

Historic Preservation Commission

May 4, 2010 Minutes (Amended)

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Barbara Shanley  
Yvonne Beatrice  
Tony Bourgholtzer  
Randall Brewster  
Carol Greene  
Deborah Grob  
Alex Michelini

Absent

Marthajean Drago  
John Bristow, excused  
Gus Vasiliadis, excused

**Flag Salute**

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

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

No members of the public were present.

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

**Minutes:** April 5, 2010 Minutes: Mrs. Shanley corrected page one under Local Library History Room, second sentence change to read: Mr. Michelini reported that Mahwah Museum Society President, Mr. Thomas Dunn, has presented the HPC” of the MOU regarding surrendering HPC original documents to the Museum. All references to MOA shall read MOU.

Mr. Michelini corrected page three; seventh sentence to read: Mr. Brewster moved to remove any reference to the HPC from MOU on page 2 paragraphs “C” to “CC” and replace it with the following:.....

Also paragraph eight last sentence change Mr. Brewster to Mr. Michelini, and ninth paragraph, and....MOU from no to yes, and Mr. Brewster also agreed.

Mrs. Beatrice moved to approve the April 5, 2010 minutes as corrected and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 7yes, 0 no: Beatrice, yes; Brewster, yes; Greene, yes; Grob, yes; Michelini, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes.

**Chair’s Report:**

The Chair congratulated Mrs. Greene on her County of Bergen Historic Preservation Commendation Award for *Preservation Education Category* from the Bergen County Historic Preservation Advisory Board for her book The Ramapo Chronicles: A 300-Year History of Mahwah, NJ and Its Surrounds, which will be presented on May, 6, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Mrs. Greene thanked the Chair and reported that since the book covers 300 years of Mahwah and the area history, that she will be willing to offer informational sessions on how to use the book for research projects and general information.

**Fletcher House:** The Chair reported that the house siding is off and the interior is gutted and the woodwork is being refurbished. The builder indicated to Mrs. Shanley that replacing the original windows with thermo windows may not necessary. Since the replacement of the windows were part of the agreement, the Chair will contract the HPC attorney to see if the agreement needs to be changed. The project is moving along. The Chair reported that she will be visiting the site again and invited any of the HPC members to accompany her.

**Crocker Mansion:** The Chair reported that the restoration work is not finished yet. The Chair will contact the contractor to request another inspection tour of the renovations.

**Knight Goetschius House and Barn:** The Chair reported that as a result of the VillaDome Times article about the Knight Goetschius property, now known as Chestnut Trees LLC, the Chair has been contacted by Mrs. Myers, who is very interested in the barn, and would like to move the barn to their property. The Chair arranged for the Myers to meet with the representatives of the property. The Chestnut Trees LLC attorney, Mr. Jaworski and contractor, Conklin Associates, for the property have also sent letters to several property owners in Mahwah to see if they would be interested in the barn.

The Chair reported that saving the farmhouse does not seem viable.

Mr. Brewster stated that he would be available to meet with the Chair and the potential new owners of the barn to photo document the move of the barn.

**Winters Farmhouse Marker:** The secretary reported that she does not have the Winters Farmhouse draft text copy. Mrs. Greene will find the original draft text for the plaque and will submit it to the HPC at the June 7, 2010 meeting.

**Mahwah Library Room:** The Chair reported that the meeting with the HPC Steering Committee of the Local History Library Room had met on April 19, 2010 and it was reported that the Library of Board of Trustees (LBOT) had met and decided that the project will be shelved indefinitely due to financing, communications and construction issues.

Mr. Michelini reported that he has full expectations that the project will be realized.

**New Business:** None at this time.

#### **Applications:**

**Vista Bahn Estates,** Docket 1306-10 Bl 23 Lot 55.07, 10 Weathervane Count.

Let the minutes reflect that Mrs. Greene recused herself from this application, stating that she resides within 200 feet of the property. Mrs. Greene left the HPC table.

After reviewing the application, it was decided that the HPC should conduct a walk through inspection of the property. The Chair will contact the owners for permission. Mrs. Shanley, Mrs. Bourgholter, and Mr. Michelini volunteered to complete the walk through inspection.

Mr. Brewster moved to table this application until the June 7, 2010 HPC meeting, and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote 6 yes; 0 no: Grob, yes; Beatrice, yes; Michelini, yes; Bourgholtzer, yes; Brewster, yes; Shanley, yes.

Let the minutes reflect that Mrs. Greene returned to the HPC table.

Bruce Deypher Subdivision Docket 525, Bl 139, Lot 47, 427 Ridge Road.

After a thorough review of Docket 525, it was determined that this property has no historic significance. Mrs. Greene moved to approve Docket 525 with no comments and Mrs. Bourgholtzer seconded the motion. All approved.

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

Mrs. Grob moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Brewster 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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