

**MINUTES**  
**RED BANK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**July 17, 2024**

The Red Bank Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM, in the municipal building, first floor, 90 Monmouth Street, Red Bank, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. A roll call showed that Marjorie Cavalier, Liam Collins, Doug Miller, Louis Almerini, Karen Schmelzkopf, Paul Cagno, and Betzy Varela attended. Shawna Ebanks, Board Secretary, was also present. Andy North was absent.

The Open Public Meeting Statement Act was read. Adequate notice was posted in the newspaper, the Borough Clerk's office, the Borough website, outside the Red Bank Council Chambers, and on the front door of Borough Hall.

**Regular Meeting Minutes: June 19, 2024**

Motion: Approved as presented  
Moved by: Louis Almerini  
Seconded by: Karen Schmelzkopf  
Ayes: Marjorie Cavalier, Liam Collins, Doug Miller, Louis Almerini, Karen Schmelzkopf,  
Nays: None  
Abstained: Paul Cagno and Betzy Varela

**Library Presentation**

Members of the Commission will present on Historic Preservation within the Borough and the process on October 22, 2024, at 6:30 PM. The purpose is to make the Commission more accessible to the public and engage in collaborations with other Borough organizations. Liam will also present on John Mount, who was a carriage and car manufacturer in Red Bank.

**Irving Place District Presentation**

Due to noticing issues, the Irving Place District nomination presentation has been rescheduled to September 18, 2024. New notices will be sent to the residents and published in the newspaper.

**Historic Properties Information Letters**

Shawna Ebanks will mail the letters to the property owners listed on the Borough's historic registry.

**56 Wallace Street Siding Application**

Elmer Blumel, the property owner of 56 Wallace Street, was present to explain the scope of work for replacing the siding. The existing siding is made of asbestos, and he will remove the siding and replace it with a vinyl-clad board. The trim details on the front of the house will remain and be repaired. The trim of the windows will be restored and replaced with Azek material, and they will

be in the same style as the existing ones. The porch windows will be painted and will remain the same. The new paint color of the house will be a historic grey. The porch door will be painted white. The windows and the trim for the front porch will be scraped and repainted. The trim and windows on the side and rear will simulate the architectural features with aluminum. The new siding will wrap up the whole building. The width of the vinyl will be 5 inches wide, similar to the original.

A condition of approval would be preservation of the window caps through repainting or Azek. Marjorie Cavalier made a motion to approve the application with conditions, which was seconded by Louis Almerini. Ayes: Marjorie Cavalier, Liam Collins, Doug Miller, Louis Almerini, Karen Schmelzkopf, Paul Cagno, and Betzy Varela. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

#### **RiverCenter Meeting Summary**

Karen Schmelzkopf, Liam Collins, Marjorie Cavalier, and the Council Liaison, Kristina Bonatakis, attended the RiverCenter Visual Improvement Committee meeting. The VIC recommends exterior improvements to the structures within the special improvement district. The VIC would like to coordinate with the HPC to provide commentary on structures that are on the historic registry. Karen Schmelzkopf volunteered to attend the VIC meeting to represent the HPC and provide feedback on behalf of the Commission. Karen will report any activities to the Commission at the public meeting.

Louis Almerini moved to adjourn the meeting, which Doug Miller seconded. Accordingly, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully,

Shawna Ebanks

Historic Preservation Commission Secretary