HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD



Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Hybrid - Newtown Borough Hall / Zoom

Present: Mr. James McAuliffe, Chair

Mr. Robert King, Member Ms. Judith Ritter, Member

Ms. Karen White, Member (via Zoom)

Ms. Ana Gindhart, COA Administrator (via Zoom)
Ms. Leslie P. Dunleavy, HARB Secretary (via Zoom)

Absent: Mr. Michael Hutchinson, Vice Chair

Ms. Marcia Lincoln-Heinz, Member

Ms. Margaret Newman, Preservation Consultant Mr. Kris Bauman, Borough Council Liaison

1. Meeting Commencement

Mr. McAuliffe called the meeting to order. He explained that this Board's recommendations will go to Borough Council for review at their regular meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at the Chancellor Center on 30 N. Chancellor Street. Applicants were advised not to begin their projects until they had received final approval by Council and obtained the necessary permits. The review process for larger projects may take two (2) to three (3) meetings. It was noted that the HARB reviews applications using *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*, and these will be cited in the recommendations.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. King made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2025 meeting, as submitted. Ms. Ritter seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by the Board.

3. Application Considered

The following application was considered at the meeting:

25-011 106 E. Washington Avenue – Tamara Grunde-McLaughlin

4. Application 25-011

Applicant: Tamara Grunde-McLaughlin 106 E. Washington Avenue, residence

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement in-kind of a white cedar fence.

Homeowner Tamara Grunde-McLaughlin was present for the application.

The Board considered the application in relation to Ordinance No. 594 of the Borough of Newtown Code and *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic* Properties.

Ms. Grunde-McLaughlin clarified that they propose to replace the fence in-kind in material, height, and style but changing the location of the fencing to straighten an area where a tree had previously been located.

The Board had no concerns or questions.

Mr. King made a motion to recommend approval of the application as submitted. Ms. White seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by the Board.

5. Upcoming Meeting

The next HARB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2025 in person and via Zoom.

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6. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. King and seconded by Ms. Ritter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie Dunleavy, HARB Secretary