

Historic Preservation Commission

June 6, 2011 Minutes (corrected)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Yvonne Beatrice
Randall Brewster
Carol Greene
Deborah Grob
Alex Michelini
Gus Vasliadis (7:39)

Absent

Barbara Shanley (excused)
Marthajean Drago
Tony Bourgholtzer (excused)

Flag Salute

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Mrs. Grob reported that the Chair, Mrs. Shanley, asked Mrs. Grob to Chair the meeting in her absence.

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

There were no members from the public present.

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

Mr. Vasiliadis joined the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Chairs Report:

Master Plan: The Township Planner, Burgis Associates, notified the HPC that there are properties that still need to be identified.

Mr. Michelini volunteered to research the following properties:

Pelz Barn/Chad Farm, Airmont Road; Apple Ridge Cemetery, Fisher Road; Pal’s Diner(former site, 240 Rt. 17); Isaac Bogert House, 640 Campgaw Road.

Mrs. Beatrice volunteered to research the Crocker Mansion; Decker House, Fike Road, and the Thomas Hennion house with Mrs. Greene.

Mr. Vasiliadis volunteered to research properties on Ramapo Valley Road: Darlington Schoolhouse; Hopper Grist Mill; Shivers House, and Birch Estate.

Mrs. Greene volunteered to research, Van Gelder House; 81 Youngs Road; Hovenkoff Bridge; Hopkins and Dickenson lock works ruins off Ramapo Valley Road; the Garrison grist mill; the Erie Rail Road Main Line and the Thomas Hennion house with Mrs. Beatrice.

Mrs. Grob volunteered to research the south west side of the Brakeshoe district; the slave cemetery on Ramapo Valley Road, and look up block and lot numbers not listed.

The secretary will research the Smith house on Forest Road.

Applications: Docket #524F Chestnut Trees, LLC Block 126, Lot 129 & 130, Masonicus Road.

The Commission decided to unanimously approve this application with no comment.

Old Business:

Mahwah Day, September 24, 2011: Mrs. Grob confirmed that Mr. Michelini, Mrs. Shanley, Mr. Brewster, and she will be manning the HPC booth. The walking tour will include, The Ramapo Reformed Church and cemetery and the Train Station Museum which will include a narrative on the Winter Dairy Store, and the Quackenbush Barn. A tour of the latter two properties will not be available.

Darlington Schoolhouse: Mr. Vasiliadis reported that the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference would be interested in reproducing a second edition of the Darlington Schoolhouse Memories of Mahwah holiday ornament as a joint fundraiser with the HPC. Mrs. Greene will write the text and Mr. Brewster will research an alternate type of ornament, possibly a Styrofoam type of ornament. The secretary will research the artwork and text of the first edition for Mr. Brewster. A suggestion for the name of the ornament was discussed and the Commission decided to review this again at the July 11, 2011 meeting.

Chestnut Trees LLC, Barn Relocation: Mr. Brewster reported that he was unsuccessful in contacting the developer's attorney, Mr. Jaworski, and Mr. Meyer, the person interested in relocating the barn, for a status on the barn. Mr. Brewster will continue trying to contact Mr. Jaworski and the developer for a status on the barn.

Minutes: Mr. Michelini moved to table the May 2, 2011 minutes until the July 11, 2011 meeting, and Mrs. Greene seconded the motion. All approved.

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

New Business:

Vanhorn/Glasgow Outhouse: Mr. Michelini gave a detailed report (on file with the June 6, 2011 minutes) on the Vanhorn/Glasgow Outhouse. Mr. Michelini had contacted several authorities on outhouses including Mr. Breitenbach, a trustee of the Pascask Historical Society in Park Ridge, NJ, who built an outhouse and donated it to the Society's Museum at Park Ridge. Mr. Breitenbach, concluded that the structure was in good condition and could be restored. Mr. Michelini suggested that the HPC start a media campaign to generate interest in recruiting volunteers to restore the outhouse. Mr. Michelini submitted a cost estimate for the project.

Mrs. Greene reported that she had reported to the Mahwah Museum Society that the HPC plans to restore the outhouse and they are in favor of it. Mrs. Greene will share with the Museum a copy of Mr. Michelini's report along with a sample press release for its input.

NJ Historic Preservation Conference, "Preservation Looks Forward,"

Mr. Michelini reported that he had attended the NJ Historic Preservation Conference on June 3, 2011 and submitted a written report summarizing the topics discussed (on file with June 6, 2011 minutes). The common strain that ran through the presentations was the need to explore new partnerships, formulate long-range plans, share resources, and collaborate on grant seeking and create enthusiasm with the public.

The Commission thanked Mr. Michelini for attending the conference and sharing his report with them.

Mrs. Greene presented the HPC with photos of properties from the Bergen County Historic Sites listings for its files. Mrs. Grob thanked Mrs. Greene and agreed that these photos will be a valuable asset to the HPC research files.

DEP Filings: No comments.

Mr. Vasiliadis moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Brewster seconded the motion. All approved.

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

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

/dms