

**Historic Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2021**

A meeting of the Mountain Lakes Historic Preservation Committee (“HPC” or the “Committee”) was held on Tuesday, January 19, via Zoom. In attendance were Alex Gotthelf, Allison Nacim, Andrew Scott, Rob Infante, Sueanne Sylvester, Margaret DeWitt, Mark Hoffman, Tom Dagger, Ranjan Bose, Borough Council Liaison Cynthia Korman, Gillian Strauss and Frances LaMuraglia. Absent was Justin Savage.

Approval of Prior Meeting’s Minutes

The minutes of the December 15 meeting were unanimously approved.

Chair's Report

See sub-committee reports.

Borough Liaison Report

Cynthia Korman introduced herself and recommended we present a budget proposal to Borough Council in October. She also mentioned becoming part of the borough system and using their cloud space for the archive.

Treasurer’s Report

Andy presented an annual report and explained his new format which transforms the town ledger he receives into a reader friendly version. He wants to come up with a better system for record keeping and thinks that the borough housing the finance data is a good idea.

	YTD 12-31-20		
	2020	2019	2018
Cash Balance	30,118	28,811	28,639
Income	2,450	1,576	3,184
Expenses	1,143	1,404	4,478
Net income (loss)	1,307	172	(1,294)

Archive

Rob is making progress with the new shelves from the re-grant program but we are still looking for a better space for the archive. Cynthia mentioned the post office may have a room for us that could be donated.

Social Media / Outreach

RJ posted photos comparing the high school from 1960 to the current high school which generated a lot of interest from people who graduated in the 50’s and 60’s. We should be targeting the people who frequently respond to these Facebook posts for oral histories.

Bulk Incentives Ordinance

We presented the improvements to the ordinance to Cynthia Shaw before it goes to Borough Council. Cynthia Shaw and John Z. will come up with suggestions for adjustments for things that are confusing on the Application Checklist.

Salvage

A door was taken a few months ago—we still trying to track down a donation. Andy suggested that maybe a letter should go out when someone buys something from the shed.

Susan Thomas of 7 Larchdell took 2 large pieces of stair railings and a radiator cover and donated \$100.

We can all be spreading the word and telling people doing renovations that we exist and we take donations of original Hapgood materials.

Oral Histories

Sueanne reached out to all the people who commented on RJ's post and sent them the oral history survey.

Fundraising / Grants

Allison is going to head the historic map fundraiser and Mark will connect her with his friend on the Ridgewood Historical Society for help.

The group decided to come up with a one page flyer asking for donations that showcases all our fundraisers and projects.

Cynthia mentioned that we can possibly have a booth at the Christmas gift vendor event at the club next year.

Upcoming Events

No community events are scheduled at this time due to COVID 19.

Old Business / Action Items

2021 Calendar: Sueanne motioned, Rob seconded, and the calendar was unanimously approved.

Landmark Protection Ordinance:

Alex reported that we are taking an alternate path now trying to piggyback on EDAC's work as opposed to pushing the modifications to the existing ordinance.

We have asked to meet with EDAC and could ask to have an HPC liaison on EDAC--they can modify the resolution to make that happen.

Annual Goals / 5 Year Plan / Mission Statement:

No updates, but we plan to talk about and present ideas for new goals going forward for 2021 to 2025.

Centennial Book Reorder:

Margaret ordered the books.

44 Midvale Zoning Board Application:

They abandoned their application.

Contributing Dwellings Database:

The database on the town website is still broken. It's required for the ordinance because we need to verify the house is in the database.

Cynthia informed us that they just transferred management of borough website so that may be the problem.

Committee Member Volunteering:

Allison applied for the open spot on the zoning board, but nothing came of it.

Request for Budget from Borough Council:

See Borough Liaison report.

New Business

Bulk Incentives Ordinance Update:

See Bulk Incentives Ordinance Report.

Students:

Gillian's script for her documentary is coming along really well for her Gold Award project.

Alex requested that Gillian and Frances attend a Grant Application Seminar hosted by the Morris County Historic Preservations Trust Fund and report back to the committee.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Date for Next Meeting

Next meeting date – Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30 via Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Allison Nacim with minor edits by Alex Gotthelf.