

**Vernon Township Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2024**

**Statement of Compliance**

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L., 1975, adequate notice as defined in Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, had been forwarded to the New Jersey Herald on September 5, 2024. Notice is also posted on the bulletin board and filed with the office of the Township Clerk.

**Roll Call**

Jodi White-Bearstler	P
Liam Clancy	P
Ariel Lazo	A
Jamie Rickey	P
Harris Salomon	P
Lisaann Permunion	P

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Lee Clancy moved to open the meeting to the public. Jodi White-Bearstler seconded the motion. All were in favor. Harris Salomon opened the meeting to the public for matters on the agenda. No one from the public came forward. Lee Clancy moved to close the meeting to the public, Lisaann Permunion seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

As an emergency matter, the commission discussed the state of the historic Board of Education Building on Route 515. The owner of the building has removed all of the siding. It is not known whether the siding contains asbestos, but there is a dumpster on the grounds with plastic bags that apparently contain the siding. The commission discussed what authority or responsibility they have pursuant to state statutes in the Municipal Land Use Laws. The commission must review all applications and projects concerning designated landmarks. The BOE building is an officially designated landmark that is in the township's Master Plan Historic Element.

Secretary Jessi Paladini explained that on August 22, 2018, the Land Use Board voted affirmatively 5-0 to allow demolition of the building. The commission did not know whether a permit was required to start the demolition and whether the property owner had obtained a permit. On a motion by Jodi White-Bearstler, seconded by Lisaann Permunion, the commission voted unanimously to authorize their chairman, Harris Salomon, to inquire of Land Use Administrator Kim Decker. The motion was to 1) inquire whether a permit was necessary and 2) if a permit is necessary, was one obtained? The commission felt that pursuant to state statutes, they had the responsibility to review the project.

Motion – Jodi White-Bearstler

Second – Lisaann Permunion

Roll Call Vote

Ayes – Lisaann Permunion Lee Clancy, Harris Salomon, Jamie Rickey, Jodi-White Bearstler

Nays – None

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES**

Motion – Jodi White-Bearstler

Second – Lisaann Permunion

Roll Call Vote

Ayes – Lisaann Permunion Lee Clancy, Harris Salomon, Jamie Rickey, Jodi-White Bearstler

Nays – None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Perry Farm**

Lisaann Permunion has completed the nomination forms and packet for historic landmark designation of the Perry Farm. The nomination is ready to move forward. She mailed a certified letter to Dale Kelley, informing him of the scheduled public hearing on the nomination on January 2. She has not heard yet from Mr. Kelley, but commission member Jamie Rickey had spoken with him. The commission will proceed with the public hearing as scheduled. Jessi Paladini will reach out to Dale Kelley.

### **2. Legends Resort**

Chairman Harris Salomon said he would like to move forward with landmark designation for Legends Resort. Jodi White-Bearstler moved to postpone any action until the January meeting. Lisaann Permunion seconded the motion. All were in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **3. Nomination of Hinchman-Rickey Farm**

Jamie Rickey did not have the nomination forms completed, so Harris Salomon suggested they postpone further discussion until the January meeting when Jamie Rickey can have the documentation completed. Jamie Rickey became upset because he felt he was being interrupted and not given the opportunity to finish speaking. He expressed this several times and then stood up to leave the meeting. Several commission members asked him to stay and complete his comments. Chairman Harris asked him to continue his discussion.

During this discussion, Jodi White-Bearstler received a text message about a family emergency and injury and said she had to immediately leave the meeting.

Jamie Rickey was upset, saying he was interrupted, and then stood up again and left the meeting. When he left, the commission was without a quorum, and the meeting ended abruptly.

No further discussion or action took place, and the meeting was adjourned.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The HPC meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

The next meeting of the Vernon Township Historic Preservation Commission will be on January 2, 2025, at 7 p.m.



Transcribed by Jessica Paladini  
Recording Secretary Pro Tem