

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.**

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, held via remote video conference, was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Anne Powley, Chair. The Opening Statement was read according to the Sunshine Law. Roll call was taken.

Present:

Anne Powley, Chair
Deborah Grob
Linda Dator, Alternate I
Yvonne Beatrice
Reshmee Cuman
Ronald Wohlberg
Scott Jackson, Alternate II

Absent:

Catherine Gramaglia
Barbara Rakov
Deborah Silvestro
Carol Greene, Historian
Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on February 3, 2020 were approved following a motion by Mrs. Powley; seconded by Mrs. Grob. A roll call of eligible voters revealed six aye votes by Mrs. Beatrice, Mrs. Cuman, Mrs. Grob, Mrs. Powley, Mrs. Silvestro and Mr. Wohlberg.

Mrs. Beatrice noted a typo on page two of the minutes held on June 1, 2020. The minutes of the meeting were approved with that change following a motion by Mrs. Dator; seconded by Mrs. Grob. A roll call of eligible voters revealed three aye votes by Mrs. Dator, Mrs. Grob and Mrs. Powley.

CHAIR'S REPORT

NJ SHPO CLG Grant Update

Mrs. Powley said we did not get the Certified Local Government Grant. We received a copy of the 2003 Cragmere Architectural Survey referenced in the letter. Storms will post the document on the website and share with the Mahwah Museum.

Ordinance Committee Permit Requirement Update

The township attorney is reviewing the ordinance. Mrs. Grob has submitted a letter to the ordinance committee indicating we would like to draft an ordinance that requires an owner of a historic property to notify the town if he/she wishes to make changes to the roof or siding. Mrs. Powley will follow up.

Annual HPC Awards Ceremony

Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, we are going to hold off on presenting this award until next May during Historic Preservation month.

Mrs. Powley spoke with Carol Greene, who was going to check with Ramapo College as to holding an award ceremony in the fall. At the last HPC meeting, members discussed giving an award to the college for its efforts to preserve the historic buildings on the property.

Vanderbeck Cemetery Cleanup

Mrs. Powley will check in with Barbara Rakov, who was spearheading the initiative.

Moffatt Road Cemetery Cleanup

Mrs. Powley said she will take a look at the site in the fall. Mrs. Grob said the Moffatt Road Cemetery looks great right now.

New Member Packets

Mrs. Powley and Mrs. Storms will work on digitizing our new member packet.

Website Updates

Web page updates are ongoing.

HPC Historic Home Plaque Program

Mrs. Powley said this initiative is on hold. We will regroup on this again in September.

Ackerman House Update

Mrs. Powley said the new sign is up and looks great. Members agreed. Mrs. Powley will send him a letter asking if he would like to put his house on the ordinance. Mrs. Storms will look in the files for a letter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Workshops and Training

Mrs. Powley and Mrs. Dator are attending the online NAPC FORUM 2020 and will share what they learned.

2021 CLG Report

Mrs. Powley asked if Mrs. Beatrice and Mrs. Grob can once again compile this year's CLG Report.

Mahwah Museum

Mrs. Beatrice said the museum has been doing some online initiatives due to the pandemic.

Historic Ornaments

Mrs. Grob said she has several more boxes of ornaments. She asked Mrs. Beatrice to check if the Mahwah Museum would like them. If not, we can try to store them in the office. Mrs. Storms will check to see how many we have in the storage room.

Ordinance Property Updates

Mrs. Powley asked if there were any updates on the status of the Baldwin Estate, the historic home on 400 Midvale Mountain Road. A potential purchaser realized there was extensive work that needed to be completed. Mrs. Powley asked Brian Campion, who told us the owners have a deed restriction on the property, and the subdivision was only approved on the condition that the historic structure on the property is maintained. Mrs. Powley will prepare a letter to the current homeowner.

HPC Facebook Page

Mrs. Powley said our Facebook page continues to have site visitors.

Train Museum & Caboose

Mrs. Powley said we are looking into putting together a short video highlighting the Train Museum. We plan to fund the project out of our Technical Consultant budget.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Site Applications

None received

OLD BUSINESS

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 8:19 p.m. following a motion by Mrs. Grob; seconded by Mrs. Cuman. All other present members voted in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14 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