

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

March 3, 2014 Minutes (corrected)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Leda Dunn-Wettre  
Marc Foner  
Carol Greene, late 7:37pm  
Deborah Grob  
Anne Powley  
Gus Vasiliadis  
Ron Wohlberg  
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Yvonne Beatrice, excused  
Randall Brewster, excused

**Flag Salute**

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

**Minutes December 2, 2013:** Ron Wohlberg moved to approve the December 2, 2013 as read and Debbie Grob seconded the motion. All approved.

**Chair's Report:**

**Darlington Schoolhouse:** The Chair attended the Construction Committee meeting at the Darlington Schoolhouse which was attended by architect, Winn Perry, Contractor, Vinnie LaBarbiera, of VHI Construction, consultant, Bryant Malcol, and New York New Jersey Trail Conference members, Ed Goodell, Jennifer Easterbrook, Jim Lupo, Melissa Beau and Alice Luddington. The Chair reported that the addition is going forth and that all final approvals have been received by the State of New Jersey. The Chair asked that the HPC form a sub-committee to visit the site and take photographs of the improvements and keep the members informed of the renovation progress. Mr. Wohlberg, Mr. Bolan, Mrs. Powley and Mrs. Dunn-Wettre volunteered to be on the Darlington Schoolhouse Sub-committee.

**Winter Dairy Barns:** The Chair will meet with Mrs. Greene and Mr. Brewster regarding the Winter Dairy Barns documentation.

**Joyce Kilmer Poetry Contest:** The Chair reported that due to the severe winter snow storms the Joyce Kilmer Poetry Contest schedule needs to be changed. The Chair will contact Mrs. Beatrice to reschedule the poetry contest submission date with the Mahwah Board of Education and compose the flyers for the students. It was discussed to change the deadline date to April 30, 2014 and announce the winners at the end of May, 2014. Mrs. Shanley will ask for donations from Shop Rite and Barnes and Noble.

Prizes will be the same as last year but will include grades four and five. All agreed.

**Old Train Station:** The Chair reported that the Old Train Station Museum windows need to be replaced. Robert Adler asked the Chair if she knew of anyone who would be interested in replacing the windows. The Chair recommended the contractor who worked on the Crocker Mansion, Mr. Vincent LaBarbieri.

**Quackenbush Barn:** The Chair reported that Mrs. Powley has been successful in obtaining the paint donated by Sherwin Williams. However, the Eagle Scout candidate is not interested in the project. The HPC will continue to reach out to other organizations for volunteers to paint the barn. The goal is to have the barn painted by Mahwah Day of 2014. The Chair stated that the barn needs to be maintained and painting the barn is only one step. The other repairs need to be reviewed with the Township. The Chair suggested putting an ad in the local newspaper for volunteers and donations, do a fundraiser, or seek help from the DPW.

**Van Horn-Glasgow Outhouse:** The Chair reported that the outhouse is now on a cement foundation and restoration will continue into the Spring and a Mahwah Day completion date. The outhouse still needs roofing shingles, siding repair and replacement of lost and rotting lumber, and refurbishing the inside, and also stained or painted and bolted to the cement foundation. The Chair thanked Mr. Woldberg for all his work with the restoration.

**NJDEP:** No comments at this time.

**New Business:**

Mahwah Historic Sites Tour: Mr. Foner presented the idea of organizing a tour of Mahwah's historic sites, which would promote and increase interest in Mahwah's history and preservation. Discussion ensued, and there were two schools of thought expressed. Mr. Foner has experience in this area and felt it could be organized. The Chair reminded the members that the Commission is already working on two major preservation projects that need to be completed, the Quackenbush Barn, and the Glasgow Outhouse before it starts on another project.

Mrs. Greene stated that the Commission needs to be careful. She stated that this kind of project would not be within the Commission's responsibilities, even though there is a CLG requirement for public information outreach. It was decided that a tour of Mahwah will need to be more thoroughly researched and organized.

**General Discussion:** None at this time.

Mr. Vasiliadis moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Greene 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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