

Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2019

A meeting of the Mountain Lakes Historic Preservation Committee (“HPC” or the “Committee”) was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at the Mountain Lakes Library. In attendance were Alex Gotthelf, Tom Dagger, Margaret DeWitt, Mark Hoffman, Rob Infante, Justin Savage, Megan Powers, Kaylee Smith, and Borough Council Liaison David Shepard. Absent were Ginny Cassidy, Michael DeWitt, Roberta Matalon, and Andy Scott.

Approval of Prior Meeting’s Minutes

The Minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting were approved with one correction to the attendee list.

Chair's Report

The Committee's membership in the League of Historical Societies has been renewed for 2019.

Treasurer’s Report

Alex provided details on the Committee's finances based on a report submitted by Andy Scott.

Opening Balance as of November 13, 2018:	\$28,639.25
David Stringer, UPS Store, Paul Zimmerman	(\$289.35)
Closing Balance as of December 31, 2018:	\$28,349.90*

*Grant funds do not appear in the HPC working account.

Details appear on the HPC Statement of Account dated February 19, 2019.

Archive Report

Justin and Rob updated the Committee on ongoing activities to maintain and store the Borough's collections. Additionally there was discussion of the best way to use the recent acquisition of the Arthur Stringer Collection to stimulate local and regional interest in the author and the history of the community that he called home for much of his professional life. A small unveiling event, facebook posts, Borough Blast, and press notices were discussed.

Salvage Report

Alex reported that the Borough has scheduled regular exterminating and grounds maintenance around the shed. The replacement door is still being discussed.

The Committee will also schedule a spring clean up day to organize and triage materials in the shed.

Borough Liaison Report

David Shepard will organize a conference call with Mitchell Stern the Borough Manager, Tom, and Alex. The goal is to review the proposed update to the Borough's historic preservation ordinance and discuss the Borough Manager's role in directing the process and ensuring appropriate professional review.

Old Business

Crane Road Bridge. No updates were received from the Borough or County.

Landmarks Protection. As noted above a conference call will be scheduled.

Certified Local Government Designation. The application was filed with New Jersey's State Historic Preservation Office in December 2018. No follow-up has been received.

Annual Open House. November 2. Margaret will handle publicity.

New Business

Licensing Agreement for HPC Photos. It was agreed that all of the photos on the Borough website should be watermarked to discourage unauthorized use. Rob and Michael will work on this.

A licensing agreement will also be put in place. Rob will provide a draft for discussion at the next meeting.

80 Boulevard Demolition. The Committee expressed regret that a highly visible home, which contributed to historic character of the community was lost.

Attendance at the upcoming NJ Historic Trust conference was discussed. Mark Hoffman has agreed to attend and report back to the committee.

Date for Next Meeting

Next meeting date – Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 in the Mountain Lakes Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Margaret DeWitt & Alex Gotthelf.