

Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2019

A meeting of the Mountain Lakes Historic Preservation Committee (“HPC” or the “Committee”) was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at the Mountain Lakes Library. In attendance were Alex Gotthelf, Pia Abate, Tom Dagger, Margaret DeWitt, Mark Hoffman, Justin Savage, Gillian Strauss, Roberta Matalon, Kaylee Smith, and Borough Council Liaison David Shepard. Absent were Michael DeWitt, Rob Infante, and Andy Scott.

Approval of Prior Meeting’s Minutes

The minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting were approved.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Chair's Report

Alex welcomed all new and returning members after the summer break.

Treasurer’s Report

Cash on hand as of June 11 is \$27,936. This is \$634 lower than this month last year.

Year to date income is \$644. This is \$715 lower than the same time last year. We have sold one plaque this year and there was one large donation of \$200.

Year to date expenses are \$1,461. This is comprised of supplies, \$398, and plaques, \$1,063. Plaque expenses are greater than income due to late payment to the vendor from 2018 sales. (All issues with vendor requisitions and POs have been resolved.)

Archive Report

The work of scanning the collection continues. Justin and Rob continue to research open source systems to manage our digital content.

Salvage Report

The DPW breakfast was rescheduled for the holiday season.

Oral Histories Report

The Committee approved Roberta's proposal to host a StoryCorps style booth at the annual high school homecoming celebration.

Borough Liaison Report

Dave reported on several activities in the Borough that have the potential to impact historic character including a refurbished and expanded structure at Island Beach and a sidewalk extension on Morris Avenue running from Briarcliff Road to Fanny Road. The

Committee encouraged the Borough Council to focus on historically appropriate materials and scale.

Old Business

Crane Road Bridge. Alex reported on the excellent repair work to the Crain Road bridge. The County team worked well with the Borough and the HPC to ensure a historically accurate project.

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 - 11:00 - 2:00

New Business

The Committee approved spending \$25 for Margaret to attend an upcoming League of Historical Societies of New Jersey educational event on fundraising.

Date for Next Meeting

Next meeting date – Tuesday, October 22 at 7:30 in the Mountain Lakes Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Margaret DeWitt & Alex Gotthelf.