

**NEW HOPE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
182 WEST BRIDGE STREET  
NEW HOPE, PA  
APRIL 14, 2010  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES  
7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Sharyn Keiser, Claire Shaw, Ed Duffy, Geri Delevich, Richard Hirschfield, Rey Velasco, Bill Scandone, Mayor Larry Keller, Borough Manager John Burke, Borough Solicitor T. J. Walsh, and Chief Mike Cummings.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor Keller** announced that a police bike, valued at \$800, was recently donated to the Police Department.

**Mayor Keller** introduced a presentation by Glen Stephan, President of the New Hope Chamber of Commerce, of a request for weekly fireworks displays starting Memorial Day and ending Labor Day 2010.

**Glen Stephan** thanked Bill Scandone for his help, along with the business community and Nick Gialias of The Logan Inn. Mr. Stephan stated that there would be a total of 15 weekly events during the summer season. The fireworks would be shot from a barge on the river.

**Nick Gialias** stated that this would be a pilot program to help the local business community recover from the floods and the generally poor economy. **Mr. Gialias** stated that the Chamber has worked cooperatively with Lambertville and New Hope, local businesses and residents, and emergency services organizations to make this a reality. The short 8 to 10 minute displays are scheduled for Friday evenings at 9:30 P.M. The business community will pay all expenses in connection with the displays. The goal is to revitalize the business community and the local economy. The shooter will be Garden State Fireworks.

**Tony Santore** of Garden State Fireworks stated that his firm has an excellent safety record, and that his main clients include many theme parks.

**Ed Duffy** asked if the weekly event would be held rain or shine.

**Tony Santore** answered yes.

**Claire Shaw** asked if there was approval by the emergency services.

**Glen Stephan** answered yes.

**Bill Scandone** added that the Fire Marshal and the Fire Chief have signed off on the proposal.

**Sharyn Keiser** stated that she was happy that the possibility exists to bring fireworks back to New Hope, subject to the support and approval of local emergency services organizations.

**Nick Gialias** stated the businesses are in support of this, and the location is in perfect view of both New Hope and Lambertville.

**Claire Shaw** asked if the Lambertville Chamber would share in the cost.

**Nick Gialias** stated that the Lambertville Chamber would contribute.

**Rey Velasco** asked how close they were to their financial goal?

**Nick Gialias** stated that 90% of the money is pledged, but that the Chamber would not begin to collect until Council approves the events.

**Mayor Keller** stated that he is not planning on incurring police overtime costs initially, but if overtime becomes necessary, then the Chamber has agreed to reimburse such expenses.

**John Burke** presented a draft special event approval letter for Council's consideration. The terms of approval are set forth below.

- “1. 2009 International Fire Code and PA Fireworks Law. The operator or shooter shall comply in all respects with the requirements of the International Fire Code, 2009 edition, Section 3308, as administered, interpreted and enforced by the New Hope Borough Fire Marshal, and the PA Fireworks Law, Title 35, Chapter 13A, Sections 1273, 1274, 1275.2 & 1276.2. Compliance shall include, but shall not be limited to making application for and obtaining a permit from the Fire Marshal for the planned fireworks displays, submission of proof of the operator’s annual registration with the PA Office of the Attorney General, and the provision of a surety bond in the amount of \$2,500. Copies of the PA Fireworks Law and Section 3308 of the 2009 International Fire Code are attached hereto and incorporated herein as if written out fully in their entirety.
  
2. Insurance. The operator shall purchase and maintain throughout the events, including set-ups and clean ups before and after each event, commercial general liability insurance or its equivalent with minimum limits of:
 

\$	1,000,000	each occurrence;
\$	1,000,000	personal and advertising injury;
\$	2,000,000	general aggregate; and
\$	1,000,000	products/completed operations aggregate.

This commercial general liability insurance or its equivalent shall include coverage for all of the following:

- a. Liability arising from premises and operations;
- b. Liability arising from products and completed operations;
- c. Contractual liability including protection for the operator from bodily injury and property damage claims arising out of liability assumed under this special event permit;
- d. Liability arising from the explosion, collapse, or underground (XCU) hazards;
- e. Liability arising from athletic or sports participation (if an event at which athletic or sports participation will occur); and
- f. Liability arising from bodily injury to spectators.

