

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.**

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Deborah Grob, Chair. The Opening Statement was read according to the Sunshine Law, followed by the flag salute. Roll call was taken.

*Present:* Jack Bolan  
Deborah Grob, Chair  
Anne Powley  
Barbara Shanley  
Ron Wohlberg

*Absent:* Randall Brewster  
Yvonne Beatrice  
Reshmee Cuman  
Carol Greene  
Karen Fasouletos, Alternate II

**Public Session**

No members of the public were present.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on June 4, 2018 were approved as submitted following a motion by Shanley; seconded by Wohlberg. Bolan and Powley abstained. All other members were in favor.  
*Vote: 3 yes; 0 no; 2 abstain. Bolan, abstain; Grob, yes; Powley, abstain; Shanley, yes; Wohlberg, yes.*

The minutes of the meeting held on July 2, 2018 were approved with a minor change following a motion by Bolan; seconded by Wohlberg. Grob abstained. All other members were in favor.  
*Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain. Bolan, yes; Grob, abstain; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Wohlberg, yes.*

**Chair's Report**

**Sign Repainting**

Mrs. Grob gave an update on the signs for the Old Train Station and the Laroe-Van Horn House signs that were repainted. Mrs. Powley will prepare a "Thank You" message for the Facebook page and upcoming newsletter acknowledging the vendor for his work. Mrs. Grob said we are reimbursing him for his mileage.

**Historic State Grant**

Grob said she emailed the State to check on the status of the grant we submitted for the Train Station complex. She was told today that they will be sending out an update shortly.

**Moffatt Road Cemetery**

Mrs. Grob said we cannot apply for an Open Space Grant for the Moffatt Road Cemetery because we do not own the property. We would, however, still like to work on having it listed on the ordinance with the county or state. Mrs. Grob said we will contact the owner in September to ask if they would approve of the site being placed on our ordinance, as well as apply to the state to have it listed on the state ordinance.

### Mahwah Day

Members discussed our booth for Mahwah Day. We will have a tent and a table, as well as provide tours of the Ramapo Reformed Church at 1 p.m. Mrs. Powley volunteered to work at the booth in the morning. Mrs. Shanley said she will be there in the afternoon. We will have brochures for residents and children as well as distribute ornaments. Storms will submit the paperwork needed for the event.

### **Committee Reports**

**Darlington Schoolhouse:** No report at this time.

**Quackenbush Barn:** We have received the donation from Bergen Brick and Stone but it has not yet been spread. Mrs. Powley will follow up with the DPW. She will also prepare a write-up to acknowledge the company's donation in the next town newsletter.

**Mahwah Museum:** No report at this time.

**Vanderbeck Lane Cemetery:** Mrs. Shanley reported that she plans to take pictures of the property soon.

**Carmelite Retreat:** No report at this time.

**Fletcher House:** Grob said she heard that the Fletcher House, 103 Oweno Road, was recently sold. Wohlberg said he will look into it so the new owners are aware of any restrictions on the historic property.

**Facebook:** Members discussed upcoming Facebook posts. Mrs. Powley said she will prepare a post regarding the historic sign marker repairs, on August 10 a post commemorating the anniversary of the Bayard deed in 1700, and in September a post about the first school built in Mahwah.

### **General Discussion**

**Street Names:** None at this time.

**Applications:** None at this time.

**Old Business:** None at this time.

### **New Business**

#### New Member

At our last meeting, Mr. Vasiliadis tendered his resignation on the commission, effective immediately. There is a resident named Yvonne Kelly who is interested in replacing him on the Commission. She plans to come to our next meeting to learn more.

#### Crocker Mansion

Mrs. Green and Mrs. Shanley toured the building last year. Mrs. Shanley is preparing a summary of the tour.

#### Cleveland Bridge Sign

Mrs. Powley said the brush surrounding the sign by the bridge is very overgrown. She asked who would be responsible for maintaining the sign. She plans to cut back some of the overgrown areas.

### Ackerman House

The new owner may not be aware that the previous owners were going to repair the well. Mrs. Powley suggested we reach out to them to see if they are interested in listing the house on the ordinance.

### Historic Home Repair

Powley said the foundation of her home is in need of repair. She asked if any members had recommendations for local masons who are knowledgeable of historic homes. Mr. Wohlberg said he would look into it for Mrs. Powley.

### Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Email from Administration regarding the August 15 deadline for Fall newsletter submissions
- Packet from AECOM regarding historic reservation consulting services
- Copy of a letter from Whitman regarding a Response Action Outcome for 10 Industrial Avenue
- Joyce Kilmer Society Newsletter, June/July 2018, Volume 6, No. 5
- Email newsletter from the National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

### Adjournment

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. following a motion by Shanley; seconded by Powley. All approved.

*Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain. Bolan, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Wohlberg, yes.*

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey. These minutes are a synopsis of the Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. A verbatim audio recording is on file at the Township Municipal Building.

J. Storms  
Secretary