

Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2017

A meeting of the Mountain Lakes Historic Preservation Committee (“HPC” or the “Committee”) was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017, in the meeting room of the Mountain Lakes Library. In attendance were Chair Lesley Karczewski, Vice Chair Tom Dagger, Sima Roy Chowdhury, Alex Gotthelf, and Rob Infante. Also in attendance was soon-to-be new member Roberta Matalon. Absent were Ginny Cassidy, Margaret DeWitt, Michael DeWitt and Borough Council Liaison Dan Happer.

Approval of Prior Meeting’s Minutes

The minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting were approved in the form in which they were distributed to the Committee.

Treasurer’s Report

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

Debits:

\$ 6.50	M. DeWitt for shipping
<u>\$1,200.00</u>	Debra Schiff for the Collections Survey
\$1,206.50	Total Debits

Credits:

\$116.00	Photos
\$50.00	Centennial Book
<u> \$29.00</u>	Photo
\$195.00	Total Credits

Closing Balance as of April 13, 2017: \$30,448.46

Treasurer Chris Sheasby will be moving to Florida soon. Roberta Matalon volunteered to take her place as Treasurer once she is approved as a member of the committee.

Archive Report

Rob reported on the status of several projects.

- Rob has been waiting for the Debra Schiff seminar before doing a lot of work to organize the archive. In the meantime he has been doing lots of scanning to get ready.
- The Committee discussed how we might get the Boonton Library to agree to let us have a copy of the digital archive of the Boonton Times.
- Frank Sanchez at the High School is in the process of completing the student project to digitize past issues of the MLHS year-books. They have managed to obtain copies for all years going back to the first issue in 1938. He has shared the link with us and Rob has shared it on our Facebook page.
- Rob has been cycling Margaret’s articles that have appeared in Mountain Lakes Living Magazine through the Facebook page. Rob has also gotten great responses to his calls for old pictures to be submitted.
- The Committee discussed scheduling of the 2 half-day or 1 full-day seminar by Debra Schiff. It appears the best day to schedule will be a full day on Friday, June 2. Members can attend

for only a half-day session if they wish.

Old Business

32 Condit / Salvage Shed

Alex reported on the progress made in the restoration of the historic Dynamite Shed. Virtually all of the work is done and the adjustable shelving has been installed. The Borough will order a sign that reads, "Preservation Shed." There was discussion of the logistics for removing architectural salvage items from 32 Condit over the next two weekends. The decision was made to prioritize use of the Shed for items from 32 Condit before seeing what items should be saved and transferred from the existing Salvage Trailer in the DPW yard. The DPW would like the trailer to be emptied soon so it can be removed from the yard.

Ordinance

Tom reported that the Ordinance had been adopted by the Borough Council on March 27 and is now in effect. He met the prior Monday with Cindy Shaw and with the Zoning Officer and Construction Official to review the changes in the ordinance. Tom will work with Mike Dewitt to update the website, and add an announcement describing the new ordinance changes with a pointer of some kind from the Borough website. Tom also discussed his plan to hold a community information forum to discuss the ordinance for members of the community and architects and other professionals who would work with the ordinance.

New Business

Lesley reported on several new items:

- We received Section 106 notifications from Verizon for new poles and equipment to be installed on Powerville Road across the street from the High School near the tennis courts, and in front of Wildwood School across from the dam on Glen Road. The Committee decided that neither installation would impact any historic resources within the historic district and decided to take no action on these notifications.
- Roberta is being recommended to Borough Council for approval as HPC's newest member (as well as a returning past member).
- Borough Cleanup Day is April 29. They have asked Borough committees to participate. We might do it with the Communications Committee. Lesley will send out an email.
- We have reserved the Library basement for November 4 for the Open House.
- The grant check for \$2,400 was sent to Borough Hall and had been deposited in the general funds. Lesley discovered the problem and the Borough will pay the IDI invoices for scanning out of those funds.

Borough Liaison Report

There was no Borough Liaison Report.

Date for Next Meeting

Next meeting date – Thursday, May 11, at 7:30 in the Mtn. Lakes Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Tom Dagger & Lesley Karczewski.