The Borough and the Borough’s elected and appointed officials, officers, agents, employees and authorized volunteers shall be named as additional insureds on this commercial general liability insurance policy as respects the permitting of the event to be held by the operator within the Borough. Use of ISO form CG 2012, Additional Insured – State or Political Subdivisions – Permits, or its equivalent is required.

If the operator has any employees, the operator shall purchase and maintain throughout the events, including set-ups and clean ups, workers compensation insurance or its equivalent with statutory benefits as required by any state or federal law, including standard "other states" coverage, and employers liability insurance or its equivalent with minimum limits of:

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| \$ | 100,000 | each accident for bodily injury by accident;    |
| \$ | 100,000 | each employee for bodily injury by disease; and |
| \$ | 500,000 | policy limit for bodily injury by disease.      |

The operator shall purchase and maintain throughout the event, including its set-ups and clean ups, umbrella excess liability or excess liability insurance or its equivalent with minimum limits of:

- \$ 5,000,000 per occurrence;
- \$ 5,000,000 aggregate for other than products/completed operations and auto liability; and
- \$ 5,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

and including commercial general liability insurance on the applicable schedule of underlying insurance.

3. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the applicant and the operator agree to defend, indemnify, pay on behalf of, and save harmless the Borough, its elected and appointed officials, agents, employees, and authorized volunteers against any and all claims, liability, demands, suits or loss, including attorneys' fees and all other connected therewith, arising out of or connected to the applicant's and operator's events within the Borough or arising out of applicant's and operator's operations within the Borough with respect to such events. The Borough Solicitor shall provide the applicant with a copy of a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement that shall be properly executed and returned to the Borough by no later than May 14, 2010.
4. Waiver of Subrogation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the applicant and the operator and their employees, officials, volunteers, agents and representatives waive any right of recovery against the Borough and its elected and appointed officials, officers, volunteers, consultants, agents and employees for any and all claims, liability, loss, damage, costs or expense (including attorneys' fees) arising out of the applicant's and operator's events within the Borough or arising out of applicant's and operator's operations within the Borough with respect to such events. The applicant and operator shall advise their insurers of the foregoing.
5. Damage to Property of Applicant or Operator and Their Invitees. The applicant and operator and their employees, officials, volunteers and agents shall be solely responsible for any loss or damage to property of the applicant or operator or their invitees, employees, officials, volunteers, agents and representatives while such property is within the Borough.
6. Permits. The operator shall obtain all permits as may be required by federal, state, county and municipal governments and agencies and shall submit copies of such permits to the New Hope Fire Marshal by no later than May 14, 2010. Such entities may include, but are not limited to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Coast Guard, and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.
7. Emergency Management Plan. The operator shall prepare and submit to the New Hope Borough Fire Marshal, by no later than May 14, 2010, an emergency management plan for the proposed fireworks displays. Said plan shall satisfy the requirements of the Fire Marshal. Said plan shall include, but shall not be limited to a plan for emergency services (police, ambulance and fire) to ensure public safety before, during and after each fireworks display, a plan for traffic control and

management, and a plan for media notifications in the event of cancellation due to inclement weather or other adverse conditions.

8. **Emergency Services.** The applicant shall agree in writing to reimburse all emergency services organizations for any costs associated with the planned fireworks displays. In addition, the applicant shall arrange with the local fire department and ambulance squad for equipment and personnel as may be deemed necessary by the Fire Marshal. The fire department and ambulance squad personnel shall be on duty until the termination of the display and the removal of all fireworks and debris from the site. The expense for such personnel and equipment shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

In addition, the Chamber, as applicant, shall be required to execute and return the Borough's standard Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement and provide the required certificate of insurance, satisfying the policy limits and coverages specified in the Agreement, which is attached."

**Bill Scandone moved to approve the special events permit presented by the Borough Manager and Geri Delevich seconded.**

**Sharyn Keiser** asked for comment by Council and the public.

**Elaine McNealey** stated that she was happy that New Hope is bringing back the fireworks, and that this would help the business community.

**The motion was approved unanimously.**

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Sharyn Keiser** stated that there would be no executive session this evening.

**Sharyn Keiser** presented a report on New Street Town and Community Center Project, as follows.

"March 2010 change orders totaled \$15,230, resulting in a total of \$35,046.20 in net change orders since project inception.

