

Historic Preservation Commission

October 3, 2011 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Yvonne Beatrice
Randall Brewster
Deborah Grob
Alex Micheline
Gus Vasiliadis
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Carol Greene(excused)
Marthajean Drago
Tony Bourgholtzer (excused)

Flag Salute

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Public Session: Mr. Brewster moved to open the public session and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion. All approved.

There were no members from the public present.

Mrs. Beatrice moved to close the Public Session and Mr. Micheline seconded the motion. All approved.

Minutes: August 1, 2011 minutes: Mrs. Grob requested that the roll call be changed to reflect that she and Mrs. Greene were absent not present at the August 1, 2011 HPC meeting. Mr. Micheline moved to approve the August 1, 2011 HPC minutes as corrected and Mr. Vasiliadis seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Grob, abstain; Brewster, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Beatrice, yes; Micheline, yes; Shanley, yes.

September 12, 2011: Under General Discussion, first paragraph, first sentence, Mrs. Grob corrected ... Township Master Plan and would like to add.... to..... Township Master Plan and would like to add.... Mrs. Grob moved to approve the September 12, 2011 HPC minutes as corrected and Mr. Vasiliadis seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Grob, yes; Brewster, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Beatrice, yes; Micheline, abstain; Shanley, yes.

Chairs Report:

Mahwah Museum: Mrs. Shanley reported that the Mahwah Museum received permission from the Township to plant a tree on Township of Mahwah, Mahwah Museum property in honor of the late Township Historian, John Bristow. Mrs. Shanley will call the Museum for the details as to the date, and time of the dedication so the Commission members could attend.

Mahwah Day: The Chair thanked the members who volunteered to work at the HPC table and also the members who conducted the walking tours at the Ramapo Reformed Church and Cemetery and the

Train Station Museum and acknowledged Mr. Robert Adler, of the Train Station Museum for volunteering his time.

Mrs. Shanley reported that the HPC table sold a few ornaments and received donations for the repair of the Glasgow Outhouse. The Chair gave the money to the secretary to deposit into the HPC Trust Fund Account.

Mr. Michelini reported that the historic marker located on Ramapo Valley Road by the Hopper Gristmill is down and seems to have been removed from its location. The secretary will check with DPW Director, Keith Hallissey as to its location. The Chair reported that it is not a Township marker she believes it is a county historic marker.

Chestnut Trees Development: The Chair reported that she had a discussion with Mr. Scott Krazinski regarding the status of the barn. Mr. Krazinski was more concerned with the house demolition than the status of the relocation of the barn. The Chair explained that the barn is older and is more historically significant to the history of the Township than the house.

The Chair reported that NJ Barn Co., expressed interest in the barn and a resident from Connecticut also inquired about the barn, but needed the measurements of the barn. Mr. Brewster will take measurements of the barn for the Chair.

Fardale Chapel: The Chair reported that she had spoken to Fardale Chapel Trustee, Jo Rosencrantz regarding the historic status of the Chapel and Mrs. Rosencrantz is researching the location of the Chapel deed and title in order to proceed with the Chapel's historic designation listing on the Township Ordinance.

Winter Farmhouse: The Chair reported that the window at the Winter Farmhouse still has not been replaced. It appears the replacement is a piece of plastic. The Chair will write a letter to Mr. Alvarez and copy Township Property Maintenance Inspector, Thomas Mulvey, to make sure that the window is replaced with glass not plastic.

The Chair reported that she had been asked by a resident if the HPC had a copy of the Township minutes going back to the 1950's. The Chair will inform him that the correct person to contact is the Township Clerk. He explained that he is concerned about the status of the junk yard on Fyke Road, which he believes goes back to the 1950's.

Darlington Schoolhouse: The Chair reported that Mr. Goodell contacted her regarding the location of the electrical box on the outside of the front of Darlington Schoolhouse. Mrs. Shanley, and Mr. Brewster and Mr. Vasiliadis met with Mr. Goodell on September, 26, 2011 to discuss a better location for the electrical box and agreed on a location that would not stand out. Township Electrical Inspector, John Lane, contacted Rockland Electric and scheduled a meeting discuss the relocation of the box.

Mrs. Shanley also reported that she mentioned to Mr. Goodell that the selected multiple colors for the outside of the Darlington Schoolhouse did not match the original colors. Mr. Goodell agreed and will correct.

Applications: None at this time.

Old Business:

Mr. Michelini reported that he had completed the second part of his Joyce Kilmer assignment, which was to propose ways to promote the life and work of Joyce Kilmer while he was a resident of Mahwah. Mr. Michelini summarized the report, which is on file as part of these minutes. The Commission reviewed Mr. Michelini suggestions. The Chair thanked Mr. Michelini for his thorough report and requested that the Commission review the report for discussion at the November, 2011 meeting

Mr. Vasiliadis moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Michelini seconded the motion. All approved.

These minutes are a synopsis of the MHPC tapes, which are on file at the Township Municipal Building.

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