

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) **CORRECTED**

April 6, 2015 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Jack Boland
Carol Greene
Deborah Grob
Anne Powley
Ronald Wohlberg
Yvonne Beatrice
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Randall Brewster
Gus Vasiliadis

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Flag Salute

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

Close Public Session: No members of the public were present. Mrs. Greene moved to close Public Session and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion. All approved.

Minutes:

February 18, 2015 HPC minutes: The following typo's were corrected: Mr. Boland to Mr. Bolan; Under Mahwah Museum; Mrs. Greene had no further..... to Mrs. Greene had no further...., and Under Cleveland Bridge; second sentence,Pilgram Pipe Line, so the HCP.... to Pilgrim Pipeline, so the HPC... Mr. Bolan moved to approve the February 18, 2015 as corrected, and Mrs. Greene seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Beatrice, yes; Bolan, yes; Greene, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Shanley, yes.

March 2, 2015 HPC minutes: The following correction was made under Mahwah and Ramapo River, last sentence:Garrett Dam, Hopper Grist Mill and the fish weir....., to Garrett Dan, and Hopper Grist Mill and any remains of the fish weir..... Mrs. Grob moved to accept the March 2, 2015 as corrected and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Beatrice, yes; Bolan, yes; Greene, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Shanley, yes.

Chair's Report:

Train Station Museum: No report at this time.

Bergen County Historic Preservation Awards: The Chair reported that Mrs. Greene will be one of the recipients of the 2015 Bergen County Historic Preservation Awards. The awards presentation and reception will be held at the Varisk Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, 120 Atlantic Street, Hackensack, NJ. The Chair encouraged the members to attend.

Darlington Schoolhouse Official Ribbon Cutting: The Chair reported that the official ribbon cutting for the Darlington Schoolhouse will be April 7, 2015 at 12 noon.

Youngs House: The Chair forwarded to Mr. Dubois information on solar panels on historic buildings, with the caveat that the HPC would need to review the solar panel plans to make sure that they followed the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines.

Glasgow Outhouse: The Chair reminded the members that spring is here and the outhouse painting needs to be completed. Mr. Wohlberg commented that we should wait until the weather gets warmer.

Winters Farmhouse: The Chair reported that she, and Mr. and Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Dunn-Wettre, and Mrs. Grob attended the March 9, 2015 Planning Board meeting and Mrs. Dunn-Wettre asked the applicant, Provence Builders and its representatives questions regarding the maintenance of the Winters Farmhouse and its present demolition application for the Winter Farmhouse and well. Mr. Greene also asked questions of the applicant and its representatives. The Chair reported that the Planning Board did not seem pleased with the applicant's demolition application. The application was carried to the April 20, 2015 Planning Board meeting. The Chair will represent the HPC at the April 20, 2015 Planning Board meeting, and asked the members to again try and attend the April 20, 2015 Planning Board meeting as a show of support.

The Chair will contact the Administrative Officer, Mr. Michael Kelly to contact Provence to enforce the structural repairs that were stated by the Township Attorney that needed to be done.

Certified Local Government Application (CLG): The Chair reported that she had submitted the HPC's CLG application for 2015.

New Business:

HPC Vacancies: It was recommended that the members reach out to people interested in preserving Mahwah's historic structures to fill the vacant HPC positions.

Committee Reports:

Cleveland Bridge: Mrs. Powley reported that the status of the Cleveland Bridge has become very complicated. No permits have been filed yet by the DEP. Mrs. Powley has sent the DEP photos of the traffic on the bridge and will check with the County of Bergen Historic Preservation if they have any further updates. Mrs. Powley will keep the HPC informed of any new applications or permits for the Cleveland Bridge.

Darlington Schoolhouse: The County met to discuss the Darlington Schoolhouse culvert that is to be built. The plans indicated that the culvert walls would be prefabricated stone. The members discussed that it should be real aboriginal stone.

The Chair reported that at that meeting Mr. Greene asked the County what the status is of the Cleveland Bridge and was told that the plans are to make it a foot bridge and another bridge will be built for vehicle traffic, but the location of the vehicle traffic has not been determined.

Mrs. Greene also reported that the County did not want to install a traffic light at the intersection of Darlington Avenue and Ramapo Valley Road. They felt that a traffic light would cause more traffic problems than solve them.

Mahwah Museum: Mrs. Greene reported on the upcoming Mahwah Museum events. Les Paul exhibit will be coming down in June, 2015. The Museum took a video of the Chapman House and Mrs. Greene requested a copy for the HPC.

HPC Historic Home Brochure: Mrs. Powley reported that she was unable to make the cut-off date for the grant application for publishing the Historic Home Brochure, but she will look for future grants

Mrs. Powley asked if the HPC could have a Facebook page. The secretary reported that Facebook is blocked from Township view. The Chair suggested that the HPC stick with the Township web site, where there is control. Mrs. Powley suggested that the HPC create a Facebook page and list fun things on the site. Mrs. Powley will research other towns that have a Facebook page for examples of what HPC could do.

Joyce Kilmer Poetry Contest: Mrs. Beatrice had no report at this time.

Quackenbush Barn: Mrs. Powley reported that she will schedule a meeting with Mr. Wohlberg, Mrs. Shanley and the Eagle Scout to review the project prior to any maintenance improvements.

Carmelite Retreat: Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Shanley will reach out to the Carmelite Retreat and report back to the HPC at the May 4, 2015 meeting.

Applications: None at this time.

General Discussion: Chair suggested creating a Friends of the HPC to assist people with questions they may have regarding historic structures.

Mrs. Powley asked if each member could take an historic sign and type of the wordage for the booklet. Mrs. Grob volunteered to type the wordage from all the HPC historic markers for the brochure. Mrs. Powley also suggested creating a map of historic sites in Mahwah.

Mrs. Greene moved to adjourn the HPC meeting and Mr. Wohlberg 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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