March 2010 change orders included installation of a secure transaction window for the Police Department, shoring a 1" floor joist and removing and replacing a rotted header in the Police Building, elimination of HVAC suspended spiral ductwork in the Community Room and installation of ductwork above ceiling, construction of drywall and frame enclosure from floor to ceiling in Community Room to enclose ductwork, associated HVAC electrical work at back of stage area, installation of boxes at windows for acoustical ceiling in Admin Bldg., and construction of stair railing at top of 2nd flr. stairs in Admin Bldg."

**Sharyn Keiser** announced a \$40,000 Landmark Towns TCDI Planning Grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. This grant was provided to the Borough of New Hope for the Landmark Towns Bicycle Strategy and Marketing Initiative, submitted under the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. A total of 84 applications were received and 28 were funded. **Sharyn Keiser** thanked Donna Boone, Regional Main Street Coordinator, and John Burke, Borough Manager, for their efforts and hard work to secure this grant.

**Sharyn Keiser** announced a presentation by Andrew Stern, JMT, of the Parking Management Study.

**Mr. Stern** stated that the parking study incorporated an extensive public participation process involving focus groups and resident and business surveys. It is the conclusion of this study that there is an adequate supply of parking within New Hope Borough. Parking problems exist at certain times throughout the year, especially on weekends. These problems appear to be the result of parking management rather than supply. Borough officials should work closely with their residents and businesses to implement new ideas in order to create an environment in which parking is managed effectively and efficiently and the costs of parking are paid by the users, not the community. Specific recommendations are as follows.

1. Establish a Parking Advisory Committee.
2. Publish an informational brochure on parking options.
3. Provide an Internet link to the parking brochure.
4. Install more spaces for the disabled and continue to monitor the need for such spaces.
5. Establish short-term, drop-off and pick-up spaces near intersections.
6. Find suitable locations for and provide change machines.
7. Increase parking rates in the immediate downtown area.
8. Establish rates for parking lots that are less expensive than on-street meter rates.
9. Enter into a cooperative agreement with the school district for parking.

10. Revise residential parking permit.
11. Investigate the use of personal parking meters.
12. Upgrade meters for smart cards
13. Investigate the feasibility of establishing a shuttle bus service.
14. Implement a wayfinding signage program.
15. Establish additional pedestrian crosswalks in the downtown area.
16. Investigate the feasibility of establishing a parking authority.
17. Continue to monitor parking demand and supply.

**Claire Shaw** stated that she like the idea of 15-minute short-term spaces.

**Mayor Keller** also expressed support for 15-minute drop off spaces, which can be enforced by marking tires.

**Mayor Keller** asked how we could monitor multiple motorcycles parking in one space.

**Andrew Stern** stated that there is no good answer to this question, but one solution might be to ban “plugging” of meters.

**Rey Velasco** asked if it would be advisable to establish time limits for parking.

**Andrew Stern** responded that the study contains this recommendation.

**Ed Duffy** stated that the use of pay and display meters would mean that each biker would be responsible to pay for on-street parking.

**Geri Delevich** liked the idea of 15-minute drop off parking and asked Council to consider free parking at the American Legion lot.

**Andrew Stern** stated that free parking would not necessarily solve the problem and that users should bear the cost of parking.

**Geri Delevich** stated that there is a perception that parking ticket enforcement is “aggressive.”

**Andrew Stern** responded that parking enforcement officers are universally viewed as unfriendly.

**Nick Gialias** asked what would be the harm to provide free parking on days when very few visitors come to town. **Mr. Gialias** also asked if a distinction could be made in rates based upon seasons.

**Andrew Stern** replied that smart meters are necessary to offer varying rates.

**Geri Delevich** asked Mr. Gialias if The Logan Inn offers free parking on off-days.

**Mr. Gialias** relied that The Logan currently offers free parking on off-days. He stated that locals tend to use the parking lot on off-days

**Sharyn Keiser** on behalf of Council thanked Andrew Stern for the very informative report.

**Sharyn Keiser** introduced a presentation by Mr. William J. Reilly, Jr., President, NHS Cares, “Summary Report of Attitudes and Behaviors.”

**Mr. Reilly** stated that NHS Cares is an organization that is comprised of faculty, administrators, parents, community members, clergy, law enforcement and other governmental agencies. The organization is dedicated to the healthy development of the youth in the New Hope Solebury community. The organization meets every second Wednesday of the month from 7 to 8 P.M. in the New Hope Solebury High School Library.

