

Historic Preservation Commission

March 5, 2012 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Yvonne Beatrice  
Carol Greene  
Deborah Grob  
GusVasiliadis  
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Randall Brewster  
Alex Michelini (excused)  
Marthajean Drago

**Flag Salute**

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

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

No members of the public were present.

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

**Minutes:** December 5, 2011 minutes: Mrs. Grob moved to approve the December 5, 2011 HPC minutes as read and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Grob, yes; Greene, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Beatrice, yes; Shanley, yes.

February 6, 2012 Minutes: Mrs. Shanley corrected spelling of Hanley to Handley under Chair’s Report, 103 Oweno Road. Under Quackenbush Barn, Mrs. Grob corrected .....storm door on the barn to storm door at Winter Dairy House....

Mrs. Grob moved to approve the February 6, 2012 minutes as corrected and Mrs. Greene seconded the motion all approved.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Grob, yes; Greene, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Beatrice, yes; Shanley, yes.

**Chairs Report:**

Winter Farmhouse: The Chair reported that the broken window has been replaced. Township Property Maintenance Code Official, Tom Mulvey, reported to the Chair that the owner of the property inquired about moving the house. The Chair will invite the owner to the April HPC meeting to discuss the issue.

Ramapough Indian Cemeteries: The Chair reported that she had spoken with Robyn Brown of the Bergen County Historic Preservation Commission regarding the status of historic designation of the Ramapough Indian Cemeteries. Ms. Brown stated that the County will not give the cemeteries an historic designation. It is on Bergen County Park Land, which is no longer in BCHPC jurisdiction. The

request must be directed to Bergen County Parks Commission, director, Todd Cochran. The Chair relayed this information to the Ramapough Nation and is awaiting a response.

103 Oweno Road: The Chair reported that she has not heard from Tony Handley regarding a copy of the deed. The HPC secretary will check with the Planning Board for a copy of the deed.

Quackenbush Barn: Broken window has been covered with plastic as a temporary fix. Chair will contact DPW to replace the window.

CLG Grant: The Chair reported that there is GLC Grant available on line, which is a non-matching funds grant. This means that the municipality does not need to match the grant funds. The projects cannot be for capital projects, such as roof repairs, painting, siding etc. The Chair read the guide lines for the grant and the secretary will email the members a copy. Mrs. Grob suggested the preparation of National Historic designation for the Masonicus Church as a project.

Fisher Road Cemetery: The Chair reported that she had spoken with Apple Ridge property manager, Richard Desmond, and arranged to visit the site, which is located within Apple Ridge Condominium Association property. She will return with Mr. Brewster to document stones and take photos.

103 Armour Road: Owner of 103 Armour Road contacted the Chair and stated her house was the first house built in Cragmere not 103 Oweno Road. Chair will contact Tom Dunn from the Mahwah Museum, to see if the Museum has any records on the first house built in Cragmere.

The Chair congratulated Mrs. Beatrice for her Daughters of the American Revolution Teacher of the Year Award. The Commission members stated it is a great honor and they are all very proud of her.

Outhouse Refurbishing: The Chair contacted Dykes Lumber for a donation to refurbish the Wanamaker Outhouse. Dykes asked for a picture of the outhouse and a list of materials, before they would consider the donation.

**Applications:** None at this time.

**New Business:**

Historic Preservation Awards: No report.

Joyce Kilmer Essay Contest: Mrs. Grob submitted a copy of the Woman's Club of Upper Saddle River essay contest rules as a guideline for the Joyce Kilmer Essay Contest.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline, G&P Researchers Survey: The Chair reported that Mrs. Greene, as an adjacent property owner, attended a Section 106 hearing reporting on the archaeological survey that has to be done for the Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGP) project. The Chair clarified that this survey is different from the PAL survey which was prepared for Spectra for the Algonquin Gas Pipeline(AGP) .

Mrs. Greene reported that the archaeological surveys prepared by G & P Researchers for the TGP and PAL's Spectra survey for APL were discussed. Ed Lenik, the author of Indians of the Ramapough's was extremely critical of the G&P Researchers and the archaeological study work that they are doing. Mr. Lenik reported that G&P T didn't perform one of the basics of an archaeological report and that is to speak to the locals. Mrs. Greene submitted for the Commissions' review a copy of Mr. Lenik's critique of the G & P report, which was very critical of the sloppy work G & P performed on its survey. The survey

performed by PAL discovered historic archaeological sites including a foundation of a settlement, on the ten acre Spectra site that surrounds the meter station. Nothing was discovered on the immediate land of the meter station. PAL has already found and documented hundreds of historic artifacts on the ten acres surrounding the meter station. Mrs. Greene reported that G & P had no comments on the archaeological sites on Bear Swamp Road, which should have included the Indian Rock shelters, Winston/Monks Mine, and Board/Schermerhorn Mine to name a few. Mrs. Greene noted that Mayor Laforet and Township Business Administrator Brian Campion also attended the meeting.

Mrs. Greene asked the Chair what the Commission would like to do on behalf of the HPC. The Chair stated that she has not had a chance to read Mr. Lenik's comments yet. The secretary will email a copy of the report to the Commission for their comments. The Commission could write a letter of concern regarding the historic sites that need to be protected from any disturbance caused by the TGP.

**NJDEP:** None at this time.

**Old Business:**

Mrs. Grob reported that the house on 218 Island Road has been demolished. The Chair reported that the HPC secretary obtained permission from the owner for the HPC to take pictures of the house, and the Chair took pictures.

Crossroads Rail Road Remnants: The Chair will contain Mr. Robert Adler, who is the local authority on the railroads in this area to find out if any remnants of the Ford Plant railroad can be located.

Bergen County Award: Mr. Vasiliadis reported that Mr. Richard Roberts of Ramapo College reviewed the application and stated that the college couldn't meet the deadline for this year, but would be interested in applying in 2013.

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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