

**DOYLESTOWN BOROUGH
HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Borough Historic and Architectural Review Board was held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 in the Council Chambers, 57 West Court Street, Doylestown. Members of the Doylestown Borough Historic and Architectural Review Board in attendance were: Denise Blasdale, Walter Keppler, Andy Happ, Heather Walton, Marie Kovach, Amy Taylor Popkin, Kim Jacobsen and Karyn Hyland, Director of Building and Zoning.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Jacobsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

MINUTES APPROVAL: On a motion from Ms. Blasdale, seconded by Mr. Keppler, the November 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

BUILDING APPLICATIONS:

155 East Ashland Street, Chace and Sheila Gundlach, property owners

Greg Frederick and Ben Eckhard, of Ralph Fey Architects, appeared with the property owner to present an updated application after taking into consideration the suggestions of the Board. Revisions to plans for the front façade of the home include a continuation of brick onto the front for added warmth, as well as making the entrance a bit more prominent with an added gable and a larger bay window. In response to questions from Ms. Taylor Popkin, Ben reviewed the details of the front porch railing, which is not required based on grading, although that may change with the final grading plan. The planned height of the railing is 36 inches, and although Ms. Jacobsen would prefer it to be at 33 inches, the 36 inch height would be necessary if the railing is deemed a requirement due to grading. The railing will be black iron. All Board members are happy with the revised plans.

On a motion from Mr. Happ, and seconded by Mr. Keppler, the Board voted unanimously to recommend a Certificate of Appropriateness to Borough Council for the application as resubmitted and presented.

112 Mary Street, The Calhoun Company, property owner

Mike Calhoun presented his plans to convert this commercial property back into a single-family home. He has a standing seam metal roof planned, along with hardie plank siding in Harris cream and larger, six-inch corner boards, in addition to a wood railing on the porch. The Board members in attendance are happy to see this property being used as a residence again, but felt it would be best to keep the bungalow-style look to preserve the current character, as so many homes in town have been changed quite drastically, and utilize the rear addition to achieve the desired usable building space. Their suggestion is to keep the front of the home as it is currently, and they do agree that a hardie plank shake material would be appropriate. Mr. Calhoun's plans include a patio area and parking in the rear, and would add a wider dormer to the front of the home on his revised plans. Details on the windows were a topic of discussion as well; similar homes in the borough typically have two-over-two windows, while the windows on this home appear to be six-over-one or eight-over-one. Ms. Jacobsen would prefer to see two-over-two windows in this property. After some discussion regarding what is required to make this home feasible, while preserving the history of the home, it was suggested the application be tabled for now. Mr. Calhoun will return to a future meeting with revised plans.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, on a motion from Mr. Happ, seconded by Ms. Walton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Kramer
Meeting Minutes Secretary