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***HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
POTTSTOWN BOROUGH HALL COUNCIL CHAMBE ROOM
100 E. HIGH STREET
FEBRUARY 24, 2009
7 P.M.***

MINUTES

Present: Levi Wolf, Chairman, Joe Fay, Bill Sharon and Mason Craig, Karen Lewandowski

Absent: Ed Herbine, Richard Frantz.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Wolf at 7:01 PM.

Approval of minutes:

Mr. Fay moved, seconded by Bill Sharon to approve January, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

*Motion was made by Mr. Fay to allow tape recording of minutes for this meeting of the Historical Architectural Review Board. Mr. Wolf noted this motion would not be necessary.

365 High Street

Levi Wolf stated no action on the proposed plans would be taken but discussed the concept of the Auto Zone as presented in drawings. Comments were that the Historical Architectural Review Board had received memo from borough council on the proposed elevations and site plan, and it is in general not what the committee is looking for, however they want to encourage business coming into the area. Mr. Wolf described McDonalds, WAWA and Rite Aid all worked with the HARBoard and the planning commission on modifying the facades of their buildings to blend with architectural needs of the area. He also states the prototype is not consistent with other building in the area. It would be noted that approval of the façade would need to be reviewed and approved by both HARB and the planning commission. Applications to HARB and planning commission would need to be submitted and the procedure followed completely. Mr. Fay questioned whether any motion was necessary. Mr. Wolf commented no motion was needed; due to the fact this matter was discussion only.

1318 High Street

Mr. Fay moved, second by Mason Craig to recommend approval of replacement in kind of all sidewalk area damaged and apron area. Also, to recommend replacement of ½ round gutter on second floor and, around first floor porch area to be K gutter with spouting to match on each replacement. Replacement of shingles on roof (entire second floor, dormers and porch) to be Timberline in slate color. Motion carried.

1154 High Street

Mr. Fay moved, seconded by Bill Sharon to ratify this administratively approved application as presented to replace existing East side front door back to original 8 pane door. Motion carried.

538/540 High Street

Jim McCormick, Bill Mann contractors in attendance. Mr. Fay moved, seconded by Mason Craig recommending approval for the design element as presented subject to final review of working drawings including all four facades and cuts of finished elements. Committee would prefer the concept of a physical break on the sides of buildings, i.e. east side of 538 and west side of 540 High. Exhibit A, and B as indicated. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Wolf gave discussion on intent to write letters in application for terms on the Historical Architectural Review Board. Individuals will prepare and submit letters as needed.

546 High Street

Announced by Mr. Wolf that issue tabled until next month. No one in attendance as representative for 546 High.

New Business

None

Public Comments

Levi Wolf he had a complaint from the Hearing Aid establishment on High Street in reference to the mini mart on High Street and the various signs and planters, and collections of other items placed outside. The complaint stated that the appearance in painting and other items is not conducive to historical character in the neighborhood. Mr. Wolf stated the committee cannot comment or govern on painting. From a codes standpoint, it will reported to department head and Ms. Lewandowski stated codes is actively involved in the situation.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lewandowski