**Mr. Reilly** discussed the following summary findings of the Student/Parent Survey:

1. 2009, high school students (NHS) are less engaged in unhealthy behavior relating to tobacco, drugs and alcohol compared to 2008.
2. While trending in the correct direction, actual data are still worrisome
  - A. 50% of all high school students have self reported use of alcohol,
  - B. 35% have self reported use of marijuana, and
  - C. 13% have self reported inappropriate use of prescription medication.

3. 58% of high school students thought they would “get in trouble” if they called for a ride after having engaged in inappropriate substance use.

**Mr. Reilly** stated that these are just some of the survey findings. Mr. Reilly encouraged Council to read the entire report.

**Sharyn Keiser** thanked Mr. Reilly for coming to the meeting and sharing this information.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Sharyn Keiser** asked that items H and I on the consent agenda be discussed before the vote.

**Sharyn Keiser** asked Fred Williamson to report on the sale of Borough Hall at 41 North Main Street.

**Fred Williamson** stated that it is not an easy market for commercial properties at present, that it will take some time to move this property, and that there is a lot of work being done behind the scenes with calls, Internet and e-mails and through this effort he is confident that the right buyer will come along. **Mr. Williamson** mentioned that there were two different people that are interested in buying the building, but the problem is that the building will require additional work once the initial purchase takes place. However, it is a valuable property, especially with the 17 parking spaces, for the right buyer.

**Ed Duffy** asked if it is a pricing issue.

**Fred Williamson** replied that the highest and best use appears to be retail on the first floor and 2 to 3 offices on the second floor. Buyers are concerned about the cost to refurbish the building in the current economy. However, it is a unique property and it will sell.

**Geri Delevich** asked how long it would take to sell the building in this market.

**Fred Williamson** replied that there is no way to tell.

**Geri Delevich** asked if it would be advisable to rent the property.

**Fred Williamson** stated that this is always an option, but there would be costs associated with retrofitting.

**Sharyn Keiser** thanked Fred Williamson for his time and efforts. **Ms. Keiser** stated that it is a valuable property with 17 parking spaces and that there may be some interest in a residential use; however, there are lots of options.

**Sharyn Keiser** asked Rey Velasco to begin the discussion on consideration of approving a formal policy for the recruitment and selection of applicants for advisory boards and commissions.

**Rey Velasco** stated that he was not comfortable with the proposal and that there are too many requirements expected of a volunteer looking to become a board or committee member. These are not paying positions and asking for a resume is not necessary. The requirements are intimidating, too bureaucratic, and overwhelming.

**Ed Duffy** thanked Bill Scandone for his research but agreed with Rey Velasco's comments. Some type of process should be in place, but not as intense as what is proposed.

**Claire Shaw** would like to see the process remain simple, but agreed that there should be announcements of open positions on the web site. It would be too costly to advertise open positions in the newspaper.

**Richard Hirschfield** stated that he wants to encourage, not discourage residents from volunteering, but does believe a system should be in place. Advertising is not necessary since the Borough has its own website, and, of course, the newsletter that come out twice each year. **Mr. Hirschfield** stated that he would like to see this item tabled. The proposed process requires changes; it is too complicated.

**Sharyn Keiser** thanked Bill Scandone for his efforts and stated that it would be a good idea to come up with a process, but to make it a more simple and a more friendly process than what is proposed. **Ms. Keiser**

suggested that a three-person subcommittee could work on this and present a revised version at Council's next meeting.

**Geri Delevich** thanked Bill for his efforts and suggested that future vacancies could be announced at Council meetings. **Geri Delevich** cautioned Council to avoid creating an exclusive club of like-minded individuals to serve on the various boards, and stated that diversity should be encouraged.

**Elaine McNeely** stated that she feels that she is not wanted on the various advisory boards, and that a more open process of selection would be a good thing.

**Glen Stephan** stated that boards like the Zoning Hearing Board do make very important decisions and that some past experience may be necessary as a criteria for appointment.

**Nick Gialias** stated that some boards are vital to the business community, and that these boards often make recommendations that make no sense. Board members should have expertise in the areas of the community that they are regulating. Mr. Gialias also stated that there are too many unnecessary costs associated with board decisions and that membership should be open to non-resident members of the business community.

**Richard Hirschfield** stated that he is offended by Mr. Gialias' comments. The boards play an important role in the Borough, and they apply the law fairly. There should be some type of process in place, but it needs to be refined.

