

Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission

March 7, 2011 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm. Note: The HPC secretary, Mrs. Storms, had advised the Chair she was not able to attend this meeting. Meeting minutes were taped, and HPC Chair Mrs. Shanley took additional notes.

Roll Call:

Present

Barbara Shanley, Chair
Yvonne Beatrice
Deborah Grob
Randall Brewster
Tony Bourgholtzer
Gus Vasiliadis (arrived at 7:50)

Absent

Carol Greene, excused
Marthajean Drago, excused
Alex Michelini, excused

Flag Salute

Sunshine Law: The Chair, read the Sunshine Law.

Legal: Mrs. DeScherer was not present.

Public Session: Ms. Beatrice made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brewster to open the Public Session. All approved.

There being no one from the public present, a motion was made by Mrs. Bourgholtzer, seconded by Mrs. Grob to close the public session. All approved.

Minutes:

December 2010 Minutes: There were not enough members present at this meeting who were at the December meeting to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Bourgholtzer, seconded by Mr. Brewster to table the approval of the December 6, 2010 minutes to the April 4, 2011 meeting.

Roll Call: Bourgholtzer, yes; Brewster: Yes; Grob, yes; Vasiliadis, yes, Beatrice, yes; Shanley, yes;

February 7, 2011 Minutes: There were not enough members present at this meeting who were at the December meeting to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Grob, seconded by Mrs. Beatrice to table the approval of the February 7, 2011 minutes to the April 4, 2011 meeting.

Roll Call: Bourgholtzer, yes; Brewster: Yes; Grob, yes; Vasiliadis, yes, Beatrice, yes; Shanley, yes;

Mr. Vasiliadis joined the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Chairs Report:

Winter Dairy House: The Chair reported that she will follow up with Township of Mahwah Business Administrator, Mr. Campion; from time to time to be sure the Winter Dairy House is being maintained by the Township, as was indicated to her when she met with him in January, 2011.

Mahwah Day: Discussion took place about Mahwah Day and possible ways to raise funds for the HPC projects, as the budget is now very limited. Mrs. Shanley mentioned trying to make colonial costumes,

or “façade only” costumes, and charge for the photos. Mrs. Grob advised that Carol Greene has many costumes, which she might lend to the Commission. The HPC is planning to leading a tour of the Ramapo Reformed Church & cemetery, the Quackenbush barn and continuing to the Old Station Museum and the main Museum on Franklin Turnpike.

HPC Chair Nomination: As there were no nominations for any member to step in the Chair’s position effective June 1, 2011, Mr. Brewster made the suggestion that Mrs. Shanley remain as chair, running the monthly meetings and divided the Chair’s duties up amongst the members.

All present agreed to this suggestion. It was decided that Mrs. Beatrice would work with Mrs. Storms on the agendas. Mrs. Grob would review the minutes of other township committees for information that would affect the HPC business. Mr. Brewster and Mrs. Greene would share the job of answering questions or handling issues that come into the HPC Office about historic sites in the township and Mrs. Shanley would work with Mrs. Storms on any applications that come in, which do not need to be voted on by members.

No duties were assigned to Mr. Michelini or Mrs. Drago at this time.

Old Business:

Tuxedo Park Train Station Report – Mrs. Bourgholtzer. At a previous HPC meeting, ideas to fund the renovation of the current NJ Transit Train Station in Mahwah were discussed. Mrs. Bourgholtzer volunteered to look into it and she had researched the renovation of the Tuxedo Park Train Station. She reported that Mrs. Shirley Brooks, of Tuxedo, New York advised her that it was done by a grant provided through Metro North Railroad. Tuxedo had worked through Mark Mannis of Metro North. It was suggested if the HPC needs to find funds; it should call the local senators for help or direction.

Bergen County Historic Preservation Commendation Award Nomination: The Chair indicated that she would like the HPC to nominate the Mahwah Museum Society (MMS) to receive a County Historic Preservation award this year for its extensive work to restore and renovate the Old Station Museum and the Erie Caboose. She had contacted Janet Strom, at the County Office of Historic Preservation, and had requested the form and instructions. She asked if there were any other ideas for nominations for this award. There being none, Mrs. Grob made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brewster, for the HPC to nominate the Mahwah Museum Society for a Bergen County 2011 Historic Preservation Commendation Award. Mrs. Shanley advised she would contact Tom Dunn and Bob Adler of the MMS

Roll Call: Bourgholtzer, yes; Brewster: Yes; Grob, yes; Vasiliadis, yes, Beatrice, yes; Vasiliadis, yes, Shanley, yes.

Mrs. Bourgholtzer made a motion to close, seconded by Mrs. Grob. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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

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