

HPC OKs compromise on cedar shake roof replacement

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CAPE MAY — The city's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) offered a compromise to the owner of a historic Hughes Street home after the city stopped work on a roof replacement when a zoning official found cedar shakes from the original roof in a dumpster on the site.

The HPC requires original materials be used for roof replacement on a home that contributes to the historic district. The cedar shakes were not discovered until three-quarters of the roof was replaced with asphalt-fiberglass shingles. John Mistretta, of 660

Hughes St., applied for and received permission from the HPC with the caveat he had to confirm there was no existing cedar shake roof under the current asphalt shingle roof.

At a July 17 HPC meeting, attorney for the applicant, Charles Sandman, said the roof design of the house was complex with 11 pitches. He said work began to install an asphalt-fiberglass roof but his client was served with a stop work order.

Sandman said Mistretta had no idea when that discovery was made.

"He has no idea how far into the project that the contractor was when the discovery was made,"

Sandman said. "But the bottom line is when he was stopped after three-quarters of this roof was done, he found out there were indeed cedar shakes."

Mistretta said he was not a builder and did not know the difference between cedar planks and cedar shakes.

Sandman said the roofing contractor told Mistretta there was no outward sign of cedar shakes before he began the project and when they inspected the roof from below in the attic, all they saw were cedar planks. Following the discovery, Mistretta sought estimates from three contractors to install a cedar shake roof that were in

the range of \$90,000 to \$117,000.

The original estimate to install an asphalt-fiberglass roof was \$27,300, Sandman said. He said Mistretta had paid the contractor \$16,000 when the job was halted.

Mistretta asked the HPC to allow him to finish the remainder of the roof with asphalt-fiberglass shingles. He said he was willing to use cedar shakes on the lower roofs of the house.

A disclosure sheet was developed by the commission for the potential of discovering cedar shakes under asphalt shingle roofs as part of the application process, HPC Commissioner Jim Testa said.

"The purpose of this disclosure sheet is before the job begins to have the contractor in cooperation with the owner because the contractor is going to do the inspection, make a probe to look for those materials," he said. "We do have roofs that have multiple asphalt coverings, and they are over original cedar shakes."

HPC Commissioner John Boecker suggested allowing Mistretta to finish the roof in asphalt-fiberglass

shingles. A motion to allow completion of the roof as Boecker suggested failed in a 4-2 vote.

A compromise was suggested by HPC Chairman Warren Coupland of installing cedar shakes on the front visible portion of the house and allowing the asphalt-fiberglass shingles to remain where they cannot be viewed from the street. The HPC approved the compromise in a 3-2 vote. HPC Commissioner Corbin Cogswell abstained.

North Cape man charged with child porn

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE — Lower Township police and the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office arrested Joe. M. Musgrove, 44, of North Cape May, on a charge of endangering the welfare of child through

possession of child pornography.

A court-ordered search of Musgrove's home was conducted July 18 by the county SWAT Team, the county Prosecutor's Office High-Tech Crimes Unit and

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, Lower Township police and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

At the time of the search, several items of evidentiary value were seized from the

residence and found to contain items of suspected child sexual abuse materials, according to authorities.

Musgrove was processed and lodged in the Cape May County Jail pending court proceedings.

ELTC presents 'Driving Miss Daisy'

CAPE MAY — East Lynne Theater Company will present Alfred Uhry's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Driving Miss Daisy" from Aug. 2 to Sept. 2.

"Driving Miss Daisy" relays the story of Daisy Werthan, an elderly Southern Jewish woman, and her African-American chauffeur, Hoke Coleburn. When Miss Daisy's crashes her car into a garage, her son Boolie hires Hoke to drive her wherever she needs to go. The duo forms an unlikely, decades-long friendship.

"With themes of race, ageism, antisemitism and society, 'Driving Miss Daisy' is your quintessential all-American play," said Craig Fols, artistic director of East Lynne, as well as the director of this production. "Yet, despite these heavy themes, there is beauty from the gentle unveiling of this seeming-

ly improbable friendship." "Driving Miss Daisy" runs 8 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays, Aug. 2 through Sept. 2. Tickets are \$35 for general admission, \$30 for seniors, \$20 for students and mili-

tary. ELTC is in residence at Cape May Presbyterian Church, 500 Hughes St. in Cape May. Visit eastlynne-theater.org for more information.

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