

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.**

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, held at the Mahwah Municipal Building and via remote video conference, was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Anne Powley, Chair. The Opening Statement was read according to the Sunshine Law. Roll call was taken.

Present:

Anne Powley, Chair (*in-person*)

Linda Dator, Vice Chair (*joined remotely at 8:20; technical difficulties*)

Yvonne Beatrice (*remote*)

Reshmee Cuman (*in-person*)

Pradeep Kapoor (*remote*)

Martha Steinbach (*in-person; 7:45 p.m.*)

Heather Alesio, Alternate I (*in-person*)

Malgorzata Matejczuk, Alternate II (*in-person*)

Absent:

Carol Greene, Historian

Joyce Kubeck

Ronald Wohlberg

Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2022 were approved following a motion by Beatrice; seconded by Steinbach. A roll call of eligible voters revealed seven aye votes by Powley, Beatrice, Cuman, Kapoor, Steinbach, Alesio and Matejczuk.

Public Session

Powley made a motion to open the meeting to the public; seconded by Steinbach.

Application Review - Ramapo Reformed Church Steeple Repair

Jim Shields (59 Karen Drive), submitted a COA Application for steeple repairs at the Ramapo Reformed Church. Shields discussed the new material, called Boral, which they would like to use on the steeple. This is an alternative to what was used in the original steeple. Members discussed the appropriateness of the new materials for long-term use.

Cuman made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Beatrice. A roll call of eligible voters revealed seven aye votes by Powley, Beatrice, Cuman, Kapoor, Steinbach, Alesio and Matejczuk.

There being no other comments, Powley made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Cuman.

Powley asked for an update on caboose repairs. She made a motion to reopen the meeting to the public; seconded by Steinbach.

Caboose Updates

Bob Adler, Trustee with the Mahwah Museum, said members of the caboose committee just met to discuss the scope of work for the project and get it out to contractors to bid. Kapoor will discuss the prevailing wage requirement with Administration for our bid specs. When the scope is finalized, we can then send it out for quotes.

Closed Session

Powley made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Cuman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2022 HPC Award Ceremony

Members discussed the May 10 ceremony honoring Carol Greene. The award is ordered and should be ready shortly. Powley is working on catering quotes. Members discussed the invite list and event logistics.

Cemetery Committee (Wohlberg, Cuman & Alesio)

The Rotary's cemetery cleanup is schedule for Sunday, May 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Members discussed.

Facebook Updates

Powley said she would like to highlight some of the historic homes in town. We will highlight Carol Greene in May in honor of Historic Preservation Month. Powley asked for posts in June, July and August. Matejczuk will prepare a post on a Cragmere property for June, while Steinbach will cover July.

Cragmere Historic District Brochure

Matejczuk has prepared a list of 12 houses in Cragmere's historic district. We will use the information to prepare a brochure that highlights the district. We set aside funding in this year's budget for the brochure.

Mahwah Museum Updates

Beatrice said the museum is giving a presentation on Native American land transfers, in partnership with the Ringwood library. On April 23, the museum will host a story on Les Paul artifacts.

Caboose Fundraising

Powley said the solicitation letter is going out shortly. The committee is also ordering lawn signs to raise funds. Order forms will be available shortly. The caboose t-shirt and letterhead designs have been approved. Powley discussed the quotes we have received to repair the caboose and build a pavilion. Members discussed preparing a press release as well.

Mahwah Day

Members discussed next year's Mahwah Day exhibit.

House Portrait Fundraiser

We received a total of 15 orders. We may consider doing it again next year during the holidays.

Advisory Committee

Powley said she would like to consider creating an advisory committee of individuals we can use for expertise and guidance. We will revisit the idea over the summer.

Wanamaker Shed/Quackenbush Barn Repair Update

Powley is working on a third quote to replace both roofs. The cedar shakes left over in the barn may be enough to repair the shed. Kapoor said he will take a look at it. Mike Kelly has looked at the Quackenbush Barn and the wall is bowing. He does not think we should wait to repair it. Powley will discuss with the Business Administrator.

William Stivers House

The letter to the homeowners was sent out again. Powley is going to run it by Legal and ask that a formal letter be sent out to the owners.

County Sign

Powley said the historic site marker for Ramapo Valley Road has been severed at the base. The county has asked that DPW store the sign for now until they can get out to repair it.

Training Opportunities

Powley urged members to sign up for some training sessions.

Preliminary Application for Caboose

The township grant writer is working on the preliminary application for the caboose to be listed on the state registry, as well as an NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant for historic preservation.

Shutterfly Share Site

Steinbach said she is still having problems accessing the Shutterfly share site. Powley will look into the issue.

Upcoming Meeting

We will keep the agenda for our next meeting light, and go down to the Senior Center afterward to discuss the May 10 award ceremony. Storms will request access to the senior center and confirm what laptop we will be using for the event.

CORRESPONDENCE

None received

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 8:53 p.m. following a motion by Powley; seconded by Cuman. All other present members voted in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022 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