

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

September 8, 2014 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Randy Brewster
Deborah Grob
Gus Vasiliadis, late 8:06
Carol Greene
Leda Dunn Wettre
Ron Wohlberg
Yvonne Beatrice, Alternate I
Barbara Shanley, Chair

Absent

Jack Bolan, excused
Anne Powley, excused
Marc Foner, excused

Flag Salute

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

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

The Chair recognized Michael Delcher, and his mother Mrs. Delcher, 118 Malcolm Road, Mahwah, NJ. Michael explained to the Commission that he is a Boy Scout and is requesting that the Commission approve his Eagle Scout project to paint and repair the Quackenbush barn. Michael presented to the Commission a written detailed proposal for its review, which included, repairing and replacing boards from woodpecker damage, power washing the barn, repairing the barn door, and repainting the outside walls.

The Chair thanked Michael and offered the Commission's assistance with his project in whatever capacity it is permitted to do. Mr. Wohlberg volunteered to be the Commission contact person for Michael. The Chair told Michael to contact DPW Director, Ed Sinclair regarding the power washing. The Chair reported that the Commission already has a commitment from Sherwin Williams for the paint donation and will give the contact name to Michael. The barn will require a primer coat and at least one final coat and if need be a second coat. The Commission will review the proposal and email their suggestions/comments to the Chair by September 15, 2014. The Chair will contact Michael with the Commission's comments/corrections for the final approval. The Chair explained that this project is subject to the weather and does not need to be done this Fall; and, if need be, Michael could start in the Spring of 2015.

Michael researched what preventative steps could be done to stop the woodpeckers from pecking on the wood, and reported that a hawk decoy on the barn has been a successful deterrent and asked if that would be acceptable. The Commission agreed.

Mrs. Wettre moved to close the Public Session and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion. All approved.

Minutes: The August 2, 2014: Mrs. Grob stated that the second paragraph under Glasgow Outhouse should be removed. Mrs. Wettre requested that corrections are put in quotes.

Mrs. Greene moved to approve the August 2, 2014 as corrected and Mrs. Wettre seconded the motion. All approved.

Chair's Report:

NJ Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant Program of Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant. Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Shanley and Mrs. Powley or Mrs. Grob, if Mrs. Powley is unable to participate, will review what qualifying projects can be submitted for 2015, since there is not enough time to meet the October 31, 2014 deadline. The Chair suggested submitting a joint project with the Mahwah Museum Society for the Old Train Station Museum. The Chair will contact the Mahwah Museum Society Board members to see if they would be interested.

Preservation in Practice: The Chair reported that she will be attending the Preservation in Practice training session at Kean University on October 4, 2014 and possible Mrs. Powley will also be attending.

Committee Reports:

Quackenbush Barn: No further report.

HPC Business Cards: No report at this time.

Mahwah Brochure: The Chair reported that Mrs. Powley had called her and reported that the brochure was taking more time than anticipated and as a result it will not be available for Mahwah Day.

Glasgow Outhouse: Mr. Wohlberg reported that the Glasgow Outhouse is ready for painting. Mrs. Grob, Mrs. Wettre and Mrs. Shanley volunteered to assist Mr. Wohlberg on Saturday September 13, 2014.

Mahwah Day: Mr. Brewster and Mrs. Grob will help set up the HPC table at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of September 20, 2014. Mrs. Grob will conduct tours of Ramapo Reformed Church and Mr. Adler will conduct tours of the Train Station Museum. Mrs. Shanley will sell HPC Holiday Ornaments and hand out the current brochure.

The Chair reported that the Commission still has several hundred Havemeyer House ornaments to sell. Mr. Vasiliadis volunteered to contact the Ramapo Collect Book Store to see if they would be interested in selling the ornaments.

Winter Farmhouse: Mrs. Wettre reported that she had researched the Planning Board resolution and deed restriction which states that the Winter Farmhouse and well house shall remain on the lot not to be used as living quarters and shall at owners expense preserve, maintain and repair the Winter house and well houses as historic structures and the restriction shall run with the land. She suggested that the HPC prepare a statement to the Planning Board regarding its stance on the Winter Farmhouse, and when the owner comes before the Planning Board requesting permission to demolish the Winter Farmhouse and well that the HPC also be at that meeting and she volunteered to attend that Planning Board meeting as did Mrs. Shanley and Mrs. Grob.

Mrs. Greene reported that Richard Greene will be meeting with Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Alvarez on September 11, 2014 at 10 a.m. to conduct the house inspection. Mrs. Wettre will also be attending. Mr. Greene will submit his report to the HPC at its October meeting.

Web Site FAQs: Mrs. Grob volunteered to take over as Chair of the FAQ's committee since Mrs. Wettre will be busy with the Winter Farmhouse presentation. Mrs. Wettre will email Mrs. Grob the FAQs that she has compiled so far.

Street Name:

Docket #392A Shuart Lane, Block 78, Lot 17.

Mrs. Beatrice suggested Constable Court, since Edward Shuart was appointed as the first Constable of Mahwah in the early 1900's. Mrs. Greene suggested Peach Tree Lane because that area was known for apple and peach tree farming. Let the minutes reflect that Mrs. Grob moved and Mrs. Beatrice seconded submitting to the Planning Board the street names as follows for Docket #392-A

Constable Court

Peach Tree Lane

It was later determined that Joseph Shuart was a well known carpenter and built most of the homes in Cragmere Park. Therefore, it was agreed to replace Peach Tree Lane with Cragmere Court.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 no: Brewster, yes; Grob, yes; Greene, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wettre, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Beatrice, yes; Shanley.

Reimbursements: The Chair submitted invoices for materials needed in the Glasgow Outhouse restoration for reimbursement.

General Discussion:

The Chair reported that on behalf of the Commission, she had sent a memo to the Planning Board, stating that the HPC was unsuccessful in its search to find someone to relocate the **Knight Goetschious barn** to another location. Therefore, the HPC approves the demolition of the Knight Goetschious barn.

The Chair presented to the Commission a copy of the History of the Mahwah Woman's Club, which is no longer in existence. She will also email a copy to the Mahwah Museum Society for its records.

Mrs. Greene reported she will be giving a presentation of her book at the Ramapo Reformed Church on September 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. One of the topics is unusual historic houses. She asked permission from the HPC to display the Glasgow Outhouse in her presentation. All approved.

Mr. Vasiliadis moved to adjourn the HPC meeting at 9:15 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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