

MAHWAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (MHPC)
February 4, 2008 MINUTES

Roll Call

Present

Barbara Shanley
Randell Brewster
John Bristow
Gus Vasiliadis
Carol Greene

Absent

Marthajean Drago, excused
Lynn Ballerini, excused
Kenneth Cerullo, excused
J. Thomas Thornton

Salute to the flag

The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Minutes: There was not a quorum from the August 6, or September 10, 2007 meeting to approve the minutes. Mr. Vasiliadis moved to approve the November 5, 2007 as read and Mrs. Greene seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 5 yes 0 no: Brewster, yes; Bristow, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes.

Legal: The attorney was not present.

Public Session: Mrs. Greene moved to open the Public Session and Mr. Vasiliadis seconded the motion. All approved

Vote: 5 yes 0 no: Brewster, yes; Bristow, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes.

Mrs. Greene introduced Mr. George McDonald as a resident of Mahwah interested in offering his services as a member of the HPC. Mr. McDonald will submit his resume to the Mayor and copy the Council and Commission. The Commission welcomed Mr. McDonald's offer to become a member of the HPC.

Mr. Bristow moved to close the Public Session and Mrs. Greene seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 5 yes 0 no: Brewster, yes; Bristow, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Mrs. Shanley asked for the members update on the Master Plan. Mr. Brewster and Mrs. Shanley reported that they had compiled a list of property addresses that needed to be confirmed on the Tax Assessors block and lot listing. Mrs. Shanley gave a brief synopsis of the HPC's involvement in the proposed Township Master Plan update.

Mr. Vasiliadis moved to reopen the Public Session and Mr. Bristow seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 5 yes 0 no: Brewster, yes; Bristow, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes.

The Chair recognized Mr. McDonald. Mr. McDonald asked what incentive does the HPC offer residents to list their home on the HPC element of the Township Ordinance. Mrs. Shanley reported that the inclusion of the property on the HPC element of the Township Ordinance protects the property from demolition and protects the historic value of the property. However, at this time, there is no tax or financial incentive offered. Mrs. Greene reported that the Commission submits their recommendations directly to the Planning Board for a final vote. Mrs. Shanley reported that the Construction Department and Planning/Zoning Department submit copies of applications to the HPC for their review and comments.

Mr. Bristow moved to close the Public Session and Mr. Brewster seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 5 yes 0 no: Brewster, yes; Bristow, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes.

Mrs. Shanley reported that updating the historic element of the Master Plan is a lot more involved than she had expected and suggested that the members work on a weekend schedule to come in and use the Tax Assessor public computer listing to accurately identify the historic properties.

Mrs. Brewster reported that out of the 30 addresses he researched 13 addresses need to be confirmed for actual street addresses and if the structures are still there or properties have been subdivided.

It was suggested that someone looks up the properties on the computer and gives the list to the others to physically locate the properties for street addresses.

Mrs. Greene and Mr. Vasiliadis will confirm the 13 addresses from Mr. Brewster's list.

The Commission broke down the list in groups. Mr. Vasiliadis and Mrs. Greene will work on 32 through 63 properties.

Mrs. Shanley will take 64 through 88.

Mrs. Shanley and Mr. Vasiliadis will come in on Saturday February 9, to look up properties, and Mrs. Shanley and Mrs. Greene will come in on Saturday February 16, to look up properties.

BUDGET:

Mrs. Shanley will contact the Township Clerk's office to see if she needs to meet with the Council to review the HPC budget.

Mrs. Shanley reported that the Commission is eligible to apply for a Certified Local Government (CGL) Grant. Mrs. Shanley asked if any member would like to review the grant application keeping in mind that the submission deadline is April 25, 2008. Mrs. Greene volunteered to review the application to see if the grant has a category for the HPC.

Mrs. Greene suggested contacting McCabe & Associates to help with the grant application for West Mahwah, even though he had already applied for it and it was rejected. Mrs. Greene reported that with some additional information from the Commission, Mrs. Greene feels that the Commission

can submit a viable grant application. Mrs. Shanley will contact Mr. McCabe for a copy of the original application.

Applications:

NJDEP Applications: Mr. Vasiliadis suggested assigning one person to review the NJDEP applications for comments. Mr. Shanley reported that it is important that the Commission reviews these applications for historic recommendations.

Mr. Vasiliadis asked if the McMillan Reservation Dam is listed on the HPC historic inventory. Mrs. Shanley noted for the record that the HPC noted that the McMillan Reservation Dam is listed as an historic site on the Bergen County Historic Sites listing as #0233-128.

Mr. Vasiliadis moved to approve the NJDEP Applications and Mr. Bristow seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 5 yes 0 no: Brewster, yes; Bristow, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes.

John & Laura Rokoszak, Docket #516, Youngs Road and Bartholf Lane: Let the minutes reflect that after a thorough review of Docket #516 it was decided that Docket #516 has no historic significance. Mr. Bristow moved to approve Docket #516 and Mr. Vasiliadis seconded the motion. The motion was approved. 4 yes; 1 abstain; 0 no.

Vote: Brewster, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Greene, abstain; Bristow, yes; Shanley, yes.

Peter Halsch/Andy McGill, Docket #460: Let the minutes reflect that after a thorough review of Docket #460 it was decided that Docket #460 has no historic significance. Mrs. Greene moved to approve Docket #460 and Mr. Vasiliadis seconded the motion. All approved:

Vote: 5 yes 0 no: Brewster, yes; Bristow, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes.

Pilot

Let the minutes reflect that after a thorough review of Docket # it was decided that Docket # has no historic significance. Mrs. Greene moved to approve Docket # and Mr. Bristow seconded the motion. The motion was approved: 3 yes; 2 abstain; 0 no.

Vote: Brewster, abstain; Bristow, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, abstain.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historic Markers

2007 Quackenbush Barn: Mrs. Shanley will contact Mrs. Drago for the marker text for the March 2008 meeting. If Mrs. Drago is unable to complete the text, Mrs. Greene volunteered to write it.

2008 Historic Marker. Mr. Bristow suggested the ABEX building.

Mr. Vasiliadis suggested reprinting the Darlington Schoolhouse ornament for 2009, since the renovation is expected to be complete in 2009. The secretary will obtain quotes for the ornaments.

For the record, Mrs. Greene, returned the Darlington Schoolhouse ornament that she borrowed for the Darlington Schoolhouse Trail Conference/Township/County dedication ceremony.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Brewster will contact Mr. Scott Krazinski, 28 Masonicus Road, to confirm that he is still interested in listing the property on the Township Ordinance as an historic property. He will invite Mr. Krazinski to the March meeting.

Mrs. Greene asked if the HPC could print more of the color HPC informational brochures for the public. The secretary will check on the balance of the printing line item on the 2008 temporary budget.

Mrs. Shanley reviewed with Mr. McDonald the procedure of submitting his application to the Mayor. The HPC looks forward to having Mr. McDonald as a member at the March 2008 meeting.

Mr. Bristow moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Greene seconded the motion. All approved. Vote: 5 yes 0 no: Brewster, yes; Bristow, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39pm.

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

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