

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

May 2, 2016 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Roll Call

Present

Reshmee Cuman

Deborah Grob

Anne Powley

Ronald Wohlberg

Yvonne Beatrice

K. Karen Fasouletos

Barbara Shanley, Chair

Absent

Jack Bolan, excused

Randall Brewster, excused

Carol Greene, excused

Gus Vasiliadis, excused

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Flag Salute:

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

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Cuman, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Shanley, yes.

The Chair recognized Mahwah High School Honor History students and reviewed with the students the Commission's purpose and mission. The students reported that attending a Township meeting is part of their history assignment. The Chair thanked the students for choosing HPC meeting.

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

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Cuman, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Shanley, yes..

Minutes: Mrs. Grob moved to approve the March 3, 2016 minutes as read and Mrs. Cuman seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Cuman, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Shanley, yes.

Chair's Report

Darlington Schoolhouse: The Chair reported that the rock wall in front of the Darlington Schoolhouse must be finished before the HPC roadside historic marker can be installed. The Chair advised that the parapet walls going over Darlington Brook will be built with real stones.

Moffatt Road Cemetery: The Chair reported that Mahwah residents Thomas Grissom and Maya Britton contacted her regarding downed trees in Moffatt Road Cemetery. The Chair reported the downed trees to DPW Director, Glenn Dowson, and he will make arrangements to have them removed.

Mrs. Powley stated that she would ask the Boy Scouts if they would like to do a cleanup of the cemetery in May or June.

Committee Reports:

Quackenbush Barn: Mr. Wohlberg reported that the Eagle Scout started power washing the Quackenbush Barn. He asked if an Eyebrow trim should be installed over the barn door to prevent rain water from seeping in. Mr. Wohlberg will follow up with Eagle Scout on paint type.

Winters Farmhouse: Mrs. Shanley reported that she sent another letter to the Township Attorney requesting a meeting with the Township Attorney, owners of the Winters Farmhouse and the HPC sub-committee to discuss the repairs and condition of the structure.

Glasgow Outhouse: Mr. Wohlberg reported that the outside painting is finished, but the inside needs to be cleaned. Mrs. Shanley and Mr. Wohlberg will try and finish the work on June 4, 2016.

Carmelite Retreat: No report at this time.

HPC Historic Signs Brochure: Mrs. Powley requested that the HPC members review the HPC Historic Signs Brochure one more time before she submits it to the designer/printer.

HPC Facebook Page: Mr. Wohlberg submitted his article for Mahwah Facebook.

Mahwah Museum Liaison: Mrs. Shanley reported that retired Suburban and Villa Dome Times reporter, Frank McMann, has donated his files on Mahwah to the Mahwah Museum.

Applications:

Docket 574A-Anna Jahn Trust, Block 152 Lots 68 & 69, Minor Subdivision:

After a thorough review of the application, Mrs. Grob moved to approve Docket 574A with no comments and Mr. Wohlberg seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Cuman, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Shanley, yes.

General Discussion:

Mrs. Powley reported that the Pilgrim Pipeline is not utilizing the Cleveland Bridge.

She also reported that Ramapo College students did an environmental impact report on the Pilgrim Pipeline and asked her to give historic information regarding the bridge at their meeting on May 5, 2016.

Mrs. Grob moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. and Mrs. Cuman seconded the motion.

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

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