

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

June 2, 2014 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Absent

Jack Bolan

Randall Brewster, late 8:01pm

Carol Green

Deborah Grob

Anne Powley

Gus Vasiliadis, late 7:38pm

Leda Wettre

Ron Wohlberg, late 7:40pm

Yvonne Beatrice, Alternate I

Marc Foner, Alternate II

Barbara Shanley, Chair Late 8:04pm

Flag Salute

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Minutes: May 5, 2014 minutes: Under New Business, second sentence should read “However, there is apparently no work” and under Chair Nomination, third sentence correct Mr. Dunn Wettre to Ms. Dunn Wettre. Ms. Dunn-Wettre moved to approved the minutes as corrected and Mr. Foner seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain: Beatrice, yes; Bolan, yes; Greene, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, yes; Wettre, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Shanley, yes.

Public Session:

No members of the public were present. The secretary, reported that she received a phone call from the new owner of the Young House, 81 Youngs Road and that the owner said he would attend the HPC meeting to review his proposed alteration plans. It was agreed to postpone the Public Session until the owner of the Youngs House is present.

Committee Reports:

Quackenbush Barn: Mrs. Powley reported that she has not heard from Boy Scout Ernie Delcher regarding his schedule for the Quackenbush Barn repairs Eagle Scout project.

HPC Business Card: Mrs. Powley asked for a copy of the Township logo. The secretary will email her a copy.

CDL Report: Mrs. Beatrice had no update.

Public Session: Mr. Greene moved to open to Public Session and Mr. Wohlberg seconded the motion. All approved.

The Chair recognized Mr. Tim Dubois, 81 Youngs Road, the owner of the historic Youngs house. Mr. Dubois reported that his alternation plans to the property include adding a fence, and connecting the one bedroom in-laws room to the main house, which would raise the roof line. Currently the only entrance to this bedroom is from the outside. He is planning on raising the 6 foot roof line to connect to the rest of the house. This section was built in the 1970's. He will be engaging an architect for the alternations. In Mrs. Shanley's absence, Mrs. Grob explained to Mr. Dubois that the

HPC cannot make any formal recommendations without a Construction Application. Mrs. Grob explained that the Youngs house is on the Ordinance. Therefore, the HPC would be receiving the Construction Application, once he submits it to the Construction Code Official, and at that time, the HPC will review the application and make its recommendation. The Commission thanked Mr. Dubois for sharing his alternation plans with the Commission.

The HPC secretary will mail Mr. Dubois a copy of the Secretary of Interior Standards booklet for his review.

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

Committee Reports continued:

Glasgow Outhouse: The Chair reported that the Council did not include the Glasgow Outhouse to the Ordinance because it is not a permanent structure. The Chair asked for volunteers to help with the renovation of the Glasgow Outhouse for June 21, and June 28. Mrs. Shanley will help on June 21 and Mr. Bolan will help on June 28. The Chair reported, that Mr. Wohlberg is doing a fantastic repair, but he could need some help. The Chair will write a letter to Home Depot requesting for donations for Mr. Wohlberg. The Chair asked if the outhouse should be painted or stained. It was agreed to stain the siding barn red and the window trim will be stained white.

Web Site FAQ's: The Commission members will email their FAQ's to Ms. Wettre and she will compile all the FAQ's and email them to the secretary to forward to all the members for discussion at the July 7, 2014 HPC meeting.

Demolition Application: 681 Wyckoff Avenue, Block 162 Lot 236.

After a thorough review of the application it was determined that the property has no historic significance. Mrs. Grob moved to approve the demolition of 681 Wyckoff Avenue with no comments.

Vote: yes, 9; 0 no; 0 abstain: Bolan, yes; Brewster, yes; Greene, yes; Grob, yes; Dunn Wettre, yes; Powley, yes; Vasliadis, yes; Wohlberg, yes, ; Shanley, yes.

Old Business:

Darlington Schoolhouse: Mrs. Powley and Ms. Wettre are taking pictures of the improvements.

Historic Markers & Mahwah Tour: Mr. Foner suggested the HPC highlight the Township's historic homes at Mahwah Day. Mrs. Powley and Mrs. Greene will help with photos. It was also discussed to re-print the original Historic Homes booklet to include the homes that have been added to the Historic element of the Township Ordinance. The original booklet was printed in the 1980's and needs to be updated. Mr. Foner also suggested adding the historic markers to the booklet. Mr. Foner, Mrs. Powley and Mrs. Greene volunteered to work on this committee.

It was also suggested to add a virtual tour of Mahwah's historic properties on the HPC page of the Township's web site.

Web Site Topics: will be reviewed at July 2014 HPC meeting.

Ms. Wettre moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Foner 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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