

**Historic Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2020**

A meeting of the Mountain Lakes Historic Preservation Committee (“HPC” or the “Committee”) was held on Tuesday, September 15, via Zoom. In attendance were Alex Gotthelf, Tom Dagger, Mark Hoffman, Rob Infante, Allison Nacim, Sueanne Sylvester, Gillian Strauss, Borough Council Liaison Janet Horst and new members Ranjan Bose and Frances LaMuraglia. Absent were Margaret DeWitt, Justin Savage and Andy Scott.

Approval of Prior Meeting’s Minutes

There were no minutes taken during the May 19 meeting due to technical difficulties.

Chair's Report

See sub-committee reports.

Borough Liaison Report

Janet explained that she will be leaving her position at the end of the year, and the mayor will designate a new liaison in mid-January.

With regards to Hapgoods, EDAC may want to designate Business Zone A as a rehab area and that would have HPC protections built in.

The current council supports the Landmark Ordinance so Janet will try to facilitate a vote as soon as possible.

Treasurer’s Report

Andy provided the following report after the meeting.

| | YTD 9-01-20 | | |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| Cash Balance | 28,772 | 27,686 | 29,885 |
| Income | 661 | 451 | 1,359 |
| Expenses | 584 | 1,404 | 2,722 |
| Net income (loss) | 77 | (953) | (1,363) |

Archive Report

Justin (not present) wanted to thank Jeremy for all his help with the Eagle Scout project.

Rob credited Justin for his hard work and for inspiring people to volunteer.

Rob purchased shelves for the archives and is working on maximizing the space we have. Janet said we should be able to get some room in a borough building and will coordinate with Rob.

Social Media / Outreach

Rob posted an old photo on Facebook from 1920 celebrating the 19th amendment. Town members met at the Community Church to celebrate a century of suffrage and reenact the photo and The Citizen covered the story.

Ranjan and Rob decide to regularly collaborate on Facebook posts.

Janet recommended contacting Mitchell Stern about getting on the eblast every so often to stay top of mind.

Salvage Report

There was little activity at the shed over the summer.

Oral Histories Report

Sueanne and Allison are moving forward with the project after a busy summer.

Fundraising/Grants

Alex said that we have to submit the final report to the Morris County Heritage Commission re-grant program.

Upcoming Events

No community events are scheduled at this time.

Old Business

Membership: We welcomed new members Ranjan Bose and student member Frances LaMuraglia, both with deep roots in Mountain Lakes.

Historic Photos: No update.

Landmark Protection Ordinance: Tom and Alex decide to craft the Ordinance a little narrower and produce a final version for Borough Council meeting to possibly vote on at the November 9 meeting.

Strategic Mission: No update.

Covid-19 Oral Histories Project: Gillian created a hardcover collection of photos and stories about the pandemic that she will add to the archive.

New Business

Troop 41 Boy Scouts: Ranjan mentioned that next year is the 100th anniversary of Troop 41 Boy Scouts in Mountain Lakes. He will be planning an event and will keep HPC in mind as to how we can be involved.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Date for Next Meeting

Next meeting date – Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 via Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Allison Nacim.