

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.**

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, held via remote video conference, was called to order at 7:37 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
Pradeep Kapoor
Joyce Kubeck
Heather Alesio, Alternate I
Malgorzata Matejczuk, Alternate II
Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison

Absent:

Linda Dator, Vice Chair
Carol Greene, Historian
Martha Steinbach
Ronald Wohlberg

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on January 3, 2022 were approved following a motion by Beatrice; seconded by Cuman. A roll call of eligible voters revealed five aye votes by Powley, Beatrice, Cuman, Alesio and Matejczuk.

Upcoming Meetings

Our March meeting will be remote; we are planning to be back in person for our April meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2022 HPC Award

Carol Greene will be the recipient of our 2022 HPC award in May – she will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award. The event will be held in the Senior Center on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. Members discussed the invite list. We will send invitations out sometime around February.

Cemetery Committee (Wohlberg, Cuman & Alesio)

Alesio said she is in contact with the Mahwah Boy Scout Troop 50 to do an Eagle Project to pressure wash and seal steps, apply non slip tread to stairs, and weed, mulch and prune along the main road. Cuman has completed most of the application for the grant paperwork.

Facebook Updates

Powley said she'd like to highlight some of the historic homes in town. Members will look at their assigned properties and prepare some narratives. Cuman volunteered for February and Matejczuk will cover March. Kapoor also volunteered to help draft a narrative. Powley will forward him some properties.

Cragmere Historic District (Dator, Steinbach & Matejczuk)

Matejczuk has a new neighbor with a background in historic preservation, including as a lecturer and former editor of Old House Journal. She is sending him an introduction letter to tell him about the Commission. Members discussed creating an advisory committee for residents.

Mahwah Museum Updates

Beatrice said the museum is open again on Saturdays and they are working on conducting oral histories.

Caboose Fundraising Committee

Powley said she is working on the details of hosting a car show at Town Hall on June 11 (rain date of June 18). All the funds raised will go directly to the Museum to support the caboose restoration.

CLG Annual Report

Beatrice is still working on the annual report.

House Portrait Fundraiser

The fundraiser went well. We have received 15 orders to date.

Shutterfly Photo Site

Powley will send an invitation to Cuman to access the Shutterfly photo site.

Amberfields Update

Bruce Whitaker, attorney representing the owners of Amberfields, requested a letter from the Historic Preservation Commission voicing our support of the renovation work at the Carmelite Retreat. Powley prepared.

Wanamaker Shed/Quackenbush Barn Repair Update

Powley obtained a new quote to repair the shed/roof.

William Stivers House

We sent a letter to the owners and never received a response. Storms will pull a copy of the letter for Powley to hand deliver.

Moffatt Road Cemetery Updates

We received a \$1,500 grant from the county for 2022. We will use stone mason Bob Carpenter again to repair more stones. A cleanup is scheduled for April 29 with the Rotary Club. We will invite the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Storms will check on the status of last year's grant payment.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Nothing further to report

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

APPLICATIONS

None received

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 8:30 p.m. following a motion by Beatrice; seconded by Cuman. All other present members voted in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022 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