

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.**

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, held via remote video conference, was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Anne Powley, Chair. The Opening Statement was read according to the Sunshine Law. Roll call was taken.

Present:

Anne Powley, Chair
Linda Dator, Vice Chair
Yvonne Beatrice
Pradeep Kapoor
Ronald Wohlberg
Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison
Joyce Kubeck, Alternate I
Martha Steinbach, Alternate II

Absent:

Reshmee Cuman
Carol Greene, Historian

Powley said we may have a guest speaker tonight. Ward Donigian is working on a project for the Winter's Dairy Barn. We will want to take photos of it before it is demolished.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on August 2, 2021 were approved following a motion by Beatrice; seconded by Steinbach. A roll call of eligible voters revealed four aye votes by Powley, Dator, Beatrice, and Steinbach. Wohlberg abstained.

CHAIR'S REPORT

House Portrait Fundraiser

We received approval to move forward with the house portrait fundraiser. Flyers have been created and posted on our website and social media site.

Friends Group Fundraiser

We received approval to move forward with a Friends Group Fundraiser. Powley said we can discuss at more length when we start building some contacts.

Shutterfly Share Site

Powley has created a Shutterfly share site for members to share photos of historic homes in town. Members discussed.

Member Vacancies

We still have two vacancies on the commission and two interested parties. We believe they will be confirmed before our next meeting.

Mahwah Day Updates

Members discussed their respective assignments for Mahwah Day. Kubeck will work the booth from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. with Wohlberg. Cuman will work from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Steinbach will be there to set up and take down the booth. Kapoor will help take down the booth from 4 to 5 p.m. Dator and Ariemma will fill in as needed. Steinbach discussed our handouts and booth giveaways.

Wanamaker Shed Discussion

The Wanamaker shed is in complete disrepair. Powley said she is scheduled to meet with the business administrator and DPW to develop a five-year maintenance plan. She would like to meet with Wohlberg over the week and develop a list of items needed. Wohlberg said he will take a look at the building this week.

Historic Property Updates

Steinbach has Powley encouraged members to continue monitoring their assigned properties.

HPC Awards

We will discuss this in more detail at our next meeting.

Cleveland Bridge Update

The county has requested a meeting with the town to discuss the status of the Cleveland Bridge. Powley plans to attend the meeting.

Caboose Repair Update

Kapoor gave an update on the status of the caboose repairs. The project costs of around \$130,000 to \$150,000 were not approved. The town is willing to fund a portion of the repairs, but the rest needs to be raised. Members discussed our options. Powley said she will have a conversation with the museum and we will discuss this again at upcoming meetings.

Fundraising Discussion

Members discussed additional fundraising ideas, such as house tours. Powley said she would like to form a fundraising subcommittee to discuss these ideas in further details. Beatrice noted the Commission is not meant to be a fundraising entity for the town.

Cragmere Historic District Committee

Powley asked Dator to move this discussion to our October meeting, during which we can discuss in more detail.

Mahwah Museum Updates

Beatrice said the museum is installing a new exhibit on the Ramapough, their legacy and heritage.

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

Property Blueprints

Steinbach recently attended a garage sale, and the homeowners had original blueprints for the original cottage that they would like to donate to the town. Powley said the museum would be the best place for them to contact. She will mail the homeowners some information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. following a motion by Powley; seconded by Steinbach. All other present members voted in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 4, 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