**Richard Hirschfield moved to approve the consent agenda as listed below, excluding item H so that it may be revisited at a later date, and Claire Shaw seconded.**

- A. Consideration of approving payment of accounts payable for April 14, 2010, in the amount of \$190,494.41, of payroll for March 10, 2010, in the amount of \$56,285.09, of payroll for March 24, 2010, in the amount of \$75,984.66, and of payroll for April 7, 2010 in the amount of \$78,562.10.
- B. Consideration of approving the minutes of the February 23, 2010 and March 10, 2010 public meetings of Council.

- C. Consideration of adopting **Resolution No. 2010-06R**, authorizing the submission of Compact Authorized Investment Grant applications to the DRJTBC on behalf of the Landmark Towns of Bucks County
- D. Consideration of adopting **Resolution No. 2010-07R**, authorizing submission of grant applications to the DRJTBC for pedestrian crosswalks and the Main Street Bridge Lighting Project.
- E. Consideration of approving a Management Agreement with Ms. Susan Pierson for the 2010 Farmers' Market.
- F. Consideration of approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bucks County Conservation District.
- G. Consideration of donating two surplus desks from the Visitors' Center to the New Hope Chamber of Commerce.
- H. Consideration of approving a formal policy for the recruitment and selection of applicants for advisory boards and commissions
- I. Consideration of authorizing the solicitation of bids for the sale of Borough Hall, 41 North Main Street.
- J. Consideration of approving issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, as recommended by HARB, for:
  - (1) 24 West Bridge Street, by Sallie Stanert, for replacement of a roof at the back of the property;
  - (2) 5 West Bridge Street, by Jace Young, for replacement of a window;
  - (3) 48 West Ferry Street, by Joseph J. Wayne, for exterior painting;
  - (4) 19 C West Bridge Street, Masterpiece Cabinet & Granit, for installation of a sign;
  - (5) 127 B South Main Street, by Beth Stewart, for installation of a sign;
  - (6) 11 Chestnut Street, by the Estate of John Galloway, for an amendment to a previously approved Certificate of Appropriateness, to add three windows and to change the design of a door;
  - (7) 36 West Bridge Street, by Rafael Novoa, for installation of a fence;
  - (8) 32 South Main Street, by Jennifer Brennan, for installation of three windows at the rear of the structure;
  - (9) 90 South Main Street, by Sandbar LLC & Alex Carbonell, for installation of a sign;) and
  - (10) 137 South Main Street, by Kelly Capello & Capello Ices, for installation of a sign

**Sharyn Keiser** asked for comment by Council and the public.

**The motion was approved unanimously, with item H tabled.**

## **COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Claire Shaw** asked Sean Lawson, 31 West Mechanic Street, to present his request to bag on-street parking meters on New Street for short-term customer parking.

**Sean Lawson** asked for a 15-minute parking space at the end of New Street, near West Mechanic. He stated that he would pay \$10 per day for the bagged meter.

**T. J. Walsh** stated that a 15-minute spot could possibly be created, but there are problems with selling a space.

**Bill Scandone** asked if a meter could be bagged and a sign place stating 15-minute parking for Zoubi's.

**T. J. Walsh** replied that there might be a problem in reserving a space for a particular business.

**John Burke** suggested that instead of bagging a meter for a particular business, it might be better to implement one of the recommendations in the Parking Management Study, i. e., a 15-minute, short-term parking space. There is no cost to the business owner because the customer pays for the space; however, the space could be used by anyone, not just Zoubi' customers.

**John Burke** stated that the Solicitor would have to prepare an ordinance allowing the 15-minute short-term spaces and we would also have to amend the parking fee resolution to establish a fee.

**T. J. Walsh** stated that he would have the ordinance advertised for a public hearing in May.

#### **PARK & RECREATION BOARD AND REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE REPORTS (Sharyn Keiser, Claire Shaw & Ed Duffy)**

**Bill Scandone** announced that on June 25th there will be a river cruise including beverages and dinner. For more information, please call Earl & June Bierman at 267 994 6372.

#### **MANAGER'S AND SOLICITOR'S REPORTS**

**John Burke** thanked everyone who contributed to the spring newsletter making it another informative edition.

**John Burke** announced that next on the agenda is a public hearing to consider adoption of **Ordinance No. 2010-01**, establishing maximum speed limits along sections of Main Street and Windy Bush Road.

