

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

ROLL CALL:

Present

Bob Hitchcock, Chairman
Laly Kuga
Curt Climes

Absent

Mark Sharp (excused)
CB Bowman (unexcused)
David Danois (excused)
Scott Lamperti (excused)

Also present Attorney Deborah Bracaglia and recording secretary Stephanie Sherwood.

Call to order at 7:12 pm. Compliance statement was read followed by roll call.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hitchcock explained that the Commission needs to elect new officers for 2011. As there were only three members present, Mr. Hitchcock motioned to keep the officers as they were in 2010 for tonight's meeting and on Roll Call all three voted aye.

NEW APPLICATIONS

COA 01-02-08-2011, 151 Grove Street. Mabel Huynh and Ethan Chen were sworn in. They explained the need to tear down their existing garage and build a new one. The new garage will be the same size, with vinyl siding, aluminum windows and aluminum garage doors. Asphalt shingles which look like imitation slate will be used on the garage roof to match the roof on the house and the gutters will be aluminum to match those on the house.

There were no questions from the audience regarding the proposed work at 151 Grove Street.

Chairman Hitchcock made a motion to approve application number 01-02-08-2011 for 151 Grove Street as presented by Mr. Chen and Ms. Huynh to allow applicant to remove the existing double garage and replace with a new garage which includes new foundation, studded walls with vinyl siding to match existing

neighbor's siding. Garage to be covered with an imitation slate roof; windows, moldings, soffits, fascias shall be of the same material as the siding, gutters and downspouts shall match the existing house which is aluminum.

Seconded by Mr. Climes and on Roll Call carried all three voting aye.

Chairman Hitchcock stated that the Certificate of Appropriateness will be ready within 7-10 business days.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Hitchcock reported on the house at 40-42 Washington Avenue which had been badly damaged in a fire. Alike Muhammad, the owner, would like to tear down the house, but cannot afford to do so as it would cost approximately \$40,000. If the Borough were able to tear down the house at a substantially lower price, she would take out a loan to pay for it. He advised that the house must be torn down because it's a liability.

Chairman Hitchcock announced that the Borough received a letter on January 24, 2011 from the State Department of Environmental Protection approving the Rockview Avenue roadway project.

Lastly, Chairman Hitchcock advised that the Borough received a letter on January 3, 2011 from the State Department of Environmental Protection advising that if the State Department of Transportation approves it, the Borough will receive the requested \$87,000 for the bluestone sidewalk remediation.

Mr. Gary Lewis arrived and advised that he plans to attend future meetings as the liaison for the Board of Adjustment.

Minutes of the December 14, 2010 meeting will be carried over to the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Mrs. Kuga and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.