

MADISON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – July 11, 2016

Attending: Co-Chairman Janet Foster; Members, Karen Jeisi, Mary Ellen Lenahan, David Luber and Carmine Toto; Recording Secretary Laurie Hagerich. Absent: Co-Chairman John Solu; Members John Forte, Chris Kellogg and William VanRyzin; Council Liaison Patrick Rowe..

The meeting was called to order as an open public meeting at 7:30 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The June 14, 2016, minutes were considered and one correction made on page 2: The Verizon Wireless antenna paragraph should be “Old Business,” instead of “New Business”. By unanimous consent the minutes were approved as corrected.

For Action:

Sign and Façade applications:

7 Waverly Place:

Ms. Foster noted that in the case of both Sign and Façade applications, the signs have already been placed without review, contrary to the regulations of the Ordinance. Photos were shown of the new door lettering for 3 businesses on the upper floors of 7 Waverly Place. MHPC had no objection to the design, placement or colors of the signage.

17 Waverly Place – The Loft Salon:

Photos were shown of new door, window signs and sandwich sign board for The Loft Salon at 17 Waverly Place. MHPC has no objection to the design, coloration or placement of these signs. Ms. Foster will write confirming letters for both applications.

Old Business:

Downtown Historic District Sidewalk Repair Project (SHPO Memo):

MHPC received copy of a letter and information packet sent to the State Historic Preservation Office by the Borough relative to the Borough’s Capital Improvement Project for sidewalk repairs and resetting pavers in the Downtown Historic District. Ms. Foster will send a letter to Borough Engineer Robert Vogel thanking him for submitting the plans to SHPO according to procedures for projects involving expenditure of public funds within a historic district and for including MHPC in the correspondence. Hopefully this will encourage future compliance with these procedures on public projects, such as the anticipated work on the Hartley Dodge Memorial. The letter will also be a reminder that MHPC is ready and willing to help and give advice on aesthetic and historic aspects of such projects in the Downtown Historic District.

Renovation of East Wing and Historical Museum status:

Part of the grant funds requested were approved by the Morris County Historic Preservation Fund on applications by the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts and the Borough of Madison for the Hartley Dodge Memorial. Approval of the Morris County Freeholders is now needed. The Madison Historical Society is still desirous of using part of the space in the East Wing for a history museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Laurie Hagerich, Recording Secretary