

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

August 3, 2015 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Roll Call

Present

Jack Bolan
Randy Brewster
Anne Powley
Gus Vasiliadis (late 7:47pm)
Ronald Wohlberg
Yvonne Beatrice
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Carol Greene, excused
Deborah Grob, excused

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Flag Salute:

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

Vote: 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Bolan, yes; Brewster, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Shanley, yes.

The Chair recognized Ms. K. Karen Georgiadis Fasouletos, 40 Harvin Place, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Ms. Fasouletos introduced herself as a former history teacher and a current school administrator. She graduated from the Mahwah school system and is very interested in getting involved with educating the public on Mahwah's history and preserving Mahwah's historic sites.

The Chair asked Ms. Fasouletos to send her resume and letter of interested to the Mayor and copy the HPC secretary. Ms. Fasouletos replied she will do so.

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

Vote: 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Bolan, yes; Brewster, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Shanley, yes.

Minutes: The July 6, 2015 HPC minutes were tabled until the HPC September 14, 2015 meeting.

Chair's Report:

Mahwah Day: The Chair asked that Mrs. Beatrice bring a sample of the HPC "Find Historic Sites" game to the September 14, 2015 meeting for a dry run. Mr. Bolan and Mr. Brewster volunteered to help set up the HPC table and Mrs. Powley will bring the booth table.

Mahwah Heritage Awards: Mrs. Shanley will write the presentation text and Mrs. Greene will present the Mahwah Heritage 2016 Award for Restoration/Renovation award to the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference at the Township Council second meeting in January 2015.

HPC Vacancy: Mrs. Powley mentioned that she has someone interested in filling the vacant Class “C” HPC position. The Chair asked her to ask the person to send in their letter of interest to the Mayor and copy the HPC secretary.

Committee Reports:

Winters Farmhouse: Mrs. Shanley read to the Commission members the repair items that have been addressed by the owner of the Winters Farmhouse, and reported that the owners are protesting the installation of an alarm system and gutters. Mrs. Shanley asked for volunteers to meet with her and Mrs. Grob and inspect the repair work that has been done by the owners. Mr. Wohlberg and Mr. Brewster volunteered for August 5, 2015 at 8 a.m. The secretary will ask the Property Maintenance Inspector, Mr. Mulvey, if he could also attend.

Glasgow Outhouse: The Chair reported that the Glasgow Outhouse painting was postponed due to the inclement weather, and asked for volunteers for August 8 and 9 for finalizing the painting. Mrs. Beatrice, Mr. Boland and Mrs. Powley volunteered.

Quackenbush Barn: Mrs. Shanley confirmed that DPW Director, Ed Sinclair, will be the point of contact for the Eagle Scout project.

Mahwah Museum: No report at this time.

Carmelite Retreat: Mrs. Shanley reported that she, Mrs. Greene and the HPC secretary toured the grounds of the Carmelite Retreat with the Mayor, and the prospective buyer’s realtor. The prospective buyer is looking to purchase the entire property and is looking to preserve as much as possible. The Chair reported that the property was not photo documented, and asked for a sub-committee to tour the entire property for photo documentation. Mr. Beatrice, Mr. Brewster or Mrs. Powley. Mrs. Greene will also be in attendance.

Pilgrim Pipeline: Mrs. Powley asked if the HPC would consider adding their name to the list of organizations opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline. The opposition letter will be addressed to the Bergen County Freeholders. The Pilgrim Pipeline is an oil pipeline. The proposed route will follow the Tennessee Pipeline and go through the Ramapo Mountains and the construction equipment vehicles will be using the Cleveland Bridge.

Let the minutes reflect that Mr. Brewster moved to include the Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission to the list of organizations opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline, and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Bolan, yes; Brewster, yes; Powley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Shanley, yes.

Applications: None at this time.

Adjournment: Mr. Vasiliadis moved to adjourn the HPC meeting at 9:19 p.m. and Mrs. Beatrice 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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