

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.**

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, held at the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Deborah Grob, Chair. The Opening Statement was read according to the Sunshine Law, followed by the flag salute. Roll call was taken.

Present: Deborah Grob, Chair
Reshmee Cuman
Anne Powley
Barbara Rakov
Barbara Shanley (arrived 8:18 p.m.)
Deborah Silvestro
Scott Jackson, Alternate II
Robert Ferguson, Council Liaison (arrived 7:43 p.m.)

Absent: Yvonne Beatrice
Carol Greene, Historian
Ronald Wohlberg

Public Session

No members of the public were present.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on January 7, 2019 were approved following a motion by Mrs. Cuman; seconded by Mrs. Silvestro. A roll call of eligible voters revealed six aye votes by Mrs. Grob, Mrs. Cuman, Mrs. Powley, Mrs. Rakov, Mrs. Silvestro and Mr. Jackson.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Member Update

Randall Brewster has resigned from the Commission, effective immediately. Mrs. Grob received an email from a resident indicating her interest on the Commission. She will touch base with her to discuss the opening.

Facebook Publicity

Mrs. Silvestro said she continues to publicize the Commission and has been receiving favorable feedback. She said many residents are upset that Robbie's Music Barn was demolished. Mrs. Powley said she will continue to monitor feedback on the Facebook page.

Hamlet of Darlington Sign

Mrs. Grob said the sign is still not up because the ground is currently frozen. It will be installed as soon as the ground has thawed.

Ackerman Sign

Mrs. Grob said the historic sign outside the Ackerman House recently broke and the homeowner inquired about having it fixed. She spoke to DPW and was told they have fixed the sign and it will be put back up shortly.

103 Oweno Road

Mrs. Silvestro spoke to the listing agent today and she said the property is still under contract. Mrs. Silvestro will update the group as more information becomes available.

2019 Certified Local Government Grants

Applications are due March 29, 2019. Mrs. Grob said we applied for this last year to make improvements at the train station and the project was not eligible. She said we do not plan to apply again this year.

Bergen County Historic Preservation Awards

Nominations are due March 18, 2019. Mrs. Grob said we have nominated many projects, organizations and individuals over the years. Mrs. Cuman suggested nominating the carriage house on Aronow Place. Mrs. Grob said we need to reach out to the homeowners of the property and write up a brief narrative and obtain photos. Mrs. Cuman and Mrs. Silvestro will coordinate with the homeowners.

Moffatt Road Cemetery Letter

Mrs. Grob said she and Mrs. Shanley met and drafted a letter to the owners of the Moffatt Road Cemetery that we would like to submit to Township Attorney Brian Campion. In the past two or three years we have seen significant deterioration on the western slope of the cemetery, and if that hillside gives way the graves closest to the hill could be lost in a landslide. Mr. Jackson said he will ask Mike Kelly how to proceed moving forward. He will update the Commission when he knows more.

75th Anniversary of the Incorporation of Mahwah as a Township

Members discussed some ideas for the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the Township. A date for an event is still pending. We will also do something at our Mahwah Day booth in September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mahwah Museum

Mrs. Grob encouraged Commission members to become members of the Mahwah Museum as well.

Vanderbeck Lane Cemetery

We have received reports from neighboring residents that the cemetery is in disrepair, but we are still trying to figure out who owns the property. Mrs. Rakov asked for the exact address of the Vanderbeck Lane Cemetery. She is going to follow up with one of the neighboring homeowners to inquire more.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Applications

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

Black History Month

Mrs. Powley asked if there was anything historically significant that we can post on our Facebook page regarding Black History Month.

Chair Position

Mrs. Grob said she would like to resign as Chair in the next few months. She still wants to remain on the Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. following a motion by Mrs. Powley; seconded by Mrs. Silvestro. All approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey. 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