

# City of Lambertville

## Reorganization Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission

Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 7:30 pm

Justice Center, 25 South Union Street, Lambertville, NJ 08530

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stewart Palilonis at 7:48 p.m. with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, providing the required notice on WHAT DATE? to the Beacon, the Democrat, the Times, posting the agenda to the Bulletin Board at City Hall, the website at [www.lambertvillenj.org](http://www.lambertvillenj.org), and noticing various people on the list serve, inclusive of department heads, city attorney and city engineer.

### ROLL CALL

Ms. Zinda called the roll as follows:

Chairperson: Stewart Palilonis

Members: James Amon, John Hencheck, Nora Linderman

Absent: William Dorman, Richard Freedman, Dave Ringer

### REORGANIZATION

#### Chairperson

Chairperson Palilonis opened nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Member Hencheck made a motion to elect Stewart Palilonis as Chairperson. Member Amon seconded the motion.

Chairperson Palilonis asked for other nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, Member Amon called the vote; Member Hencheck seconded the motion. Chairperson Palilonis asked for a roll call. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Vice Chairperson

Chairperson Palilonis opened nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson.

Member Hencheck made a motion to elect James Amon as Vice Chairperson. Chairperson Palilonis seconded the motion.

Chairperson Palilonis asked for other nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, Member Hencheck called the vote. Chairperson Palilonis asked for a roll call. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Secretary

Chairperson Palilonis put forth the nominations of L.M. Zinda for the position of Secretary. Member Amon seconded the motion. Chairperson Palilonis asked for a roll call. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Delvechio reminded the commission and community that the position of Secretary was publically advertised and candidates were interviewed.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The commission announced the Historic Preservation Commission will continue to meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm.

#### **RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**

Mayor Delvechio expressed his thanks to the volunteers of the Historic Preservation Commission. He expressed his gratitude for service, recognizing that the City of Lambertville relies on volunteers of all types from the Historic Commission to our Fire Fighters, acknowledging them all as the "backbone of our community".

Chairperson Palilonis expressed his gratitude of another year of service and thanked the members present for being a part of the Commission.

#### **MINUTES**

Minutes from the December, 2012 meeting will be reviewed in February concurrently with minutes from January.

**ACTION ITEM:** The People's Store, 28 North Union Street

Michael Raphael (Raphael Architects) and Jim Castelli appeared before the Commission, presenting a request to replace the windows and doors of their property located at North Union and Church Streets. It is also their intention to remove the air conditioning units and paint using a historic green color. Their presentation included blueprints and images of the proposed changes, to include the easternmost double door entrance on Church St., as well as the transoms over the doors.

Chairperson Palilonis called for questions and or comments. Having heard none, Member Amon moved to accept the proposal; Member Linderman seconded the motion. Chairperson Palilonis asked for a roll call. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION ITEM:** Relish, 52 North Union Street

Michele Dispensa appeared before the Commission, presenting a request for approval of a new sign for her store. She expressed her appreciation for the Commission's efforts on her behalf regarding her window application in 2012. She presented the Commission with a sketch of her proposed sign, an architectural sketch of the sign attached to the building, and additional images.

Member Amon inquired as to Relish's products. Ms. Dispensa explained that she retails a combination of items including antiques, lotions and other popular gifts.

Member Linderman inquired as to the height of the new sign. Ms. Dispensa expressed her intention to hang the new sign at the same height as the previous sign.

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Member Hencheck inquired as to the composition of the sign. Ms. Dispensa answered that while the sign is made of wood, it is not carved but will have the image attached with adhesive.

Chairperson Palilonis called for additional questions and or comments. Having heard none, Member Hencheck moved to accept the application; Member Linderman seconded the motion. Chairperson Palilonis asked for a roll call. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**ACTION ITEM: 23 Church Street, Jess's Juice Bar**

Jess Delia appeared before the Commission, presenting a request for approval of a new sign for his store. He presented the Commission with a sketch of his proposed sign, an architectural sketch of the sign attached to the building, and additional images. He expressed his intention to use plywood with laminate and to use existing brackets. It is not his intention to light the sign as his store will likely be open in the morning and afternoon only (from 7am to 3pm).

Chairperson Palilonis called for additional questions and or comments. Having heard none, Member Amon moved to accept the application; Member Hencheck seconded the motion. Chairperson Palilonis asked for a roll call. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

**INFORMAL ITEM: 7 North Main Street**

Justin Nawn and Bronwyn Bird appeared before the Commission, presenting a request for approval of exterior changes to their building to include two handicap spaces with corresponding signs, a small ramp for access, and the reversal of a door that currently swings inward to swing outward. Nawn and Bird own the building and are seeking to open a music therapy practice and hope to make their building more accessible to their clientele. They presented drawings and images that illustrate their intentions.

Chairperson Palilonis expressed that the changes they seek to make do not require the Commission's approval as they were outside of the Commission's jurisdiction.

Member Hencheck asked if they had a sign for their business to present. Nawn and Bird expressed that it is their intention to bring a sign to the Commission for approval in the future but that they do not have one in this stage of their planning.

All members affirmed Chairperson Palilonis' conclusion that they did not need approval for these changes, wished them well in their endeavors and invited them to return to the Commission once they have a sign designed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

As the gallery was empty, Chairperson Palilonis asked the Commission if they had any further comment. There was none.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Amon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Chairperson Palilonis asked for a roll call. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lara Zinda  
Secretary