



# **East Fallowfield Historical Commission**

## **Unapproved Meeting Minutes**

**July 19, 2017**

2017 Historical Commission Members:

Joe McCormick, Chairman  
Sue Monaghan, Secretary

Arthur DeLeo  
Fred Bissinger

Lee Schlingmann  
Buddy Rhoades

Becca Hunt  
Connie McLaughlin

Chad Peterson

### **I. Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

### **II. Meeting attendance**

- Joe McCormick, Lee Schlingmann, Becca Hunt, Connie McLaughlin, and Chad Peterson present. Absent: Fred Bissinger, Sue Monaghan, Arthur DeLeo, Buddy Rhoades. **Quorum met.**

### **III. Discussion - New Business**

- **This meeting is a special meeting scheduled primarily for the plan review and resident request as discussed below. As such, discussion of prior meeting minutes and ongoing matters of concern not undertaken in order to deal with the urgent matters a hand.**
  - **The BOS liaison to the Historical Commission, Randy Doan, was present for the meeting. The HC thanks Mr. Doan for his attendance and participation in the meeting.**
  - **Permit Application Review – 1110 Doe Run Road**
    - Upon review of the permit application as submitted by the owners, Drs. , the HC learned that the property in question is a Class I historic resource in the township, and is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The structure is in the Federal style, perhaps built in the 1820 – 1850 period. The PA Historic Resource Form indicates the home had previously been known as the Martha Pennock House.**
    - Review of the permit application and plans submitted, indicate the owner’s intent to renovate and expand an existing sunroom addition, and to add a new mudroom to the structure. The owner indicated the renovation would correct problems with water infiltration into the sunroom.**
    - Following a review of the plans as submitted, and information provided by the owner, the HC found that the proposed renovation and addition would not adversely impact the historic characteristics of the structure. The design and construction materials selected will complement the existing structure, and are consistent in appearance to the original design of the structure. The HC finds no reason to oppose the permit application as submitted, and voted unanimously to recommend that the Code Enforcement officer issue a permit subject to compliance with all other codes, ordinances, and requirements as may be included in the Code Enforcement review.**
    - The HC is of the opinion that the renovation is also in general compliance with the recommendations of the Department of the Interior for renovations and remodeling of National Register properties as the proposed additions may be reversed such that the original structure might be restored as constructed. The HC also advised**
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the owner that the Department of the Interior suggests contacting the state SHPO for any other requirements for National Register properties.

- v. **Joe McCormick will submit a letter to the Code Enforcement official advising the HC takes no exception to the plans as submitted.**
- **Citizen Request – Rick Rasmussen has requested to be added to the agenda**
  - i. **Mr. Rasmussen did not appear at the meeting**
- **People’s Hall**
  - i. a Class I historic resource which is included in the Ercildoun Thematic District (National Register of Historic Places), built in 1845 by the abolitionist group, East Fallowfield Anti-Slavery Society to hold their meetings, subsequently being home to various groups and meetings in the Township.
  - ii. **The Board of Trustees for People’s Hall has determined that due to a severe lack of funding for the historic resource, they may be forced to close the building to the public, disband the board, and possibly seek to sell or transfer title to the property.**
  - iii. **As the situation of this important Township resource is critical and immediate, Joe McCormick has sent a letter to Senator Dinniman requesting any help he might be able to provide the organization.**
- **Strasburg Road**
  - i. **As Mr. Doan was in attendance, the HC reviewed the ongoing problems with trying to save this property from demolition by neglect. The HC noted that numerous correspondence had been sent to the BOS as well as the property owner(s) requesting action be taken to save the property from further damage.**
  - ii. **It was noted that Mr. Doan will look into the situation with this property. Mr. Doan agreed with the HC that the present unprotected condition of the property will lead to rapid degradation of the structure and potential loss. Mr. Doan also indicated looking in to the possibility of filing a written complaint with the Code Enforcement Officer.**

**IV. Adjourn Meeting – meeting adjourned at 7:45PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joe McCormick*

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Chairman  
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