

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, June 7, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.**

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, held via remote video conference, was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Anne Powley, Chair. The Opening Statement was read according to the Sunshine Law. Roll call was taken.

*Present:*

Anne Powley, Chair  
Linda Dator, Vice Chair  
Yvonne Beatrice  
Ronald Wohlberg  
Martha Steinbach, Alternate II  
Janet Ariemma, Council Liaison

*Absent:*

Reshmee Cuman  
Carol Greene, Historian  
Joyce Kubeck  
Barbara Rakov

Minutes

Due to a lack of quorum, the minutes of the meeting held on May 3, 2021 were tabled until the next meeting.

Open Session

Powley made a motion to open the meeting to the public; seconded by Wohlberg. All present members were in favor.

Guest Speaker – Elaine Gold, Historic Preservation Specialist for Bergen County

Powley welcomed Elaine Gold, who discussed her role in the Bergen County Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs. Members discussed the Bergen County Historic Sites Survey. Powley asked if the county office was open yet. Gold discussed the various resources available to historic commissions across the county and state.

Closed Session

Powley made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Dator. All present members were in favor.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Member Appointments

Powley discussed current vacant positions on the commission and upcoming Facebook posts. Members welcomed Martha Steinbach to the Commission.

HPC Awards Update

Powley said the award presentation went very well. She gave a brief update on the event.

Caboose Repairs

Powley said the repair work is going out to bid in the next several weeks. The town is also hoping we can obtain additional grant funding to support the work. We need to go through the registry listing process to submit for grants.

#### Open Session

Powley made a motion to reopen the meeting to the public; seconded by Wohlberg. All present members were in favor.

Debbie Grob joined the call to say farewell to the group. Members thanked her for her service to the commission.

#### Closed Session

Beatrice made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Wohlberg. All present members were in favor.

#### Caboose Repairs, continued

Powley said she will need some help putting together a preliminary listing for the train station/caboose repair and Moffatt Road Cemetery cleanup. Powley said the architect who is working on the caboose repair plan is interested in serving on the commission.

#### Moffatt Road Cleanup Update

Powley said Ramapo Tree Service will come sometime in June to conduct the tree work. Storms will submit the purchase order for the work to be performed.

#### Ordinance Property Updates

Powley said she does not expect the Cleveland Bridge repairs to be resolved anytime soon. She is going to reach out to the county engineer to request they inspect the bridge.

The owners of the Baldwin Estate responded to Powley. The current property owners are living in the home and making repairs. Powley plans to conduct a site visit and asked Wohlberg to join her for his structural expertise.

#### Mahwah Day

Powley said she will be away for the next Mahwah Day on September 25, and asked if there are any volunteers who would like to organize our booth this year. Beatrice said she will reach out to see what the museum has planned this year. Powley said she will follow up the discussion with an email to all of the commission members.

#### Fundraising

Members discussed some ideas to fundraise for future historic repair work, including a raffle during Mahwah Day. Dator said she would be willing to donate her services and paint a home portrait for the winner.

#### Workshops & Training

Steinbach participated in a recent educational workshop – she will forward the information to Beatrice to keep on file for our CLG status.

#### Ordinance Property Update

Powley asked the present members to come to our next meeting with some updates on their assigned ordinance properties.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Nothing to report*

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

*Nothing to report*

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

- Various agendas, minutes and public notices

**NEW BUSINESS**

In-Person Meetings

Ariemma said she has been informed the town will be open to in-person meetings soon, and that we will most likely meet in person for our next meeting. Storms will ask the business administrator for guidance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. following a motion by Beatrice; seconded by Wohlberg. All other present members voted in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2021 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