

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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 7:39 p.m. by Deborah Grob, in absence of the Chair. The Opening Statement was read according to the Sunshine Law, followed by the flag salute. Roll call was taken.

*Present:* Yvonne Beatrice  
Deborah Grob  
Scott Jackson, Alternate II  
Barbara Shanley  
Linda Dator, Alternate I

Robert Ferguson, Council Liaison

*Absent:* Anne Powley, Chair  
Reshmee Cuman  
Carol Greene, Historian  
Barbara Rakov  
Deborah Silvestro  
Ronald Wohlberg

Public Session

No members of the public were present.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on August 5, 2019 were tabled due to a lack of quorum.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mahwah Day – September 21, 2019

Members discussed assignments for Mahwah Day. Mrs. Grob is working on the display and will give tours of the church and cemetery. Mrs. Cuman and Mrs. Silvestro will staff from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Mrs. Shanley from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Mr. Wohlberg from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mrs. Dator will volunteer as needed.

Old Station Caboose Improvements

Mrs. Grob asked Mr. Ferguson for an update on the status of the roof and window repair of the Old Station Caboose. Mr. Ferguson said the town is finalizing its selection process for qualified contractors.

Moffatt Road Cemetery Update

Members discussed the status of the letter the township attorney recently sent to the current property owner of the Moffatt Road Cemetery. Mrs. Dator said she believes the current property owner applied for a variance, and as a condition of that approval was required to maintain the crumbling cemetery wall on the property. Mr. Jackson will follow up with the planning office for more information.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Carmelite Retreat

Mr. Jackson said the first renovation phase of the Carmelite Retreat has been approved. The new owners are interested in preserving as much of the historic character of the house as possible.

#### Mahwah Museum

Mrs. Beatrice distributed copies of the town's Walking Tour brochure. On September 22, several new exhibits will be opening, including a look at Ramapo College in the '70s, a diorama of the Palisades Amusement Park and the holiday train display.

#### Reformed Church

Mrs. Grob said the steeple of the church is in need of repair and will be taken care of soon.

#### Historic Home Plaque Update

Mr. Ferguson asked for more information about the historic home plaques the Commission is interested in doing. Members discussed the types of signs available. Mrs. Powley will follow up.

#### Winter Farmhouse Update

Mrs. Shanley asked if there are any updates on the status of the Winter Farmhouse and provided a 2015 email for the file. The secretary will file. Mrs. Powley is working on this with the township attorney.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

*Nothing to report*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Member Resignation

Mrs. Shanley is moving to Pennsylvania in the near future. She plans to tender her resignation as of October 8. She will work on the CLG report before she resigns and send it to Mrs. Powley and Mrs. Grob.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Letter from the Mahwah Museum regarding our donation of Havemeyer House ornaments
- Copy of a letter from SRG amending a Response Action Outcome dated February 13, 2018 for Bolla Mahwah Realty Corp, 130 Route 17 South
- Copy of a letter from GES regarding Public Notification for the Former Gulf Facility, 261 Route 17 North
- Email from business administrator regarding the Young House at 81 Youngs Road
- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

### **NEW BUSINESS, continued**

#### Historic Home

Mrs. Shanley said the Commission should be aware of the area surrounding the overpass by the Reformed Church and its historic significance. Across from the tennis courts, there is a house; part of which is very old, and which dates back to the original settlers of the island. Mrs. Shanley asked if there was some way to reach out to the current owners of that house and ask that it be protected under town ordinance or designated as historic.

Winter Farmhouse Update, continued

Mrs. Beatrice told Mr. Ferguson that said she has significant concerns over the status of the Winter Farmhouse. Mr. Ferguson said Mrs. Powley should coordinate any of our concerns with the mayor and business administrator.

September 11 Ceremony

Mr. Ferguson told members the township's 9/11 Memorial Service scheduled for 7 p.m. at Tranquility Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. following a motion by Mrs. Beatrice; seconded by Mrs. Dator. All other present members voted in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7 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