

Historic Preservation Commission

August 5, 2013 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Yvonne Beatrice  
Randall Brewster  
Carol Greene (7:43)  
Deborah Grob (8:10)  
Gus Vasiliadis (8:20)  
Leda Dunn- Wettre  
Ronald Wohlberg  
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Jack Bolan

**Flag Salute**

**Sunshine Law:** The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

**Public Session:** Mrs. Dunn-Wettre moved to open the Public Session and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion. All approved.

The Chair recognized Mahwah Museum President, Charles Carraras. Mr. Carraras reviewed with the Commission the Mahwah Museum Fall presentation, which highlights the "Neighborhoods of Mahwah", an overview of the last 100 years of Mahwah. The second week in October, Carol Greene, Linda Dator and Bob Adler will speak at the Ramapo Reformed Church about growing up in Mahwah, and the second Thursday in November, Mr. Michelini will give a presentation on Joyce Kilmer. He invited all the members to attend.

The Commission thanked Mr. Carraras for inviting the Commission.

The Chair recognized Anne Powley. Mrs. Powley reported that she is interested in filling the HPC Class C vacant position and will submit her resume to the Mayor for approval. The Commission thanked Mrs. Powley and the Chair will send a letter to the Mayor recommending Mrs. Powley to the open HPC position.

Mrs. Dunn-Wettre moved to close the Public Session and Mr. Brewster seconded the motion. All approved.

**Minutes:** Mrs. Beatrice corrected the spelling of Tom O'Brien to Tom O'Brien under Old Train Station Museum: first sentence. The Chair corrected approves to approved under Applications, first paragraph, fourth sentence, and added the Chair, under Ackerman House, third sentence, Therefore, the Chair..... and insert (BOA) after New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, first sentence ....Zoning Board of Adjustment (BOA)...

Mr. Wohlberg moved to approve the May 6, 2013 minutes as corrected and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion. All approved.

**Chair's Report:**

Old Train Station Museum, Wanamaker Shed and Glasgow Outhouse: The Chair reported that Home Depot is donating materials, which include lumber and wooden shingles for the outhouse restoration and that DPW will pick up the materials.

Annual Heritage Awards: The Commission agreed to award Nancy Bristow, Maya Britton and MEVO the Heritage Award for Preservation and Restoration Project for the Moffatt Road cemetery cleanup, and Alex Michelini the award for Contributions of Individual in Preserving Mahwah History, for his Joyce Kilmer research. All approved. The Chair will contact them and prepare the certificates. The secretary will confirm with the Township Clerk that the Commission would like to present these awards at the December 12, 2013 Council meeting.

**New Business:**

The Commission discussed conducting the Joyce Kilmer White Oak tree dedication on October 12 or October 26, 2013, at 10 a.m. at Winter Pond. The Chair will send out invitations to the Mayor and Township Council, Joyce Kilmer essay winners, Alex Michelini and the Library. The secretary will obtain a quote for the plaque, which will read:

This White Oak tree commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the poem "Trees" written by Joyce Kilmer at his Mahwah home on February 3, 1913. Township of Mahwah, Historic Preservation Commission, May 2013.

Mahwah Day: It was decided to conduct the tours of Ramapo Reformed Church and the Train Station Museum again this year. Mrs. Dunn- Wettre and Mrs. Grob will help along with Mrs. Shanley.

Mrs. Dunn-Wettre excused herself from the meeting.

Winter Farmhouse: Realtor, Terrie O'Connor called Mrs. Shanley regarding what can be done to the Winter Farmhouse. Mrs. Shanley reported she would return her call.

Ramapo Reformed Church: Mrs. Grob reported that the Ramapo Reformed Church's roof needs to be replaced and presented the Commission with a sample of the replacement shingle "Fox Hollow Grey" Timberlin Asphalt shingles.

Mr. Vasiliadis moved to approve the shingles and Mrs. Greene seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Beatrice, yes; Brewster, yes; Greene, yes; Grob, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Shanley, yes.

790 Ramapo Valley Road: The Chair reported that the owners of 790 Ramapo Valley Road want to sell the property and asked what the restrictions are. The Chair and Mr. Vasiliadis toured the property and reported that the house has been altered several times and in need of electrical updating. The Chair reported that the Commission would advise the Planning Board on any applications regarding this property. It is listed on the Bergen County Historic Sites Survey and the Township Master Plan.

NJDEP Applications: no comments

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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