

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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 7:31 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
Reshmee Cuman
Carol Greene, Historian
Deborah Grob, Chair
Anne Powley
Barbara Shanley
Deborah Silvestro
Ronald Wohlberg

Absent: Jack Bolan
Randall Brewster
Karen Fasouletos, Alternate II

Public Session

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

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Mrs. Grob welcomed former member Constantine "Gus" Vasiliadis, 28 Parsons Court, to the meeting. She presented him with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Mayor and Township for his 20 years of service on the Commission. Members reminisced about some of their favorite memories working with Mr. Vasiliadis on the Commission.

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

New Member

Mrs. Grob welcomed Debbie Silvestro as the newest member of the Commission. Mrs. Silvestro gave a brief update on her background in Mahwah and experience as a real estate agent, and thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on October 1, 2018 were approved following a motion by Mrs. Beatrice; seconded by Mrs. Powley. A roll call of eligible voters revealed five aye votes by Mrs. Beatrice, Mrs. Grob, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Shanley and Mrs. Powley. Mr. Wohlberg, Mrs. Silvestro and Mrs. Cuman abstained.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Historic State Grant

Mrs. Grob said we did not receive the grant we submitted for the Train Station complex. She said she was told the grants were awarded to projects in the planning phase. Mrs. Beatrice said she brought this

up at the Mahwah Museum, and was told that if we applied for the grant in good faith there is a chance we could challenge it. Mrs. Grob said she thinks we should wait until we receive the formal rejection letter to see if there is any further action we can take.

Sign Repainting

Mrs. Grob said the signs for the Old Train Station and the Laroe-Van Horn House signs were put back up and they look wonderful. 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. She said she will coordinate the reinstallation of the two signs with DPW.

Brochures

Mrs. Storms found several additional boxes of brochures in the office, so we do not need to reprint at this time.

Demolition Permit

Robbie's Music Barn on Route 17 South is slated to be demolished. Mrs. Grob has been in touch with the owner and requested to get in the building before it is demolished. The owner was not available to open up the building but told her he would take pictures of the building before it is taken down.

Moffatt Road Cemetery Cleanup – Saturday, May 4, 2019

Mrs. Powley has arranged for the Boy Scouts to help with a spring cleanup of the Moffatt Road Cemetery. The cleanup will begin at 9 a.m.

Hamlet of Darlington Sign

Mrs. Grob reached out to the NY/NJ Trail Conference to see when we can arrange to have the Hamlet of Darlington Sign installed. The sign is currently being stored in the garage at Continental Soldier's Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vanderbeck Lane Cemetery

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

Quackenbush Barn

Mrs. Powley said DPW spread the rest of the remaining stone we received.

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.

Carmelite Retreat

Mrs. Grob asked Mrs. Silvestro if she had heard anything about the status of the Carmelite Retreat.

Facebook

Members discussed upcoming Facebook posts. Mrs. Powley said she would prepare something about Robbie's Music Barn.

2019 Meeting Dates

Mrs. Grob distributed a copy of the 2019 Meeting Dates for approval.

2019 Temporary Budget Request

Mrs. Grob said we received a request from Administration regarding requests for our 2019 Temporary Budget. We will request the full \$150 proposed in our 2019 budget to pay for dues and subscriptions that are due in the first quarter of 2019. She asked if any members had additional feedback. There were no further comments.

Historic Preservation Awards

Mrs. Grob said the Commission is going to organize a historic awards ceremony for a few projects around town. Members discussed holding a ceremony at our February meeting. Mrs. Greene suggested we recognize projects around town that have restored their stone walls. Mrs. Greene and Mr. Wohlberg volunteered to work on a subcommittee to coordinate the ceremony. Mrs. Grob encouraged all members to keep an eye out around town for good work.

Aronow Carriage Property

Mrs. Shanley recommended we present the owner of the Aronow property a Historic Preservation Commission Award. Mrs. Grob asked 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.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Applications

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Memo from Administrative Office Geri Entrup to Municipal Clerk Kathrine Coviello regarding a Street Name Routing Sheet Review for 792 & 800 Wyckoff Avenue
- Township Resolution dated October 18 regarding the changing of the street name of Jefferson Court to Adams Court in the Reserves at Mahwah (792 & 800 Wyckoff Avenue)
- Copy of a Notice of NJDEP Transition Area Waiver Individual Permit from PK Environmental regarding Block 48, Lot 1 (South Street/Hines Avenue)
- Copy of a letter to Municipal Clerk Coviello regarding NJDEP Flood Hazard Area General Permit #6 and FHA Verification regarding Block 48, Lot 1
- Copy of an online article in NJ Spotlight entitled "Plenty of Backers for Big Tax Credit to Rehabilitate Historic Properties in NJ"
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. following a motion by Mrs. Shanley; seconded by Mrs. Silvestro. All approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 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