

**RESOLUTION AMENDING GRANT APPLICATION
SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT**

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Township received a Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission for the preservation of the Trap Rock historic homes on Canal Road;

WHEREAS, a site inspection of both homes was conducted and the following was found:

1439 Canal Road

This northernmost-house's immediate need is to prevent water from entering the building from the roof. The rear addition is a later addition and will likely be removed at a later date. This house will have the following mothballing work performed:

1. A temporary platform will be constructed over the rear addition such that a temporary tarp can be erected over the entire roof.
2. A temporary tarp will be erected over the entire roof such that no water infiltration into the house occurs through the roof. A Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission permit may be needed for any such construction.
3. Any trees that are encroaching on the house will be removed from the premises.
4. A dumpster will be brought on site and all debris in and outside of the house will be removed from the property. Care will be taken to not remove anything that may have any historical value.

1445 Canal Road

This southernmost-house's immediate need is to prevent water from entering the building from the roof. The rear addition is a later addition and will likely be removed at a later date. This house will have the following mothballing work performed:

1. The antenna on the roof will be removed.
2. A temporary tarp will be erected over the entire roof such that no water infiltration into the house occurs through the roof. A Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission permit may be needed for any such construction.
3. Any trees that are encroaching on the house will be removed from the premises.
4. A dumpster will be brought on site and all debris in and outside of the house will be removed from the property. Care will be taken to not remove anything that may have any historical value.

WHEREAS, in addition to the above, the Township Engineer will prepare a drainage plan for each of the above houses, the objective being a plan to permit water to flow through the property in a manner that does not compromise the integrity of the houses; and

WHEREAS, at the February 26, 2009 site inspection, it was agreed that a Preservation Plan for each house would be useful to:

1. Guide all future mothballing activities;
2. Prepare cost estimates of performing the recommended work on the buildings;
3. Prepare recommendations for possible future use(s) after restoration is completed;
4. Guide the actual historical preservation work.

WHEREAS, in order to obtain funding for the preparation of a Preservation Plan, the Township of Franklin is required to submit a request to Somerset County to amend the terms of the 2007 Historical Preservation Grant to permit the following:

1. All work that is described above for 1439 Canal Road and 1445 Canal Road will be paid out of the 2007 Historical Preservation Grant from Somerset County.
2. In the event that there are funds remaining in the grant after the work is performed in #1, above is completed, funds from the 2007 Historical Preservation Grant from Somerset County will be utilized toward the cost of obtaining the above-described Preservation Plan. The Township has obtained a \$17,000 cost estimate for preparing the Plan.
3. In the event that there are funds remaining in the grant after the work performed in #1 and #2, above are completed, funds from the 2007 Historical Preservation Grant from Somerset County will be utilized toward the cost of performing any additional mothballing work that is recommended in the Preservation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Franklin, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it hereby requests Somerset County to amend the terms of the 2007 Historical Preservation Grant as follows:

1. All work that is described above for 1439 Canal Road and 1445 Canal Road will be paid out of the 2007 Historical Preservation Grant from Somerset County.
2. In the event that there are funds remaining in the grant after the work is performed in #1, above is completed, funds from the 2007 Historical Preservation Grant from Somerset County will be utilized toward the cost of obtaining the above-described Preservation Plan. The Township has obtained a \$17,000 cost estimate for preparing the Plan.
3. In the event that there are funds remaining in the grant after the work performed in #1 and #2, above are completed, funds from the 2007 Historical Preservation Grant from Somerset County will be utilized toward the cost of performing any additional mothballing work that is recommended in the Preservation Plan.

CERTIFICATION

I, Ann Marie McCarthy, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Somerset, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Council at a regular meeting held on the day of March 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Township this day of March 2009.

Ann Marie McCarthy
Township Clerk