**John Burke** stated that there is a Proof of Publication for the advertisement of this ordinance in the legal section of The Intelligencer on April 6, 2010. This ordinance revises the maximum speed limits for vehicle traveling along portions of Windy Bush Road and South Main Street in accordance with a new PennDOT permit that was initiated by Claire Shaw.

**Richard Hirschfield moved to approve Ordinance Number 2010-1 and Bill Scandone seconded.**

**Sharyn Keiser** asked for comment by Council and the public.

**The motion was approved unanimously by a 6-0 vote, with Claire Shaw temporarily absent from the meeting room.**

**LAND USE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION REPORT (Ed Duffy & Rey Velasco).**

**Ed Duffy** announced that the next item on the agenda is a review and discussion of Zoning Hearing Board Appeal no. 341, by George Michael, for T.M.P. No. 27-10-118, located on East Randolph Street in the CC zoning district. The applicant is requesting two variances. The first is to allow a temporary use parking lot to exist for a period in excess of 12 months, and the other is to extend a two family dwelling unit use permit until January 16, 2012.

Brad Michael was present to represent the applicant.

**Council decided to allow this application to proceed to the Zoning Hearing Board without Council opposition.**

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT (Richard Hirschfield & William Scandone)**

**Bill Scandone** asked for Consideration of authorizing the Borough Manager to hire one of two part-time laborers for the Department of Public Works. The review process is complete and there were 30 or so applications to review. Pietro Fiorenzo of Yardley was selected. The position pays \$15.00 per hour and is limited to a maximum of 32 hours per week. The hiring would be conditioned upon the candidate's successful completion of a physical examination and verification of employment eligibility.

**Rey Velasco moved to approve the hiring of Pietro Fiorenzo and Bill Scandone seconded.**

**Sharyn Keiser** asked for comment by Council and the public.

**The motion was approved unanimously by a 6-0 vote, with Claire Shaw temporarily absent from the meeting room.**

#### **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REPORT (Geri Delevich & Rey Velasco)**

**Rey Velasco** reminded the audience about the Renaissance Fair.

**Rey Velasco** asked for consideration of a request by the New Hope Chamber of Commerce to close West Mechanic Street, from Main Street to New Street, starting at 7 am on July 24<sup>th</sup> and ending at 8 pm on July 25<sup>th</sup>, for the New Hope Summer Wine Faire.

**Richard Hirschfield moved to approve the request and Rey Velasco seconded.**

**Sharyn Keiser** asked for comment by Council and the public.

**The motion was approved unanimously.**

**Rey Velasco** announced a request by the Lambertville-New Hope Ambulance and Rescue Squad to allow a Fun Walk on June 19, 2010.

**John Burke** stated that Pat Pittone from the rescue squad was present to answer any questions.

**Sharyn Keiser** asked the Chief to comment.

**Chief Cummings** stated that he sees no problem with the walk, and the New Hope section is towards the end of the walk, which will see walkers stretched out at that point.

**Richard Hirschfield** moved to approve the request and **Rey Velasco** seconded.

**Sharyn Keiser** asked for comment by Council and the public.

**The motion was approved unanimously by a vote a vote of 6-0, with Claire Shaw temporarily absent from the meeting room.**

**Rey Velasco** announced a request by the New Hope Historical Society to display a banner in the front yard of the Parry Mansion from April 24 to June 7, 2010 to promote the Annual Garden Tour on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Richard Hirschfield** moved to approve the request and **Rey Velasco** seconded.

**Sharyn Keiser** asked for comment by Council and the public.

**The motion was approved unanimously by a vote a vote of 6-0, with Claire Shaw temporarily absent from the meeting room.**

**Rey Velasco** announced a request by the New Hope Historical Society to display a banner sign promoting New Hope History Day on Saturday, May 29, 2010.

**John Burke** asked where the banner would be hung.

**Roy Ziegler** answered on the front lawn of Parry Mansion diagonally in front of the entrance.

**Richard Hirschfield** moved to approve the request and **Rey Velasco** seconded.

**Sharyn Keiser** asked for comment by Council and the public.

**The motion was approved unanimously by a vote a vote of 6-0, with Claire Shaw temporarily absent from the meeting room.**

**Rey Velasco** announced that the Visitors' Center had 1,173 visitors and 107 calls for the month of March.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Ed Duffy** stated that there was a great article in the Trenton Times recently about new business locating in New Hope.

**Sharyn Keiser** commended the Chamber for a recent feature story on Channel 10 concerning New Hope.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**