

UPPER MAKEFIELD HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

The Upper Makefield Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) met on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. In attendance and voting were Chairperson James Galvin, Vice-Chairperson Tom Merchant, Secretary Peter Gilles, Zoning Director Denise Burmester, and Member Andrew Somers. Board of Supervisor Liaison Ben Weldon was present.

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.
- II. Confirmation of quorum: 5 voting Members present.
- III. Public comment: None
- IV. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Denise Burmester and seconded by Tom Merchant to approve the April 19, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- V. Applications
 - a. **New roof for residential use at 815 Washington Crossing Rd., Newtown, PA. Located in the Dolington Historic District.** Owner noticed the existing asphalt shingle roof begin to leak in 2020 but was unable to 2022 due to covid. Owner is seeking to replace the existing asphalt roofing with green standing seam metal roofing. Snow guards will be installed to buffer against liability. Tom Merchant mentioned to the owner that the application and letter were thorough and helpful. **A motion was made by Tom Merchant and seconded by Denise Burmester to approve the application for Certificate of Appropriateness. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
 - b. **Roof replacement, gable windows, and accessory structure for residential use at 820 Washington Crossing Road, Newtown, PA, located in the Dolington Historic District.** The owner provided plans/elevations of the project on the day of the meeting which did not offer the members a chance to review beforehand. James Galvin asked the home owner which historic period he was trying to replicate/restore. James Galvin also commented that a number of items/features the owner was proposing did not make historical sense when combined together. **Mr. Galvin suggested that the home owner withdraw the application and provide a**

complete picture (plans) of the project. The home owner agreed. No motions were made.

- c. **Rehabilitation of the existing barn and stone-walled garage for residential use at 66 Woodside Lane, New Hope, PA located in the Brownsburg Historic District.**

The owner and architects are appearing at the meeting to follow-up on comments made at the prior April HARB meeting and provide a revised application. Tom Merchant noted that the barn is not listed on the National register of Historic Buildings however the parcel is within the Brownsburg Historic District. The owner appears to have addressed the concerns of the HARB from the April meeting. **A motion was made by Tom Merchant and seconded by Andrew Sommers to approve the application for Certificate of Appropriateness.** Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. Chair report: None

VII. Liaison Report: None

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Gilles