville historic preservation issues: The house at 21728 Rolling Ridge Lane now has an occupant. It is the most historic house in Laytonsville, dated to 1783. An employee of the owner is renting the home and working on the interior. The house at 7000 Brink Road is now occupied by Mike and Rachel McDonald who relocated to Laytonsville from the H Street Corridor in Washington, DC. They have stated that it is quiet here in Laytonsville.

Miscellaneous: Chair Hendricks stated that the next HDC meeting is July 20, 2020.

Member Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm, Member Drouliskos seconded and all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Burke