

# TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN APPEARANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes for the Meeting of March 17, 2021

**Present:** Steve Chepurny, Karen Chigounis Pat Canton, Annette McGuire, Gina Zegel, D'Arcy DiSpirito, Marianne Aleari, Wayne Urffer, Dave Donachy

**Township Representative:** Patty Muscella

**Council Representative:**

**Call to Order: Attendance and Election of Officers:** Patty called the meeting to order and took attendance.

**Consideration of Minutes:** February 17, 2021: Annette moved to approve the minutes from February. Steve seconded the motion, and all approved.

**General Comments/Discussions: Burr House Barn:** Ed J. from JVS attended our virtual meeting. Jeff Moon and Neil Johnson are the architects for the barn. They are recommending hardie plank cement board siding with a 6"-8" exposure in arctic white with a dark grey metal standing roof. They are also recommending a blue stone patio in the front which would not require a railing. By moving the entryways to the side, they are planning on a greener look in the front. Steve asked about gutters. They will be half round in the corners. Patty mentioned that the right side of the building had a fake hay loft access door. They will add that back in. Pat and Dave agreed that would look nice. Patty asked about the elimination of one more door for additional soft scape. D'Arcy asked for clarification of the arctic white. Gina likes the roof being a different color from the main structure. Karen and Annette agreed on the grey roof. Pat & Dave thought that a red roof is more historic. There will be 115 parking spaces between the Burr house and the barn. 8' will get landscaped between the Burr house and Starbucks.

Burr House: Will the windows in the addition be consistent with the front of the home? Will the cast stone veneer in the new section match the front? Gina asked if the shutters should be larger. Dave explained that they fit perfectly. They hinge from the window, not the trim. Steve thanked Ed for attending our meeting. Steve said he would write a summary. The new building will be office and retail.

Gazebo at Strawbridge Lake Park: Gina commented on the improvement and painting of this structure by Teresa Miller. It was initially constructed by the Garden Club. A new group has been formed called Strawbridge Park Commission headed by George Gravenstine. They will be sponsoring an event to raise money for pruning and trimming.

Dollar Store: Steve said they got approved without our recommended changes to the roof line. Annette asked if there were any discussions about our recommendations. Patty said the planning board thought they had made many concessions such as: reducing the signs, providing sidewalk up the side, adding some features to the façade, muting some of the colors, and providing a lot of landscaping. Gina talked to Kathy Logue about being upset with a Dollar Store coming to town.

**Sign Permit:** E & B Coins on West Camden Ave. will reduce their sign height to 6'.

Spiritual Advisor: How will this be illuminated?

**Sign Ordinance:** Dave inquired about the editing of the sign ordinance. Patty said an ordinance subcommittee which is part of zoning is working on revisions. Nancy and the committee are through the residential and are working on commercial. Patty will send a link to the agenda before the next meeting.

**Arbor Day Award:** Some of the suggested recipients are: Public Works for all their hard work on Main Street, the new water pumping station, Papparone Housing Corporation for their plantings, the MBA for their donation of benches, The Dog Park. Patty will send us a list of recipients from 1995 to 2018. Steve asked for a vote by April 1st. The plaque was ordered by Mary Matlack in the past.

**Historic Preservation:** Annette said they are working with town council to make sure their visions are aligned. Gina said that Wayne will have an article ready in a couple of weeks for the Moorestown Sun. Annette said the preservation will address the front facade only. Dave suggested tax abatement and credits for fixing historic homes. Karen said that the appearance committee supports historic preservation. Dave recommended being positive with what's accepted. He also suggested free workshops for the community as was done 25 years ago. Dave also suggested working with the Planning Board.

**Demolition Application:** None

**Sign Permit:** None

**Goals and Actions:** There are just a few revisions to be made.

**Public Comment:** None

Annette made a motion to adjourn our meeting. Dave seconded the motion. Steve asked for approval. All approved @ 8:24.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2021 @ 7PM in the Donut Room.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Canton