

Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2019

A meeting of the Mountain Lakes Historic Preservation Committee (“HPC” or the “Committee”) was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at the Mountain Lakes Library. In attendance were Alex Gotthelf, Margaret DeWitt, Mark Hoffman, Rob Infante, Roberta Matalon, Justin Savage, Megan Powers, and Kaylee Smith. Absent were Ginny Cassidy, Tom Dagger, Michael DeWitt, Andy Scott, and Borough Council Liaison David Shepard.

Approval of Prior Meeting’s Minutes

The Minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

The chairman opened the meeting at 7:30.

Treasurer’s Report

The report was not available.

Archive Report

Justin and Rob updated the Committee on ongoing activities to maintain and store the Borough's collections. Additionally the Committee agreed to host an event introducing the Arthur Stringer collection during Art at the Esplanade on June 2nd.

Salvage Report

The Committee will schedule a spring clean up day to organize and triage materials in the shed. Residents who have expressed an interest in the Committee will be invited to participate.

Borough Liaison Report

The report was not available.

Old Business

Crane Road Bridge. A contractor has been selected and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled with the borough manager and borough engineer. Alex will also attend on behalf of the Committee.

Landmarks Protection. A launch meeting was held with the borough manager. He has recommended that the Committee prepare a report for the Borough Council on discussion items, key benefits of the ordinance, and possible objections. As well as preparing a letter to any property owners that may be affected.

Certified Local Government Designation. New Jersey's State Historic Preservation Office has not accepted the Borough's application for CLG status. A more traditional historic preservation ordinance is required.

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.

Upcoming Events.

Mountain Lakes Day. May 27

Art at the Esplanade. June 2

Annual Open House. November 2.

New Business

The Committee discussed the Borough's plans to increase affordable housing by offering residents the opportunity to develop accessory dwelling units on their property. Alex has joined the ADU Subcommittee to ensure that development is consistent with the historic character of the Borough.

Date for Next Meeting

Next meeting date – Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 in the Mountain Lakes Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Margaret DeWitt & Alex Gotthelf.