

Historic Preservation Commission

May 7, 2012 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Yvonne Beatrice
Randall Brewster
Carol Greene
Deborah Grob
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Marthajean Drago
Constantine Vasiliadis, excused

Flag Salute

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Minutes:

March 5, 2012: Mrs. Grob moved to approve the March 5, 2012 HPC minutes as read and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Grob, yes; Greene, yes; Beatrice, yes; Brewster, yes; Shanley, yes.

Chairs Report:

Winter Farmhouse: No further status on the inquiry of the owner to Township Property Maintenance Code Official, Tom Mulvey in regards to relocating the farmhouse. The Chair will invite the owner to the June 2012 HPC meeting to discuss the issue.

Ramapough Indian Cemeteries: The Chair reported that the Ramapough Nation cemeteries on Stag Hill Road are in the process of being cleaned up.

103 Oweno Road: No report at this time.

Quackenbush Barn: Chair reported that DPW, Supervisor, Ed Sinclair, reported that he is looking into the best way to replace the broken window, which is now boarded up as a temporary fix. Mrs. Grob will contact Colleen Barbeau, Boy Scout Coordinator for Troop 50 and let her know what HPC projects, including the painting of the Quackenbush Barn, are available for an Eagle Scout or Life Scout project.

CLG Grant: The Chair reported that the application date has been extended and that she would like to suggest submitting a grant application for the survey of West Mahwah. All agreed. Mrs. Greene volunteered to assist Mrs. Shanley with the grant application.

Mrs. Shanley also reported that she will contact Mr. McCabe of McCabe & Associates, for a copy of the West Mahwah Survey that McCabe & Associates submitted to the County in 2007.

Vanderbeck Cemetery: The Chair reported that she will contact the owner for permission to document the cemetery.

Apple Ridge Cemetery: Mr. Brewster will contact the former owner, John Carlough, for information on the Fischer Road Cemetery.

Public Session: Mr. Brewster moved to open the meeting to the public and Mrs. Greene seconded the motion. All approved.

The Chair recognized Mr. Jack Bolan, 66 Maysenger Road, Mahwah, New Jersey. Mr. Bolan introduced himself as a neighbor of Mr. Brewster. Mr. Bolan is interested in submitting his resume to be appointed to the HPC. Mr. Bolan explained that he is a relatively new comer to Mahwah. However, his wife has lived in Mahwah all her life and since he moved to Mahwah he has become very interested in its history and preserving it. The Chair welcomed Mr. Bolan and thanked him for attending the meeting and explained the process for a Mayoral appointment to the HPC.

The Chair recognized Mahwah residents Mrs. Steinberg and her son Ryan Murphy, 96 Armour Road. Mr. Murphy reported that he is a Boy Scout with Mahwah Troop 258 and is attending the HPC meeting to seek the Commission's approval to clean up the Moffatt Road Cemetery as a Life Scout project. The Commission welcomed Mr. Murphy's proposal and requested that some of the HPC members also attend the clean-up to point out the areas that need special attention. Mr. Murphy proposed May 20, 2012 as the date of clean-up. The Chair explained that the Scout would be responsible to remove all the debris. The Chair will contact Scout Master, Ernie Dulchur to coordinate the project.

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

Applications:

Docket #538, Aidan & Linda Murray, Minor Subdivision Block 36 Lots 12 & 13, 127 Johnson Avenue.

After a thorough review of Docket# 538, it was determined that this application has no historic significance. Mrs. Grob moved to approve Docket #538 with no comments, and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Grob, yes; Greene, yes; Beatrice, yes; Brewster, yes; Shanley, yes.

Docket #539, ADPP Enterprises, Inc. Site Plan Prel/Final Combined, Block 59 Lot 17, 261 Route 17 North, Mahwah.

After a thorough review of Docket #539, it was determined that this application has no historic significance. Mr. Brewster moved to approve Docket #539 with no comment and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Grob, yes; Greene, yes; Beatrice, yes; Brewster, yes; Shanley, yes.

Docket #540 Inserra Plaza, LLC/Amended Site Plan, Block 135 Lot 42 & 43, 20 Ridge Road.

After a thorough review of Docket #540, it was determined that this application has no historic significance. Mrs. Greene moved to approve Docket #540 with no comment and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Grob, yes; Greene, yes; Beatrice, yes; Brewster, yes; Shanley, yes.

Docket #541PF, Jay-Jay Holding Corp. Block 63 Lot 8, 333 Route 17 North, Mahwah.

After a thorough review of Docket #541, it was determined that this application has no historic significance. Mrs. Greene moved to approved Docket #541 with no comment and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Grob, yes; Greene, yes; Beatrice, yes; Brewster, yes; Shanley, yes.

NJDEP: No comments

New Business: None at this time.

Old Business:

Mahwah Historic Recognition Award: It was discussed to nominate the owners of the Young's house for their restoration of the house. This will be decided at the June HPC meeting.

General Discussion:

Mrs. Greene reported that the County of Bergen is in the process of widening Ramapo Valley Road at the Bear Swamp Road entrance. Mrs. Greene explained that after the Bailey Bridge was built over the Cleveland Bridge, the entrance to Bear Swamp Road was shortened and Deerhaven residents complained to the County that the renovation created a lack of sight from RVR traffic and traffic accidents have increased because of this. Mrs. Greene reported that the County responded with a proposal to widen RVR before and after the Bear Swamp Road entrance. Mrs. Greene reported that this road widening proposal would include the Garrison-Dator-Price ruins. The Garrison-Dator-Price ruins dates back to 1740 and is listed on the Bergen County Survey #0233-97 as an historic site.

The Commission agreed that the Chair and Mrs. Greene should draft a letter to the County of Bergen inquiring about its proposal and if the road widening would affect the Garrison-Dator-Price ruins, and if there might be a better solution which would include removing the Bailey Bridge covering and repair the Cleveland Bridge.

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