

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

August 7, 2017 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Reshmee Cuman  
Carol Greene (7:41)  
Barbara Shanley  
Gus Vasiliadis (7:40)  
Ronald Wohlberg  
Karen Fasouletos  
Yvonne Beatrice  
Debbie Grob

Absent

Jack Bolan, excused  
Randy Brewster, excused  
Anne Powley

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

**Flag Salute:**

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

Vote: 8 yes; 0 no. Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

The Chair recognized Ramapo College Assistant to the President, Brittany Goldstein and Michael Cunningham, Director of Facilities. Ms. Goldstein reported that the first floor of the Ramapo College Havemeyer Estate hosts over 80 events a year, and explained to the Commission that the garden gazebo is in very bad condition and unsafe for public use. The gazebo was not original to the estate and over the years has gone through several patch repairs. The college is requesting to demolish it and replace it with an outside bench seating area for visitors and would keep the slate flooring.

The Commission had no objections to the demolition and thanked the college for coming to the Commission for its permission.

The Chair recognized Ms. Gallow and Ms. Steinberg. Both Ms. Gallow and Ms. Steinberg are running for Township Council and will be attending the Boards and Commissions meetings to obtain a better understanding of how they function. The Chair explained the duties of the HPC and thanked them for their attendance.

Mr. Wohlberg moved to close the Public Session and Mrs. Cuman seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 8 yes; 0 no. Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

**Minutes:** Mrs. Cuman moved to approve the July 10, 2017 HPC minutes as read and Mrs. Fasouletos seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 6 yes; 0 no. Cuman, yes; Shanley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

**Chair's Report:**

**Memories of Mahwah:** The Chair reported that she had set up an email address for the public to email their memories of Mahwah. [mahwahhpc@gmail.com](mailto:mahwahhpc@gmail.com).

**Mahwah Day:** The Chair reported that she had written up a questionnaire with a release form for the public to complete and submit their Memories of Mahwah. The HPC will hand it out at the September 23, 2017 Mahwah Day booth.

Public Session: Mrs. Shanley moved to re-open the Public Session and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion, all approved.

Vote: 8 yes; 0 no. Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Goldstein, who reported that with a gmail account you can set up a you tube account and video tape the respondent's memories. The Chair thanked Mrs. Goldstein for her suggestion.

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

Vote: 8 yes; 0 no. Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

Mrs. Shanley, Mrs. Powley, Mrs. Fasouletos, Mrs. Cuman Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Grob will help with the HPC booth on Mahwah Day.

**Crocker Mansion:** The Chair reported that Mrs. Shanley received permission from the owners of the Crocker Mansion to take a tour of the mansions renovations with their estate manager one day during the last week of August or the first or second week of September.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**New York/New Jersey Trail Conference:** The Chair reported that SHPO agrees that natural rock should be the material used for the parapet at the NYNJTC. The Chair will verify with NYNJTC representative, Ed Goodell.

**Vanderbeck Cemetery:** No report at this time.

**Glasgow Outhouse:** Mrs. Shanley reported that she will contact Train Station and Caboose Museum member, Mr. Adler, in regards to signage at the Glasgow Outhouse.

**Carmelite Retreat:** No report at this time.

**Darlington School House:** No further report.

**Mahwah Museum:** Mrs. Greene reported that the wood carvings of Mr. William Lameraux will be exhibited at the Mahwah Museum and that the Museum will re-open late September. Mr. Lameraux was one of the original members of the Historic Sites Committee and a longtime resident of Mahwah.

**Quackenbush Barn:** Mrs. Grob met with DPW and supervised the installation of the bronze plaque on the Quackenbush Barn.

**HPC Facebook Page:** Mrs. Shanley reported that she had sent information on Blandina Bayard to be posted on the HPC Facebook page.

**Applications:** None at this time.

**Street Names:** The secretary reported that the HPC has not received an application from the Township Clerk for a street name change for either Fike Road or Fyke Road. However, in anticipation of this application the Commission reviewed the request from the Township Engineer and after a thorough review of the history of the area, and in consideration of

the residents that would need to change their address, Mrs. Green moved to rename Fike Road(off of Campgaw Road) to Settlers Road, stating that many of the original settlers of Mahwah traveled this road, and Mr. Wohlberg seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 yes; 0 no. Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

**New Business:** None at this time.

**General Discussion:** None at this time.

Mr. Wohlberg moved to adjourn the HPC Public meeting and Mrs. Shanley seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 8 yes; 0 no. Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

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

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