

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
April 3, 2017 Minutes
Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

Roll Call

Present

Reshman Cuman

Carole Greene, Late

Anne Powley

Barbara Shanley

Ronald Wohlberg

Yvonne Beatrice, Alt I

Karen Fasouletos, Alt. II

Deborah Grob, Chair

Absent

Jack Bolan, excused

Randall Brewster, excused

Gus Vasiliadis, excused

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Flag Salute:

Public Session: Mrs. Shanley moved to open Public Session and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: Yes; 7; No 0; Absent 4: Cuman: yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Grob, yes.

The Chair recognized Ms. Vales and Ms. Sanchez two students from Mahwah High School and reviewed with them the responsibilities of the HPC.

Mrs. Cuman moved to close Public Session and Mrs. Shanley seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: Yes; 7; No 0; Absent 4: Cuman: yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Grob, yes.

Minutes: Mrs. Shanley moved to approved the March 6, 2017 HPC minutes as read Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion. There was not a quorum from the March 6, 2017 meeting, so the vote was tabled until the May 1, 2017 HPC meeting.

Vote: Yes; 7; No 0; Absent 4: Cuman: yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Grob, yes.

Chair's Report

Bergen County Historic Preservation Award: Chair reported that Mrs. Powley applied for the Bergen County Historic Preservation Award for the Township of Mahwah Historic Road Markers brochure.

CLG Application: The Chair reported that she and Mrs. Shanley completed the CLG application and Mrs. Shanley mailed the CLG application.

Apple Ridge Golf Course Signs: The Chair reported that Mr. Bolan obtained the Apple Ridge Golf Course Signs from the developer, Orchard Ridge.

Robbie Music Barn: The Chair reported that she took photos of the outside of Robbie's Music Barn (Winter's Barn), but was not allowed to go inside for interior photos.

10-10 Ramapo Valley Road: The Chair spoke with Ms. Valerie Suman who is representing the owner of the Abraham Garrison House, Anthony Dellechiaie. Ms. Suman stated that Anthony Dellechiaie bought the property and plans to start renovating as soon as possible and is looking for guidance from the Commission. This is the late Mayor Frank Kraus's house. The house was vacant for a long time and was sold on a Sheriff's sale. The secretary mailed Mr. Dellechiaie a copy of the Design Guidelines for the Preservation of Historic Structures. The Chair invited them to the HPC meeting.

Committee Reports:

Darlington Schoolhouse: Anne Powley will meet with DPW Buildings and Grounds Foreman, Tony Iannaccone and Mr. Ed Goodell of the New York New Jersey Trail Conference to determine where the Historic Road marker should be installed.

Vanderbeck Lane Cemetery: Mrs. Shanley and Mrs. Grob researched adjacent property owners of the Vanderbeck Lane Cemetery and did not find ownership documentation of cemetery.

Moffatt Road Cemetery: Mrs. Shanley reported that she had spoken with Mr. Carter from the Ramsey Redeemer Lutheran Church and they agreed on April 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (rain date April 29, 2017) as the Moffatt Road Cemetery clean up date. At that time, Mrs. Shanley will complete a photo inventory of the gravestones.

Winters Farmhouse: The Chair informed the HPC members that, since the Township is going into litigation with the property owners of the Winter Farmhouse, they were advised not to discuss this in public or with the public. Therefore, there was no report at this time.

Glasgow Outhouse: Mr. Wohlberg reported that he made a contact with a Ramsey resident that will replace the outhouse window.

Mahwah Museum: In Mrs. Greene's absence, the Chair reported that the Growth of Woman exhibit is still going on.

Carmelite Retreat: No report at this time.

HPC Facebook Page: The HPC Facebook article schedule for 2017 is as follows:

May Jack Bolan
June Barbara Shanley
July Yvonne Beatrice

Street Name Applications:

The Commission has not received a Street Name application from the Planning Board yet for remaining a section of Jefferson Street. However, in anticipation of 341 Land Corp., Docket 578 request to rename Jefferson Street, because a section of the street has been vacated dividing the street in two, Mr. Wohlberg suggested Adams Court stating that there is a Jefferson Street and Franklin Street in the same neighborhood and in honor of the framers of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams Mr. Wohlberg moved to name Docket #578 Street name to Adams Court. Mrs. Greene seconded the motion. It was approved by all.

Vote: Yes; 8; No 0; Absent 4: Cuman: yes; Greene, yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Grob, yes.

The secretary will attach the HPC vote to the Street Name application when it is submitted.

New Business:

Open Space Trust Fund Grant: It was decided to set up s sub-committee to review the merits of suggesting to the Township Council the repair of the Moffatt Road Cemetery for the next round of grant applications in 2018. Mrs. Grob, Mrs. Shanley and Mr. Wohlberg volunteered to be on the sub-committee.

Mrs. Grob reported that the owner of the Ackerman Farmhouse, Mr. Kern, mailed the secretary a letter stating that he will be selling Ackerman Farmhouse and asked if the Township would be interested in buying it. Mrs. Grob will reply to Mr. Kern, thanking him for his offer to sell to the Township. However, the Township is not in the practice of purchasing historic homes to restore, and also reminding him that as his purchase agreement stated he still needs to repair the well roof.

Old Business: Mrs. Shanley will draft the award certificate for Eagle Scout Michael Delcher to be presented to him at the Eagle Court of Honor this June 11, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. at the Mahwah High School. Mrs. Grob will order the plaque, which will be installed at the Quackenbush Barn stating that the restoration was completed by Eagle Scout Michael Delcher.

With no further business Mrs. Powley moved to adjourn the HPC meeting and Mrs. Fasouletos seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Vote: Yes; 8; No 0; Absent 4: Cuman: yes; Greene, yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Grob, yes.

These minutes are a synopsis of the HPC recording, which is on file at the Township Municipal Building.