

Milton Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Milton Library
Tuesday, April 14, 2009
7:00 p.m.

1. Jack Vessels called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. Swearing in of Michael Filicko.
New member sworn in.
3. Roll call of Members:

Michael Ostinato
Amy Kratz
Jack Vessels
Gwen Foehner
Sally Harkins
Michael Filicko

4. Nominations for Chairperson, Secretary, and Vice Chair

Sally Harkins: I nominate Jack Vessels for Chairperson.

Amy Kratz: I second that nomination.

Jack Vessels: Any other nominations? Brenda said she would continue to serve if so desired.

Jack Vessels: All in favor. We will do a roll call.

Michael Ostinato: I approve the nominations.

Amy Kratz: I approve the nominations.

Michael Filicko: I am going to abstain from voting.

Jack Vessels: I will abstain.

Gwen Foehner: Approve.

Sally Harkins: Approve.

Jack Vessels: Let's go for a Vice Chairperson. I think we had better have one.

Michael Ostinato: I nominate Sally Harkins.

Gwen Foehner: I second that.

Jack Vessels: Are there any other nominations? Let's have a roll call vote again.

Michael Ostinato: Approve.

Amy Kratz: Approve.

Michael Filicko: Abstain.

Jack Vessels: Approve.

Gwen Foehner: Approve.

Sally Harkins: Abstain.

Jack Vessels: Now for Secretary.

Sally Harkins: Why do we need a secretary; did we have one the last time?

Michael Ostinato: Yes. By the rules you have to have a secretary. The secretary takes the minutes and forwards them to Council.

Sally Harkins: I nominate Gwen as secretary because she did such a good job the last time.

Jack Vessels: I second that. Any other nominations? Michael, we will start with you.

Michael Ostinato: Approve.

Amy Kratz: Approve.

Michael Filicko: Abstain.

Jack Vessels: Approve.

Gwen Foehner: Abstain.

Sally Harkins: Approve.

5. Changes, additions, corrections or deletions to the Agenda

Jack Vessels: Are there any changes or corrections to the agenda? If not, we will stand as printed. Agenda approved.

6. Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2009 and March 10, 2009.

Jack Vessels: Any changes, additions, corrections or deletions to the Minutes of February 10, 2009 and March 10, 2009? Everyone has had time to read them.

Gwen Foehner: I make a motion to approve the Minutes for both February 10, 2009 and March 10, 2009 as presented.

Sally Harkins: Second.

Jack Vessels: All in favor say "Aye". All opposed. Motion carried.

7. Business

- a. Applicants, Bryan & Kathleen Hake, are requesting approval for installation of new shutters on their home located at 324 Union Street further identified by Sussex County Tax Map, Parcel #2-35-14.19-68.00.

Jack Vessels: Bryan Hake has a shutter for us to look at. His other shutters were not fixable.

Bill Bell: My name is Bill Bell. I was here several months back when we got the approval to do this item. Our intention was to put the old shutters back on and two or three of them fell apart in my hands taking them off the house. We were not able to salvage them. After contacting the Town and Robin, I was told we needed to come back here to show what we want to do and what we propose to do. I assume you have all not only seen pictures but you have seen the house since we have done it. I think it looks pretty nice. Since it was something like a shutter, I could just bring one. This is literally what we want to put on. It is a raised-panel

shutter like the ones that were on there were. Black is the color which is why I brought a black one. I know color is not under anybody's jurisdiction, but you will get a sense of what this house will look like with the shutters. They are going to be black. I wish we could have saved the other ones. If any of you know who I am and have seen my work, you know that I am very much into historic preservation as well. Unfortunately, some things just become too deteriorated to salvage. What is nice about these is they are weather resistant because they are vinyl. But, they do have the wood grain on them and they are as close a match as you can get without spending tremendous amounts of money to do a replica shutter or a solid wood cypress-type shutter. I think in today's world this is a widely-accepted solution to the economic problem of replacing something with a wood shutter that is hinged and painted. I think that it will look nice on the house.

Gwen Foehner: Does it have a wood texture?

Bill Bell: Yes, it does. It is hard to tell in the lighting but see it is wood grained. Even from ten feet, it looks like a wooden shutter.

Gwen Foehner: Are they the same size as the original shutters?

Bill Bell: This may not actually be the same size, but the ones I buy will be the same size and fit each window. If you will look in the pictures, I think I..

Gwen Foehner: Those look wider.

Bill Bell: No, no, they are not. This particular one is probably shorter. I just grabbed one to show you. For example, the smaller window up here will have two short ones that match the size of it. The bigger windows will have ones that match the size of those windows.

Jack Vessels: Are you going to mount these with shutter hardware or just screw them up?

Bill Bell: We are just going to screw them up which is frankly – I mean the old ones were originally hinged but somebody over time because of all the hinges breaking screwed them to the house. So, they will not actually operate but they will be sized so that they look like they operate.

Jack Vessels: Yes, okay, good.

Bill Bell: Because frequently people buy shutters especially with the new project and it is obvious from twenty feet away that the shutter is too big for the window.

Jack Vessels: Yes, will fold over all the trim rather than within the trim.

Bill Bell: This will be sized so that they look like they shut over the window.

Jack Vessels: Glad to hear that, yes that is good. Are there any other questions for Bill?

Amy Kratz: I say that we approve the shutters.

Michael Ostinato: Second.

Jack Vessels: We will do a roll call starting with Mike.

Michael Ostinato: Approve.

Amy Kratz: Approve.

Michael Filicko: Approve.

Jack Vessels: Approve.

Gwen Foehner: Approve.

Sally Harkins: Approve.

Jack Vessels: Motion carried.

Bill Bell: Thank you.

8. Adjournment

Jack Vessels: Is there a motion to adjourn.

Sally Harkins: I make a motion to adjourn.

Gwen Foehner: Second.

Jack Vessels: All in favor say "Aye" Motion carried.