

Historic Preservation Commission

February 4, 2013 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Yvonne Beatrice  
Jack Bolan  
Randall Brewster (7:40)  
Carol Greene  
Deborah Grob  
Constantine Vasiliadis(7:40)  
Leda Dunn-Wettre  
Ronald Wohlberg  
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Marthajean Drago

**Flag Salute**

**Sunshine Law:** The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Minutes: January 7, 2013 minutes.

Mrs. Grob moved to approve the January 7, 2013 as read and Mrs. Dunn-Wettre seconded the motion. All approved.

**Public Session:** Mrs. Dunn-Wettre moved to open the Public Session and Mr. Wohlberg section the motion. All approved.

The Chair recognized Mr. Stuart Roberts, 26 Flaming Arrow Road, Mahwah. Mr. Roberts stated that he is in the process of purchasing 5 Aronow Place and submitted to the Commission a copy of his proposed building plans for the property. The plans include the renovation of the 1800 square foot stone cottage, which was built in 1927. Mr. Roberts plans on restoring the stone cottage and using it as a pool house. The first repair will be the roof. Mr. Roberts stated that considering the house has been vacant and left to the elements for many years it is in remarkably good shape and structurally sound. He reported that he has met with the Construction Code Official, Mr. Montroy, and Mr. Kelly of Boswell Engineering, the Township Engineer and they have told him that he could keep the bathroom, heat and electrical service, but a kitchen is not permitted.

Mr. Roberts reported that the new proposed 4200 square foot house to be built on the property will be in the similar style of the craftsman style stone cottage.

Mr. Roberts reported that the closing on the property is scheduled for this week and he plans on applying for a roof permit to replace the cottage roof immediately.

Mr. Roberts invited the Commission to visit the property during the renovation any time.

On behalf of the Commission, the Chair stated that the Commission is very excited about this project and thanked Mr. Roberts for realizing the historic value of the stone cottage and bringing this cottage back to life. The Chair stated that Mr. Roberts has the Commission's support in this project.

Mr. Grob moved the close the Public Session and Mr. Brewster second the motion. All approved.

**Chair's Report:**

Apple Ridge Cemetery: No report at this time. Mrs. Dunn-Wettre volunteered to follow up on the Apple Ridge status.

Ramapough Nation: No report at this time.

Master Plan: The Chair reported that the corrections will be finalized at the March 11, 2013 Planning Board meeting. Chair asked if date of demolition of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church can be added to the Master Plan and make sure that all corrections have been addressed in revised Master Plan.

Darlington Mansion: The Chair reported that downed trees from tropical storm Sandy are on the ruins of the Darlington Mansion. The Chair will contact the County and inquire if these trees can be removed.

Old Train Station Museum: The Chair reported that she had met with Brian Campion, Township Business Administration regarding the Wanamaker shed, caboose, Glasgow outhouse, bench and bell that are all located at the Train Station Museum grounds in regards to their historic status and that the Commission would like to have them included as historic structures and have them listed on the Township Historic element of the Master Plan and Ordinance as protected properties. Mr. Campion reported that the Township, at this time, does not wish to designate this property as an historic site. The Chair will follow up with letter.

HPC Vacancy: The Chair reported that the Commission still has a Class C opening and must fill the Alternate II position.

**NJDEP:** None at this time

**APPLICATIONS:** None at this time

New Business: The County of Bergen will present its Bergen County Historic Presentation awards. Nominations deadline is March 1, 2013. The Chair asked for nominations from the Commission. Mr. Brewster suggested Ramapo College.

Old Business:

Joyce Kilmer Celebration Year: Chair reported that Mayor proclaimed that February 2, will henceforth be Joyce Kilmer Day, in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the poem "Trees". The HPC confirmed the awards for the Joyce Kilmer poetry contest as \$100 for first prize, \$50 for second prize, and 425. For third prize at the high school and Ramapo Ridge middle school. Mrs. Dunn-Wettre will write an article about Joyce Kilmer for the Township Spring newsletter.

It was also discussed that the Commission should contact the Environmental Commission to see what HPC could do on Arbor Day. Mr. Bolan volunteered to attend the Environmental Commission meeting to ask for suggestions on how the HPC could do a joint project with the Environmental Commission to honor Joyce Kilmer and his poem "Trees".

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Mrs. Greene moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Grob 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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