

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.**

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, held via remote video conference, was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Anne Powley, Chair. The Opening Statement was read according to the Sunshine Law. Roll call was taken.

*Present:*

Anne Powley, Chair  
Yvonne Beatrice  
Reshmee Cuman  
Catherine Gramaglia  
Carol Greene, Historian  
Barbara Rakov  
Deborah Silvestro  
Linda Dator, Alternate I, Vice Chair  
Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison

*Absent:*

Ronald Wohlberg

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on April 5, 2021 were approved with two grammatical edits following a motion by Beatrice; seconded by Dator. A roll call of eligible voters revealed five aye votes by Powley, Beatrice, Cuman, Greene and Dator. Gramaglia, Rakov and Silvestro abstained.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Moffatt Road Cleanup Update

Yesterday's cleanup with the Girl Scouts went very well. Powley said Ramapo Tree Service will come sometime in May to conduct the tree work.

Member Appointments

Ariemma said she does not know when town council will be making any appointments to our commission. Storms will check on the status.

Moffatt Road Cemetery Repair

Powley said there is a matching county grant available to perform the necessary repairs on the retaining wall, but we are still not ready to submit for a grant.

Ordinance Property Updates

Powley said the owners of the Baldwin Estate have not responded. She will try following up again.

Powley emailed everyone an updated copy of our ordinance properties in town.

Members discussed the Cleveland Bridge, which is a county property.

Powley asked Silvestro to check on the status of the William Stivers House.

### Public Session

Powley made a motion to open the meeting to the public; Cuman seconded. All members were in favor.

Freeholder Mary Amoroso joined the call as a member of the public to discuss the Cleveland Bridge. Powley asked Amoroso who we should talk to find out who is responsible with the metal cover

Amoroso said they are trying to obtain historic designation for the Lenape Nation's burial grounds on Stag Hill. They are in the beginning stages of this.

### Closed Session

Powley made a motion to close the meeting to the public; Beatrice seconded. All members were in favor.

### Funding Updates

Powley said she has a call scheduled with the business administrator on Thursday to discuss what type of fundraising we are allowed to do. Rakov said there is a grant through NAR, but the property must be owned by a nonprofit. She did not think we would fit the criteria for that grant. Rakov said the Realtor Care Foundation grant could also be an option. Beatrice is still working on a grant from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Cuman will follow up on a grant from the Knights of Columbus. Powley will mention all of this to the business administrator on Thursday.

### Facebook Updates

Powley said Greene has been pulling together great information for Facebook posts. Gramaglia and Silvestro will collaborate on additional posts. In June, Powley said we will focus our posts on the Ramapo College sites we are recognizing at our upcoming Historic Preservation Commission Awards.

### Historic Preservation Awards

Our ceremony is scheduled for June 3. Storms will ask if we will be able to do something in person for the ceremony. Storms will finalize the plaque language this week and submit to the printer. Powley said she would like to create and send out invitations to the historic preservation community. We will develop a mailing list.

Greene, Dator and Powley will begin to work on talking points. Storms will send a copy of the talking points from our last ceremony as a point of reference.

### Historic Preservation Awards Nomination

Greene said she would like to nominate Vincent Barbieri for his work to save the Winter Farmhouse. Members agreed we would reach out to Mr. Barbieri for next year's awards.

### Upcoming Meetings

Elaine Gold will speak at our June meeting to discuss the work of the county historic preservation office. In July, Carol Greene will discuss her book.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Nothing to report*

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

*Nothing to report*

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report*

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. following a motion by Dator; seconded by Rakov. All other present members voted in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via remote video conference. These minutes are a synopsis of the Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. A verbatim audio recording is on file at the Township Municipal Building.

J. Storms  
Secretary