

Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2019

A meeting of the Mountain Lakes Historic Preservation Committee (“HPC” or the “Committee”) was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at the Mountain Lakes Library. In attendance were Alex Gotthelf, Margaret DeWitt, Mark Hoffman, Rob Infante, Justin Savage, Roberta Matalon, and Kaylee Smith. Absent were Borough Council Liaison David Shepard, Tom Dagger, Michael DeWitt, and Andy Scott.

Approval of Prior Meeting’s Minutes

The minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting were approved.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Chair's Report

Alex expressed appreciation for student member Megan Powers' contributions. He encouraged members to continue to put forward the names of potential new members. Experience with grant writing and local real estate are especially needed.

Treasurer’s Report

There was no report this month.

Archive Report

The board approved spending \$500 for new shelves for the archive. The board asked Justin to recommend some simple open source systems to manage our digital content. Ideally this will be something that is easily implemented and can be updated and maintained by student members and other volunteers.

Salvage Report

The board agreed to accept only items that are of excellent quality or highly unique. The board also agreed to spend \$50 for a small breakfast to thank the DPW staff who help maintain the shed.

Oral Histories Report

Roberta will begin work on this project in July and will consider enlisting student volunteers.

Borough Liaison Report

There was no report this month.

Old Business

Crane Road Bridge. This project is progressing under the direction of the county with a tentative start in early spring. Alex asked members to visit the site when in the area.

Landmarks Protection. The ordinance was presented to the Borough Council on June 10. Next steps include: written feedback from the council, review by Borough professionals, finalizing all documents, letter to community members, and a public meeting with all designated property owners and stakeholders as well as community members.

Upcoming Events.

Annual Open House, November 2 - 11:30 - 2:30

New Business

Margaret discussed various fund raising opportunities. The Committee asked her to investigate Christmas ornaments and address plaques.

Date for Next Meeting

Next meeting date – Tuesday, September 17 at 7:30 in the Mountain Lakes Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Margaret DeWitt & Alex Gotthelf.