

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019 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 7:29 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: Deborah Grob, Chair
Carol Greene, Historian
Anne Powley (*arrived 7:31 p.m.*)
Barbara Shanley (*arrived 7:37 p.m.*)
Deborah Silvestro
Ronald Wohlberg
Linda Dator, Alternate I
Scott Jackson, Alternate II
Robert Ferguson, Council Liaison (*arrived 7:39 p.m.*)

Absent: Yvonne Beatrice
Reshmee Cuman
Barbara Rakov

Public Session

No members of the public were present.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on April 1, 2019 were approved following a motion by Mrs. Powley; seconded by Mrs. Silvestro. A roll call of eligible voters revealed four aye votes by Mrs. Grob, Mrs. Powley, Mrs. Silvestro and Mrs. Shanley.

New Member

Mrs. Grob welcomed new member Linda Dator to the Commission. Mrs. Dator introduced herself. She is a lifelong Mahwah resident and real estate professional. Members introduced themselves.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Bergen County Historic Preservation Awards

The awards take place on Thursday, May 9. Mrs. Grob said she plans to attend. Mr. Wohlberg may join her. We have nominated many projects, organizations and individuals over the years.

Moffatt Road Cemetery Cleanup

Mrs. Grob and Mrs. Powley gave an update on the Moffatt Road Cemetery cleanup that took place on Saturday, May 4 at 9 a.m. We had about 16 participants and the cleanup went well.

75th Anniversary Celebration of the Naming of Mahwah Township

Members discussed some ideas for the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the Township and legal change of name from Hohokus Township to Mahwah.

HPC Office Files

Mrs. Grob said she would like to take some time to clean up and organize the Commission's office files. She asked members who would like to come in on Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m. Mrs. Storms will request access to the building.

Old Station Caboose Improvements

DPW inspected the Old Station Caboose and found there is water coming in to the building. In the short term, they have covered it with a blue tarp to protect the structure and are looking to make the repairs out of this year's budget. The Eagle Scout plans to make his repairs over the summer.

Moffatt Road Cemetery Letter

Mrs. Grob asked Mr. Ferguson if he heard anything from the township attorney regarding the letter to the owners of the Moffatt Road Cemetery we submitted to him for review. In the past two or three years, we have seen significant deterioration on the western slope of the cemetery, and if that hillside gives way the graves closest to the hill could be lost in a landslide.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mahwah Museum Update

Mrs. Greene gave an update on the museum's current initiatives. She said the recent local history day sponsored by the Northwest Bergen History Coalition was very well attended. They are in the process of developing new exhibits and welcomed ideas from members.

Vanderbeck Lane Cemetery

Mr. Wohlberg visited Vanderbeck Lane Cemetery. He said most of the gravestones have been tipped over and cemetery is in need of a clean-up. Members discussed liability insurance for sponsoring such a clean-up. Mrs. Storms will follow up with the business administrator to find out what we would need to obtain approval to organize a cleanup.

Hamlet of Darlington Sign

Mrs. Grob said DPW has installed our Hamlet of Darlington sign.

Uniform Construction Code Changes

Mrs. Grob said several recent changes in the Uniform Construction Code may affect historic sites by eliminating the requirement of a municipal building permit for new roofs or siding. She said this is something we may need to change in our local building codes. She will forward the language to the ordinance committee for review.

Carmelite Retreat

The property has been sold to Hackensack Hospital to be turned into a rehabilitation center.

Chair Position

Mrs. Grob said she plans to resign as Chair in the next few months and asked for any volunteers. She still wants to remain on the Commission.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Applications

The following site plan applications were reviewed and approved by the Chair prior to the meeting:

- Planning Board Application Review – 6 Industrial Avenue, Block 110.01, Lot 9, Docket #599

- Planning Board Application Review – 725 Darlington Avenue, Block 135, Lot 61.03, Docket #377A-2

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Copy of a Classification Exception Area/Well Restriction Area Fact Sheet Form for H& K Bus Transportation
- Copy of a letter of withdrawal of Response Action Outcome for 280 Route 17, Block 136, Lot 5.02
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. following a motion by Mrs. Silvestro; seconded by Mrs. Greene. All approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3 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