

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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 7:49 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: Yvonne Beatrice, Alternate I
Carol Greene, Historian
Deborah Grob, Chair
Anne Powley
Barbara Shanley

Absent: Jack Bolan
Randall Brewster
Reshmee Cuman
Karen Fasouletos, Alternate II
Ron Wohlberg

Public Session

Mrs. Shanley made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mrs. Beatrice seconded. All other members voted in favor.

Mr. Robert Ferguson, 23 Appert Terrace, was in attendance to observe the meeting to learn more about the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mrs. Powley made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. Mrs. Beatrice seconded. All other members voted in favor.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on August 6, 2018 were approved following a motion by Mrs. Shanley; seconded by Mrs. Powley. A roll call of eligible voters revealed 3 aye votes by Mrs. Grob, Mrs. Shanley and Mrs. Powley. Greene and Beatrice abstained.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Plaque for Gus Vasiliadis

Mrs. Grob said Mrs. Storms prepared a plaque to recognize former member Gus Vasiliadis for his years of service on the Commission. We will invite him to our next meeting to present the plaque to him.

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 to acknowledge the vendor for his work. Mrs. Grob said we are reimbursing him for his mileage. Mrs. Grob will coordinate the reinstallation of the two signs with DPW.

Historic State Grant

Mrs. Grob said she emailed the State to check on the status of the grant we submitted for the Train Station complex. She said it has been five months and she still has not heard anything. She will follow up again.

Mahwah Day

Grob thanked Mrs. Powley and Mrs. Shanley for volunteering at the booth. We handed out a lot of brochures and spoke to many attendees.

Street Names

Grob said on September 10, 2018, we submitted a resolution to approve a new street name of Adams Court at the Reserves at Mahwah (341 Landcorp) – 792 & 800 Wyckoff Avenue. In April 2017, the Commission suggested the street name change of the above property address from Jefferson Street to Adams Court, stating there is a Jefferson Street and Franklin Street in the same neighborhood and in honor of the framers of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams.

Correspondence

Mrs. Grob and Mrs. Shanley will draft letters to the owners of the Ackerman House and Moffat Road Cemetery to inquire about the status of the well on the Ackerman property, and ask the owners of the Moffatt Road Cemetery if they would like the site listed on any historic ordinance.

Brochures

Mrs. Grob said we are starting to run low on brochures. Mrs. Powley will reach out to the vendor we used last time for a quote.

Moffatt Road Cemetery

Mrs. Shanley said it would be nice to do another cleanup of the cemetery again before the winter. Mrs. Powley asked if there are any local school groups/students that are looking for community service projects. Members discussed hosting the cleanup on April 27 or the first week of May.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Darlington Schoolhouse

Mrs. Grob said the Trail Conference has several markers still are not up yet. Mrs. Grob will follow up.

Quackenbush Barn

Mrs. Powley said DPW spread half of the stone. We received another delivery of stone, which has not yet been spread. Mrs. Powley said she will follow up this week and take pictures.

Mahwah Museum

The museum will hold a Christmas party on December 14 or 15, hosted by Mrs. Greene. She said there are no other reports at this time. Mrs. Powley said a local boy scout is planning to paint the museum again this year.

Vanderbeck Lane Cemetery

Mrs. Shanley reported that she plans to take pictures of the property soon.

Carmelite Retreat

No report at this time.

Facebook

Members discussed upcoming Facebook posts. Mrs. Powley said she will prepare something regarding the Washington Rochambeau March.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Applications

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS

Bicentennial Time Capsule

Mrs. Shanley distributed pictures of the planting of the bicentennial time capsule, which was planted on Mahwah day in September 2000 for a period of 25 years. We will dig up the capsule in 2025.

Vanderbeck Cemetery

Mrs. Shanley distributed a file with notes written to the owners of the Vanderbeck Cemetery with respect to cleaning up the cemetery. Mrs. Storms will file.

Aronow Carriage Property

Mrs. Shanley recommended we present the owner of the Aronow property a Historic Preservation Commission Award. Mrs. Grob said we will ask Mrs. Cuman to reach out to the owner, who restored the carriage house on the property. Mrs. Grob also asked members to think of any other properties around town that we might want to recognize.

NEW BUSINESS

Levi Hopper House

Mrs. Greene said the owners of the properties next to the Levi Hopper House did a wonderful job restoring the stone walls along Campgaw Road. She suggested giving the homeowners an award for their restoration work.

Fletcher House

Mrs. Grob said she heard that the Fletcher House, 103 Oweno Road, was recently sold. We would like to make sure the new owners are aware of any restrictions on the historic property.

Website Updates

Mrs. Powley suggested making improvements to the website to make it more user-friendly. She said this is something we can look into next year.

Member Update

Mrs. Grob said Mrs. Fasouletos would still like to be on the Commission, but she cannot attend all of our meetings due to work commitments. She wanted to make sure that the members were still okay with her being a member. Members discussed meeting attendance requirements. Mrs. Shanley suggested requiring that members attend a minimum number of meetings per year. Mrs. Grob reminded members that we are also looking for a new member to fill Mr. Vasiliadis's empty seat.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Mailing from the Mahwah Museum

- Email/Phone corresponded regarding 103 Armour Road
- Packet from RESCOM Environmental Corp. regarding Section 106 Invitation per the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Policy Act
- Copy of a DEP Land Use Application die 50 King Arthur Court
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. following a motion by Mrs. Powley; seconded by Mrs. Greene. All approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5, 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