

July 11, 2011 Minutes **Corrected 8.2.11**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Barbara Shanley
Yvonne Beatrice
Deborah Grob
Alex Michelini
Gus Vasiliadis
Carol Greene (late 8:00p.m.)

Absent

Marthajean Drago
Randall Brewster, excused
Tony Bourgholtzer, excused

Flag Salute

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

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

The Chair recognized Mr. and Mrs. Eric Boe, 147 Halifax Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Mr. Boe reported that his company Corinthian Construction is under contract to build the house on the fifth building lot at the Isaac Bogert sub-division and had submitted the construction plans to the Construction Official and Planning and Zoning Administrator. The Chair reported that the HPC has not received the application from either department and cannot act on the plans with the building application. Mr. Boe said he would check with both departments the next day and thanked the HPC for their patience.

Public Session: Mr. Vasiliadis moved to close the Public Session and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion. All approved.

Chair's Report:

The Chair thanked Mrs. Grob for Chairing the June 2011 meeting in her absence and Mr. Vasiliadis, Mr. Michelini and Mrs. Bourgholtzer for their attendance and contribution to the HPC Heritage Awards presentation.

Masonic Schoolhouse/Church: The Chair will contact Pastor Jay and assist him with the State Registry application for the Masonic Schoolhouse. The Chair explained that before the Church can apply for a grant for any repairs to the building, the Masonic Schoolhouse/Church must be registered on the State Historic Registry.

Winter Farm House: Chair called Mr. Alvarez several times regarding the broken window and repairs that need to be done. The Chair will write and send, Property Maintenance Official, Mr. Mulvey a formal letter from the HPC regarding the repairs needed and copy Mr. Alvarez.

Mahwah Day: Mrs. Shanley, Mr. Michelini, Mr. Brewster, and Mrs. Grob will assist with the HPC booth and Mrs. Grob along with Joanna Hannon will conduct the walking tour of the Ramapo Reformed Church, and Mrs. Shanley will assist Mr. Robert Adler conduct the tour of the Train Station Museum.

Old Business:

Glasgow Outhouse: Mr. Michelini reported that he had completed his research on the Glasgow outhouse repair and renovation and suggested that the Chair appoint another Ad Hoc Committee to follow through with the renovations and he will be available to assist with the historic details.

Mr. Michelini reported that several months ago the Chair had suggested to the HPC that it conduct a Joyce Kilmer research and promotion project to promote Joyce Kilmer's contribution to the Township of Mahwah. The Commission agreed to the project. The Chair pointed out again that the Joyce Kilmer house is a private residence and that the project must respect the privacy of the homeowners in its promotion. Mr. Michelini noted that the house can be photographed from the road. The Chair and Commission gave Mr. Michelini their blessing to conduct the research and report back to the HPC with his results.

Mrs. Beatrice asked if at Mahwah Day, the HPC could display the list of materials needed for the Glasgow Outhouse renovation for possible material donations and/or man power for the project. The Chair will compile the materials list for Mahwah Day.

Mrs. Greene arrived at the HPC meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Greene reported that Mr. Brewster contacted her that he was not feeling well and would not be attending the July 11, 2011 HPC meeting, however, he reported to Mrs. Greene that the barn at the Chestnut Trees sub-division is being relocated.

Mrs. Grob reported that the Ramapo Reformed Church parsonage barn has been relocated to Sun Valley Farm as previously agreed. Before the barn was removed a box of thirty plates from the churches bi-centennial were found inside the barn. The church will sell them to its parishioners.

Minutes:

May 2, 2011 minutes: The Chair corrected under Public Session, fifth sentence should read as follows: Mrs. Greene asked Mr. Boe if he could confirm that all the agreed upon stipulations as per the developers agreement with the Township Planning Board have been completed on the Isaac Bogert house. And the seventh sentence should read as follows: Mr. Boe reported that the property was bought by the Hunting Harford Estate and at that time barns and stables were..... and under New Business change tine to time.

Mrs. Greene moved to accept the minutes as corrected and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Grob, yes; Greene, yes; Beatrice, yes; Michelini, yes; Vasiliadis, abstain, Shanley, yes.

June 6, 2011 Minutes: The Chair corrected under Chairs Master Plan report sixth paragraph change Hopper and Dickenson cemeteries to Hopkins Dickenson lock works ruins..... Also under New Business change Quackenbush Outhouse to Vanhorn/Glasgow Outhouse.

Mrs. Grob moved to accept the June 6, 2011 as corrected and Mr. Vasilidias seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Grob, yes; Greene, yes; Beatrice, yes; Michelini, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Shanley, abstain.

Applications:

New York/New Jersey Trail Conference Constructon Permit for Darlington Schoolhouse, 600 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 19, Lot 7.

The Chair reported that the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference (NYNJTC) has already replaced the exterior shingles and did not submit its application to the HPC for approval. The Chair noted that all exterior changes to the building must be approved by the HPC. The Chair will send a letter to the NYNJTC informing them of this and invite them to attend the August 1, 2011 HPC meeting to review the planned renovations.

Mr. Vasilidis moved to approve the construction application for 600 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 19; Lot 7 contingent on Chair's letter to NYNJTC and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion.

Vote 6 yes; 0 no: Grob, yes; Greene, yes; Beatrice, yes; Michelini, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Shanley, yes.

DEP Filings: No comments.

Old Business:

Master Plan:

The secretary reported that Burgis Associates is no longer the Township Planner. Maser Consulting in Clinton, NJ is the Township Planner. The secretary sent Maser a copy of the HPC element of the master plan and all the HPC updates that were requested from Burgis Associates.

Carol Greene will report on the Houvenhopf Road and causeway at the August 1, 2011 meeting; Mrs. Shanley and Mr. Vasiliadis will research Stag Hill area and Indian sites. Mrs. Shanley will contact Ramapough Indian Chief, Dwaine Perry and Mr. Vasiliadis will research the work of Annie Lutz, who had researched the area and written a book about the Stag Hill area. Any research data and photos that are still outstanding by Commission members will be reported on at the August 1, 2011 meeting.

Mrs. Beatrice reported that a Girl Scout approached her inquiring the ownership of the Hopper Cemetery on Ramapo Valley Road. She would like to clean up the cemetery as her Girl Scout Gold Award project. It was explained that the property ownership was questioned several years ago, and never determined. The Malcolm's whose property abuts the cemetery stated that it is not on their property deed and Ramapo College stated it is not on their property deed. It was determined that is it on State land. It was suggested that Mrs. Beatrice inform the Girl Scout that she contact the State of New Jersey to determine the ownership.

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