

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

December 7, 2015 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Roll Call

Present

Absent

Rushmee Cuman

Jack Bolan, excused

Deborah Grob

Randy Brewster, excused

Anne Powley

K. Karen Fasouletos, excused

Ronald Wohlberg

Carol Greene, excused

Yvonne Beatrice

Gus Vasiliadis, excused

Barbara Shanley, Chair

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Flag Salute:

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

Vote: 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Cuman, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Shanley, yes.

No members of the public were present.

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

Vote: 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Cuman, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Shanley, yes.

Minutes: Mrs. Powley moved to approve the November 3, 2015 minutes as read and Mr. Wohlberg seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Cuman, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Shanley, yes.

Chair's Report:

The Chair reported that she will do the Mahwah Heritage award certificates and take the pictures and Mrs. Powley will present.

The Chair reported that she will meet with the Mayor and Business Administrator on December 8, 2015 to review the HPC's 2016 budget and to also discuss the progress of the re-shoring work that needs to be done to the Quackenbush Barn prior to Boy Scout Michael Delcher's Eagle Scout project of the Quackenbush Barn painting and repair work.

Mr. Wohlberg reported that he couldn't make the meeting, but submitted his repair recommendation plans to Mrs. Shanley for review at the meeting.

The Commission agreed that Mrs. Shanley should suggest Mr. Vincent La Barbeiri, as a contractor for the re-shoring project, since he is very familiar with historic structures.

Committee Reports:

Darlington Schoolhouse: No report at this time.

Quackenbush Barn: No further report at this time.

Winters Farmhouse: Mrs. Shanley reported that the owner's attorney, Mr. James Jaworski, asked to attend the HPC's January 4, 2016 meeting to discuss the Winter Farmhouse. The Chair suggested that the HPC move it's January 4, 2016 meeting to January 11, 2016 to insure a quorum. It was agreed.

Glasgow Outhouse: Mr. Wohlberg reported that he will repair the broken window on the Glasgow Outhouse in the spring.

Carmelite Retreat: No report at this time.

Sign and Brochure: Mrs. Powley reported that she is waiting to hear from the County of Bergen Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs if the HPC has been awarded a History Grant for 2016 for the design and printing of the revised HPC historic signs brochure. In the meantime, she will obtain design and printing quotes.

HPC Facebook Page: Mrs. Powley reported that with the assistance of Mrs. Cuman and Mrs. Fasouletos the HPC Facebook page is up. It was decided that each member will take a "Fact of the Month" to post on the HPC Facebook page for 2016. Mrs. Shanley will start with February, Mrs. Grob will work on March, Mrs. Beatrice will complete April, Mr. Wohlberg will continue with May, and Mrs. Cuman will complete June.

Mahwah Museum Liaison: No report at this time.

Applications: None at this time.

General Discussion:

Mrs. Powley reported that Mr. Thomas Grissom asked her if the HPC would be interested in re-doing the Train Station Museum historic marker, which is almost impossible to read. Mrs. Powley will include the Train Station Museum and Caboose in the Historic Sites brochure.

Mrs. Powley asked about the log cabin that the County of Bergen took down in the Ramapo Reservation Park. It was agreed that the Chair will send a letter to the Bergen County Historic Preservation Commission and ask why the Mahwah HPC was not notified of the demolition.

Mrs. Shanley reported that the stone pillars on Miller Road were taken down by the owner of the property. The pillars were falling apart and since it is not on Township property, the DPW could not repair them and the owner said they were too expensive to repair.

Mrs. Shanley also reported that the stone pillars at Ramapo Collage are in need of repair and suggested that the HPC reach out to the college and request that they repair them.

Adjournment: With no further business, Mrs. Grob moved to adjourn the HPC meeting and Mr. Wohlberg seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 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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