

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
August 1, 2016 Minutes
Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

Roll Call

Present

Present

Jack Boland

Reshmee Cuman

Anne Powley

Gus Vasiliadis

Yvonne Beatrice

Barbara Shanley, Chair

Absent

Absent

Randall Brewster

Carol Greene, excused

Deborah Grob, excused

Ronald Wohlberg

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Flag Salute:

Minutes:

Mr. Vasiliadis moved to approve the June 6, 2016 minutes as read, and Mrs. Cuman seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Beatrice, yes; Boland, abstain; Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Shanley, yes.

Mrs. Cuman moved to approve the July 11, 2016 minutes as read, and Mrs. Powley seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no; 3 abstain: Beatrice, abstain; Boland, abstain; Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Vasiliadis, abstain; Shanley, yes.

Open Public Session: Mr. Bolan moved to open the Public Session and Mrs. Powley seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Beatrice, yes; Bolan, yes; Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Shanley, yes.

No members of the public were present.

Close Public Session: Mrs. Cuman moved to close the Public Session and Mrs. Powley seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Beatrice, yes; Bolan, yes; Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Shanley, yes.

Chair's Report

Darlington Schoolhouse: No report at this time.

Moffatt Road Cemetery: The Chair confirmed with Mrs. Powley that the best date for the Boy Scouts to help with a cleanup of Moffatt Road Cemetery would be October 1, 2016. The Chair will also research if there are any grants available to prevent the hill facing Route 17 North from eroding.

Vanderbeck Lane Cemetery: No report at this time.

Committee Reports:

Winters Farmhouse: Mrs. Shanley reported that she had not received a response from the Township Attorney regarding a meeting date to discuss the Winters Farmhouse. The secretary will again reach out to the Township Attorney for a date to meet with the Winter Farmhouse sub-committee. If the HPC does not receive a reply, then the Chair will contact Council President, John Roth, to intervene.

Quackenbush Barn: Mrs. Shanley asked if old beams could be auctioned, since they are not being utilized. The secretary reported that the Township auctions excess Township property on Govdeals and she will arrange to have the beams auctioned.

Glasgow Outhouse: Mrs. Shanley and Mrs. Grob met on July 25, 2016 and cleaned the Glasgow Outhouse. The Mrs. Shanley will contact Home Depot to ask them for a donation of exterior white paint. The HPC will include the outhouse in the Mahwah Day Historic Tours.

Mahwah Museum: No report at this time.

HPC Historic Signs Brochure: Mrs. Powley informed the Commission that she had just been informed that there is an historic road marker in front of the Hill Estate on Ramapo Valley Road that was not included in the brochure.

The Chair asked if the Commission should be amended the HPC Historic Road Signs Brochure to include this sign. Since it could not be determined if the road marker is a County or Township sign Mrs. Beatrice moved to not amend the HPC Historic Road Signs Brochure to include the Hill Estate and Mrs. Cuman seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Beatrice, yes; Bolan, yes; Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Shanley, yes.

Carmelite Retreat: No report at this time.

Mahwah Day: The Chair asked for volunteers to help operate the Historic Preservation Commission booth. Mr. Bolan will be there at 9am to help set up with Mrs. Shanley. Mrs. Powley and Mrs. Shanley will take the 12 noon until 2pm shift; Mr. Bolan and Mr. Brewster will take the 2pm until 4pm shift, and Mrs. Cuman and Mrs. Shanley will take the 4pm until 5pm shift.

New Business:

Chair Nominations: Mrs. Shanley reported again that due to personal issues she no longer can hold the position of HPC Chairperson and asked for nominations from the floor.

Mrs. Shanley nominated Mr. Bolan. Mr. Bolan declined the nomination.

Mrs. Powley reported that she had spoken to Mrs. Grob prior to the meeting and Mrs. Grob agreed to allow Mrs. Powley to nominate her as Chairperson, and Mrs. Beatrice seconded Mrs. Powley's nomination of Mrs. Grob. All approved.

Vote: 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Beatrice, yes; Bolan, yes; Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Shanley, yes.

Mrs. Grob will Chair the HPC meetings starting September 12, 2016.

General Discussion: Mrs. Shanley suggestion that the HPC hold one of its meetings at Mrs. Greene's house to allow Mrs. Greene to attend. All approved. Mrs. Shanley will contact Mrs. Greene for her consent and report back to the Commission at the September 12, 2016 HPC meeting.

Mr. Vasiliadis moved to adjourn the HPC meeting and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion. All approved.

These minutes are a synopsis of the HPC recording, which is on file at the Township Municipal Building.