

Historic Preservation Commission

April 4, 2011 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Barbara Shanley
Yvonne Beatrice
Tony Bourgholtzer
Randall Brewster (late 7:34pm)
Carol Greene (late 7:34)
Deborah Grob
Alex Micheleni
Gus Vasiliadis

Absent

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.

Mayor John DaPuzzo attended the HPC meeting and introduced himself to the Commission and let them know that he is available for any questions and concerns.

The Chair asked if any funding for grants is available. The Mayor reported that there may be some small grants that could be available, but that the Township does not have any large scale grant funding available.

Mrs. Greene stated that the HPC is down one member, and asked the Mayor if he had any suggestions for applicants. The Mayor replied that he would look to the Commission for applicant suggestions before he would appoint anyone. It was suggested to list it on the Township web site and cable TV Mahwah news stations.

Mrs. Greene thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the Commission and said that they look forward to working with the Mayor and Council this year.

Mrs. Grob thanked the Mayor for his letter of support to the Bergen County Historic Preservation for the Mahwah Train Station's nomination as a 2011 award recipient.

Mr. Brewster and Mr. Micheleni asked how the Township is addressing the financial strain of the economy and lack of State funding. The Mayor replied that the Township is stable and he and the Council are doing everything possible to keep it that way.

The Chair reported that the Mahwah HPC Heritage Award will be presented to the Handley family for their restoration/renovation of the Fletcher house. The award presentation is planned for the April 14,

2011 Council meeting and asked the Mayor if he would be part of that presentation. The Mayor happily agreed.

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

Minutes:

December 10, 2011 minutes: Mr. Vasiliadis moved to approve the December 10, 2011 minutes as read and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion. The December 10, 2011 minutes were approved as read.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no. Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Shanley, yes.

February 7, 2011 minutes: Mrs. Grob moved to approve the February 7, 2011 minutes as read and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion. The February 7, 2011 minutes were approved as read.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention: Grob, yes; Beatrice, yes; Michelini, yes; Shanley, yes; Vasiliadis, abstained.

March 7, 2011 minutes: Mr. Vasiliadis moved to approve the March 7, 2011 minutes as read, and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion. The March 7, 2011 minutes were approved as read.

Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention: Grob, yes; Beatrice, yes; Brewster, yes; Bourgholtzer, yes; Greene, yes; Michelini, abstain; Vasiliadis, yes; Shanley, yes.

Chair's Report:

Winter Dairy House: The Chair reported that the house will remain as is, and that the DPW will repair the roof and keep it maintained. The Chair will contact the Mahwah Museum about keeping the outhouse at its present location.

Train Station Caboose: The Chair reported that the Train Station Museum is on the Township ordinance for protected historic properties. However, the caboose is not, and asked the Commission if they thought it should be. The Commission agreed. The Chair will contact Mr. Campion as to what needs to be done to add the caboose to the ordinance.

Winter Farm House: Chair called Mr. Alvarez several times regarding the broken window and repairs that need to be done. The Chair also contacted, Property Maintenance Official, Mr. Mulvey, regarding the repairs needed and copied Mr. Alvarez.

Bergen County Commendation Award: The Chair reported that she had submitted the HPC's nomination of the Train Station to Mrs. Janet Strong and is awaiting a reply.

Chestnut Trees Barn: The Chair asked Mr. Brewster if he would follow up on the status of the barn that was to be relocated. He agreed.

CLG Application: The Chair reported that she is completing the report and will submit it.

The Chair thanked Mrs. Grob and Reverend Grob for assisting her with the Bergen County Award application.

The Chair asked Mrs. Greene and Mr. Brewster if they would handle the inquiries from the public regarding historic sites and they agreed.

New Business:

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Mahwah HPC Heritage Award presentation will be moved to the May 12, 2011 Council meeting. Mr. Vasiliadis, Mrs. Grob, and Mrs. Shanley will give the presentation. The secretary will notify the Township Clerk and the Handley's.

Township Historian: The Commission congratulated Mrs. Greene on her Mayoral appointment as Township Historian.

Applications:

Brian and Alison Luntjis, Docket 533, Bl 64 Lot 18, 465 Route 17 North: Mr. Vasilidis moved to approve Docket 533 with no comment and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 yes; 1 no: Grob, yes; Beatrice, yes; Brewster, no; Bourgholtzer, yes; Greene, yes; Michelini, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Shanley, yes.

DEP Filings: No comments.

Old Business: No report at this time.

Mrs. Bourgholtzer moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Michelini 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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