

**Historic Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2017**

A meeting of the Mountain Lakes Historic Preservation Committee (“HPC” or the “Committee”) was held on Thursday March 16, 2017, in the meeting room of the Mountain Lakes Library. In attendance were Chair Lesley Karczewski, Vice Chair Tom Dagger, Ginny Cassidy, Margaret DeWitt, Rob Infante, Sima Roy Chowdhury, and Borough Council Liaison Dan Happer. Absent were Michael DeWitt and Alex Gotthelf.

Approval of Prior Meeting’s Minutes

The minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting were approved in the form in which they were distributed to the Committee upon motion by Tom Dagger and seconded by Rob Infante.

Treasurer’s Report

Lesley presented the report:

Opening Balance as of February 14, 2017: \$31,209.96

Debits: 0

Credits: \$250.00 for custom Mountain Lakes map

Closing Balance as of March 14, 2017: \$31,459.96

Archive Report

Rob reported on the status of several projects.

- Consultant Debra Schiff has completed her physical review of the contents of the archive and is preparing a written report and plan for improvement.
- A large number of duplicate items have been identified. The committee agreed with Rob's recommendation that duplicates be offered for sale via HPC events, social media channels, and Ebay. All materials will be reviewed at regular committee meetings prior to sale.
- Maps and photos being digitized with the Morris County Heritage Commission grant funds were picked up by IDI..

Salvage Shed / Borough Liaison Report

Lesley shared Alex's report on the continuing progress made in the restoration of the historic Dynamite Shed. With the project almost complete, Dan reported that the Borough estimates that the materials for the renovation cost roughly \$10,000. There was general agreement that the HPC should contribute toward this cost, but concern that this was not brought forward before work began. Lesley will discuss further with Borough Manager Rich Sheola.

Old Business

Ordinance edits

Tom presented a comprehensive list of actions to be taken when the revised ordinance is passed. The goal is to update all materials and to continue education and outreach to the community.

New Business

Lesley reported on several new items:

- Katy Roberts has resigned from the committee.
- A grant check for \$2400 (80% of the total grant) from the Morris County Heritage Commission has been sent to the HPC. These funds are to be used to fund the digitization currently being undertaken by IDI.
- The Borough is seeking grant funds to repair original stairs outside of the Station Restaurant. Several sources are being considered. The committee was asked to evaluate the NJ Historic Trust funding programs and advise if the project would qualify.
- The committee discussed and agreed to host a fall open house with the aim of sharing information and resources with residents, architects, Realtors, and others. A tentative date of November 4 was selected.

Date for Next Meeting

Next meeting date – April 13 at 7:30 in the Mtn. Lakes Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Tom Dagger, seconded by Sima Roy Chowdhury.

Minutes prepared by Margaret DeWitt and Lesley Karczewski.