

Historic Preservation Commission

April 2, 2012 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Yvonne Beatrice  
Randall Brewster  
Deborah Grob  
Constantine Vasiliadis, late  
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Marthajean Drago  
Carol Greene, excused

**Flag Salute**

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

**Public Session:** Mr. Brewster moved to open the Public Session and Mrs. Beatrice second the motion. All approved.

The Chair recognized Miss J. Bauer, 34 State Street, Mahwah, NJ. Miss Bauer asked the HPC if she could video tape the meeting as part of her school project. The Commission approved. The Chair explained the purpose of the HPC to Miss Bauer.

The Commission thanked Miss Bauer for her interest in local history.

The Chair recognized Mr. Warren Storms, 764 Wyckoff Avenue, Mahwah, NJ. Mr. Storms took photos of 189 Wyckoff Avenue for the Commission. This property was approved for demolition. Mr. Storms stated that the house that is being demolished sits on the foundation of the Ackerman ice house, which was torn down in 1930. The ice house stone wall along the dam looks like the original wall. Mr. Storms reported to the Commission a history of the property and presented copies of the original ice house to the Commission.

The Commission thanked Mr. Storms for the photo documentation.

Mrs. Grob moved to close the Public Session and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion. All approved.

**Minutes:**

March 5, 2012: Mrs. Grob moved to table the March 5, 2012 HPC minutes to the May 7, 2012 HPC meeting and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion.

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

**Chairs Report:**

Winter Farmhouse: No further status on the inquiry of the owner to Township Property Maintenance Code Official, Tom Mulvey in regards to relocating the farmhouse. The Chair will invite the owner to the May 2012 HPC meeting to discuss the issue.

Ramapough Indian Cemeteries: The Chair reported that she has not received an update from the Ramapough Nation. Mrs. Beatrice reported that she has taken photos of the gravestones and will submit them to the secretary for the files.

103 Oweno Road: No report at this time.

Quackenbush Barn: Chair reported that she will contact DPW, Supervisor, Ed Sinclair, regarding replacing the temporary plywood window cover with a Plexiglas window. Mrs. Grob will contact Boy Scouts regarding painting the barn by the Scouts as an Eagle Scout project.

Vanderbeck Cemetery: Vanderbeck Cemetery, which is listed on the current Master Plan and the Bergen County Historic Sites Survey is located on private property. The Chair reported that the owner contacted the HPC regarding how to clean up the cemetery. The Chair suggested that this might also be a Scout project and possibly a joint project with the Apple Ridge Cemetery. Mr. Brewster will reach out to Mr. John Carlough, former owner of the property, for information about the gravestones.

Master Plan: The Chair asked the status of the new proposed Master Plan. The secretary will find out.

**Applications:**

Street Names: None at this time.

Docket #537APF Roxanne's site plan

After a thorough review of Docket# 537A, it was determined that this application has no historic significance. It was decided that the Chair shall sign off on this application, with no vote or comment.

**NJDEP:** No comments

**New Business:**

Winter Dairy House. The Chair reported that Mayor Laforet called Mrs. Greene and stated that the Winter Dairy house is no longer safe and is coming down. The Chair stated that the Commission needs to come up with a plan for the house immediately or it will come down.

**Old Business:**

Joyce Kilmer Day:

The Chair will draft a letter to the Mayor and Council requesting that the Mayor and Council do a proclamation declaring February 2, 2012; and going forward every year, as Joyce Kilmer day.

Mrs. Beatrice volunteered to work on the Poetry Contract and contact the Mahwah Library and ask if they would display the poems from the proposed poetry contest. The HPC will announce the winner of the poetry contest at the February 2013 Council meeting.

**General Discussion:**

The secretary reported that the Hopper Grist Mill historic sign has been reported to the Township Insurance company and is waiting a determination.

The Chair reported that the Moffatt Road cemetery needs another clean up and asked for volunteers for the first and second weekend of May.

The Chair reported that the Mahwah Museum applied for and received a grant to digitize all the Ramapo Reformed Church records.

Chair suggested that the HPC follows up with the Tennessee Gas Pipeline regarding the Ed Lenik report on the archaeological report he submitted and how they plan to address the gaps that Mr. Lenik commented on.

**Public Session:** Mrs. Grob moved to reopen the Public Session and Mr. Brewster seconded the motion. All approved.

The Chair asked Mr. Storms if he knew anything about the property on Route 17 where TD Bank now resides. Mr. Storms replied no.

Mrs. Grog moved to close the Public Session and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion. All approved.

Mrs. Beatrice 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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