

## **Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2017**

A meeting of the Mountain Lakes Historic Preservation Committee (“HPC” or the “Committee”) was held on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at the Mountain Lakes Library. In attendance were Chair Lesley Karczewski, Vice Chair Tom Dagger, Ginny Cassidy, Margaret DeWitt, Rob Infante, Roberta Matalon, and Borough Council Liaison Dan Happer. Absent were Michael DeWitt, Alex Gotthelf, Sima Roy Chowdhury.

### ***Approval of Prior Meeting’s Minutes***

The minutes of the July 20, 2017 meeting were approved in the form in which they were distributed to the Committee.

### ***Treasurer’s Report***

Treasurer Roberta Matalon is working to transfer the Committee's accounts to the Borough, and to wrap up final refunds from Bank of America. Account activity was not available at the meeting.

### ***Chair's Report***

Lesley Karczewski noted that she will be stepping down at the first of the year. She encouraged committee members to discuss a possible replacement now to ensure a smooth transition.

### ***Archive Report***

Rob reported that space limitations in the archive have become critical. The Committee discussed renting off-site climate controlled space, seeking additional space in a borough owned building, and looking into other options within the borough such as the post office.

### ***Salvage Report***

Lesley reported steady interest from residents in acquiring historic home parts, but noted that the Committee must increase outreach to potential donors.

### ***Landmarks Protection***

Tom Dagger discussed the benefits of formally protecting certain non-residential structures in the Borough. These are buildings and monuments that contribute to the historic district designation and to the overall quality of life within the Borough. A smaller group will be formed to research similar work in nearby communities and to prepare a list of FAQs on the procedure. Dan Happer will take steps to add this item to the Borough Council's November agenda.

### ***HPC Open House***

The Committee will host an open house in the library basement meeting room on November 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The open house will provide resources and guidance to help Lakers research the history of their homes. Committee members will staff three areas: a research station stocked with photos, maps, house plans, and work orders; a gift station offering house plaques, prints, note cards, and publications; and a salvage station

displaying examples of period appropriate materials. In addition, the salvage shed will be open for interested home-owners to visit. A meeting will be scheduled in early October refine the details.

***Date for Next Meeting***

Next meeting date – Thursday, October 19, at 7:30 in the Mtn. Lakes Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Margaret DeWitt & Lesley Karczewski.