



Newtown Joint Historic Commission  
Newtown Borough Hall  
23 N. State Street, Newtown and by Zoom  
May 19, 2025



Present in Person: Bill Mahler, John Donato, Craig Deutsch, Marcia Lincoln-Heinz, Sandi McIntyre  
Present by Zoom: Sean Irwin, Secretary Leslie Dunleavy  
Absent: Charissa Stone, Kris Bauman (Borough Liaison), Kyle Davis (Township Liaison)

### Call to Order

Mr. Mahler called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

### DOS Applications

#### 50 S. Congress Street

Application for partial Roof replacement and the removal of one Barrel Dormer.

No one was present for the application.

It was clarified that the barrel dormer proposed for demolition was one of six original to the building. Mr. Deutsch questioned if the applicant was looking to remove the roofing and dormer due to leakage and the high cost of repairing the dormer. Mr. Irwin said that it appeared that the applicant was looking to use a different shingle than the existing. Mr. Deutsch agreed with Mr. Mahler that the barrel dormers were architecturally significant and suggested that there may be other waterproofing methods that were more efficient than the barrel dormers, removal of which would then not be necessary. Mr. Mahler said that removal of even one of the dormers would change the overall design. Ms. Lincoln-Heinz said that the barrel dormers should not be removed.

*Mr. Mahler made a motion to recommend denial of the application as presented, as the barrel dormer is one of 6 and architecturally significant, and recommending that any repair to the roof should include keeping the barrel dormer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deutsch and unanimously approved.*

#### 111 Penn Street

Application for the removal of one original window to create a connection to the proposed addition.

Homeowner Stephanie Chen and architect Anna Kate Payha were present for the application. Ms. Chen said that they are connecting the corner of the original house to the corner of the one-story addition. She said that they would be removing a window and adding an interior doorway.

*Mr. Deutsch made a motion to recommend approval of the application as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Donato and unanimously approved.*

#### 154 N. Congress Street

Application for the removal of side and rear decks.

No one was present for the application. There were no questions or comments.

*Mr. Deutsch made a motion to recommend approval of the application as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lincoln-Heinz and unanimously approved.*

#### 401 S. State Street

Application for the removal of cedar siding in the rear of structure to accommodate an addition.

Rob Wagner was present for the application.

It was clarified that the addition would be one story, the existing beehive will be situated inside the addition, and the existing well will be opened, covered, and featured in the interior of the addition. Mr. Wagner said that they would be creating two offices inside and they hope that the beehive would be visible from the outside through one window.

*Mr. Deutsch made a motion to recommend approval of the application as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. McIntyre and unanimously approved.*

### **Reorganization**

Mr. Deutsch nominated Bill Mahler for Chair. As there were no further nominations, the nominations were closed, and Mr. Mahler was elected 5-0 as Chair, with abstention by Mr. Mahler

Mr. Mahler nominated Craig Deutsch for Vice Chair. As there were no further nominations, the nominations were closed, and Mr. Deutsch was elected 5-0 as Vice Chair, with abstention by Mr. Deutsch

Mr. Mahler nominated Marcia Lincoln-Heinz for Treasurer. As there were no further nominations, the nominations were closed, and Ms. Lincoln-Heinz was elected 5-0 as Treasurer, with abstention by Ms Lincoln-Heinz

### **Approval of the Notes from the January 27, 2025 Meeting**

*Ms. Lincoln-Heinz made a motion to approve the notes from the January 27, 2024 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deutsch and approved 5-0, with abstention by Mr. Mahler.*

### **Treasurer Reports**

The Treasurer's report for **January 1 – April 30, 2025** was:

#### Savings Account:

Previous Balance:	12/31/24	\$4,419.89
Interest:	01/30/25	.38
	02/28/25	.43
	03/31/25	.38
	04/30/25	.36
Balance:	04/30/25	\$4,421.35

#### Commercial Account: (checking account)

Previous Balance:	12/31/24	\$2,178.47
Leslie Dunleavy Ck #527	01/02/25	(\$22.00)
Balance:	04/30/25	\$2,156.47

The reports were accepted subject to audit.

*Mr. Mahler made a motion to increase the salary of the Recording Secretary, Leslie Dunleavy, to \$23 an hour, matching the recording secretary salary in the Borough. Mr. Deutsch seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Commission.*

### **Township Subdivision and Land Development Project List**

Nothing new to report.

### **New Member**

Mr. Mahler welcomed new Commission member Sandi McIntyre and noted that there continues to be One Vacancy in the Township.

### **Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Donato, seconded by Ms. Lincoln-Heinz, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie P. Dunleavy, Recording Secretary

