

**Borough of Merchantville
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: March 6, 2018

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

Meeting Location: Borough Hall

Members: Lynn North , Rita Lammey, Marie Hanna, Maureen McLoone (Absent), Shawn Waldron, there are currently no alternates

Counselor: Beth Marlin

Community Development Director: Mara Wuebker

Borough Council Representative: Andrew McLoone (absent).

Opening: Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and publicly read the Notice of the Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Commission joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken. Those absent are noted above.

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes, from February 6, 2018, was made by Rita Lammey, seconded by Marie Hanna, passed unanimously.

Confirmation of Application before the Commission:

2 applications before the Board.

New Business:

Application: 1803-1

Applicant Name: Karen Milano

Property Location: 45 S. Centre Street

Name of Property or Business: Nimble Needle

Proposed work: Signage, paint and façade changes

Karen Milano and Greg LaVardera presented the application. Door to be painted Benj. Moore #490, an olive green. New awning, using Sunbrella fabric, Silica Stone, frame is currently in place. Vinyl siding in areas located above store front windows will be replaced with recessed wood panels made with Boral, a composite material painted to match the existing exterior. Masonry areas will be re-pointed and touched up, using the existing Benj. Moore color #1022. Plywood panel below window will be replaced with new recessed panel as above painted to match existing exterior. Old "astro-turf" carpeting has been removed from the front step. Twelve inch high numbers (45) will be mounted to the right of the door. Two-sided, overhanging dimensional "carved and painted" 6 sq/ft sign will be mounted to a new bracket. Banner signage along bottom edge of window, six inches tall, noting phone number and products available. Needle graphic is not allowed. Door sign, size 1.78 sq.ft. is within size limitations, and appropriate.

Public: Marie Hanna moved to open to the public. Rita Lammey seconded. No comments. Rita Lammey moved to close to the public, Marie Hanna seconded.

Motion: Shawn Waldron moved to accept the application, as presented, including painting the door, transom, and recessed panel areas, the addition of the numerals “45” to the brick area to the right of the door. Recover the awning in Sunbrella fabric, Silica Stone. Approve the banner sign on the bottom of the window, six inches tall, eliminating the needle graphic. Door sign with address, store name and hours. Overhanging 6 sq.ft. sign to be no further out than the awning. Seconded by Marie Hanna, passed unanimously.

Application: 1803-2

Applicant Name: Joseph Bonafacio and Rhonda Cunningham

Property Location: 19 W. Park Avenue

Name of Property or Business: Camellia’s Closet

Proposed work: Signage

Andy Bordi, represented the applicant. The main sign “Camellia’s Closet” will be painted on wood above the window, 12.4 sq.ft. Three inch banner sign will be at top of window in white vinyl for maximum visual impact with small yellow camellias at each end, the application noted that a “frame style” banner was requested, but denied as not allowed. Door sign with hours 2.6 sq.ft. Two-sided, overhanging sign, 5.3 sq.ft. made from aluminum composite material with full color printed vinyl graphics will be suspended from soffit area with existing eyehooks. All signage is appropriate to the area and within allowable size.

Public: No public present.

Motion: Rita Lammey moved to approve the application with the removal of the “frame style” banner, all other signage as presented. Seconded by Shawn Waldron, passed unanimously.

Board Discussion:

A new Sign Ordinance has been presented and passed by Borough Council. HPC spent some time reviewing, but had more questions than answers. It was decided that the members of the Commission would review the ordinance over the month, and return with a comprehensive list of questions. We also discussed how to address our concerns, via a letter with questions or a letter with suggestions, and to be presented to whom? Ms. Wuebker suggested that she propose some language to Council for clarification of the sign ordinance when she proposes other needed zoning changes.

New Assistant Code Enforcement Official – Tom Connolly.

Upcoming stores, Creperie, Brow Bar, HeathCare facility.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn was made by Shawn Waldron, seconded by Marie Hanna, passed unanimously at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn North, Chair