

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

October 5, 2015 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Roll Call

Present

Reshmee Cuman
Carol Greene
Deborah Grob
Anne Powley
Ronald Wohlberg
Yvonne Beatrice
K. Karen Fasouletos
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Jack Bolan, excused
Randy Brewster, excused
Gus Vasiliadis

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Flag Salute:

Open Public Session: Mrs. Greene moved to open the Public Session and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Shanley, yes.

No members of the public were present.

Mr. Wohlberg moved to close the Public Session and Mrs. Fasouletos seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Shanley, yes.

Minutes: Mrs. Shanley corrected under Quackenbush Barn: First sentence, Mrs. Shanley met..... To Michael Delsher and his father met.....

Mrs. Grob moved to approve the September 14, 2015 as corrected and Mrs. Fasouletos seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Shanley, yes.

Chair's Report:

The Chair welcomed Reshmee Cuman as a new Class "C" member of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). Mrs. Cuman thanked everyone and stated that she is excited about her new position on the HPC and is looking forward to working with the members.

Mahwah Day: Mrs. Shanley reported that the Mahwah Day HPC table was a huge success. The "Historic Sites Game" was a success and 35 Havemeyer ornaments were given away to participants who did know our historic sites. Mrs. Shanley stated that it was very reassuring that people knew Mahwah's historic sites.

Mrs. Grob reported that the tour of the Ramapo Reformed Church was well attended.

Mahwah Heritage Awards: The Mahwah Heritage Award for 2015 will be given to the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference (NYNJTC) for its work on restoring the Darlington Schoolhouse. Mrs. Shanley and Mrs. Greene will work on the wordage for the award, which will be presented to the NYNJTC at the Township Council December 17, 2015 meeting.

Mrs. Greene will contact the NYNJTC and ask if a historic marker is appropriate for the Darlington Schoolhouse, since the NYNJTC has already erected a historic marker on the property.

Quackenbush Barn: The Chair reported she met with Township Administrative Officer for Planning and Zoning, Michael Kelly and Business Administrator, Brian Campion, regarding the condition of the Quackenbush Barn, since it has been determined not to be structurally safe. The Chair reported that she would like to correct what needs to be done in time for the Eagle Scout, Michael Delcher, to complete his painting and restoration of the barn in the time frame he has to complete his Eagle Scout project. The Chair asked the members for ideas of another equally demanding project to offer Michael Delcher, if the barn does not work out.

Winters Farmhouse: Chair reported that the owners submitted copies of invoices from repairs that have been made to the Winters Farmhouse. Mrs. Shanley will follow up, with the owners, on the outstanding repairs that still need to be completed.

Glasgow Outhouse: The Chair reported that the paint color for the Glasgow Outhouse is the same color as the Quackenbush Barn.

Committee Reports:

Carmelite Retreat: Mrs. Greene will schedule with the Carmelite Retreat caretaker, October 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and October 29, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. as an alternate date to complete the photo documentation of the Carmelite Retreat. Mrs. Shanley, Mrs. Powley and Mrs. Cuman volunteered to work with Mrs. Greene on this project.

CLG Questionnaire: Mrs. Shanley and Mrs. Beatrice completed the CLG survey and also asked for information to help the HPC to create and maintain its historic sites. They noted that Mahwah has only one Street Scape "West Ramapo Avenue".

Grants Applications: Mrs. Powley reported that she is still trying to complete the County of Bergen Department of Parks Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs 2016 History Grant Program application for a \$2000.00 matching grant to publish "Mahwah Historic Sites" booklet. The grant is for 2016 and she will be submitting the Grant application Declaration of Intent to Apply by Friday, October 30, 2015.

Pilgrim Pipeline: Mrs. Powley reported that the Bergen County Freeholders passed a resolution opposing the Bergen County Park Department permission to allow the Pilgrim Pipeline on County Parkland. It is the Freeholders intention to ask the Bergen County Park Department to rescind its permission to allow the Pilgrim Pipeline on County Parkland.

Mahwah Museum Liaison: Mrs. Greene reported that the new Mahwah Museum has opened and encourages the members to visit the new exhibits.

Applications:

Demolition Permit Application, 28 Bartholf Lane, Block 157, Lot 19, demo of detached garage.

After a thorough review of Garage Demolition Permit for 28 Bartholf Lane, it was determined that the site is not listed on the Township ordinance or BCHSS. Mrs. Powley stated that she would reach out to the owner of 28 Bartholf Lane and ask if the HPC could photo document the stone garage before demolition.

Mr. Wohlberg moved to approve the Garage Demolition Permit for 28 Bartholf Lane, Mahwah and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion.

Vote: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Bolan, yes; Greene, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Shanley, yes.

General Discussion:

Mrs. Grob reported that Mrs. Greene has been storing the Ramapo Reformed Church historic documents and that the Church has purchased fire proof file cabinets for these records. Therefore, Mrs. Greene is now able to pass the Church historic records back to the Church where they will be stored going forward.

Mrs. Powley asked if the HPC will be contacting the owners of the house at the corner of Chapel Road and Pulis Avenue to ask if they would be interested in listing the property on the ordinance or at least do a photo documentation of the house.

Mrs. Shanley stated that the HPC should be documenting the current properties in Mahwah. The HPC should be photo documenting current history of Mahwah. It was suggested that this could be a Girl Scout “Gold Badge” project.

Adjournment: With no further business, Mrs. Grob moved to adjourn the HPC meeting and Mrs. Fasouletos seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. All approved.

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

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