

**Historic Preservation Committee  
Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2021**

A meeting of the Mountain Lakes Historic Preservation Committee (“HPC” or the “Committee”) was held on Tuesday, February 16, via Zoom. In attendance were Alex Gotthelf, Allison Nacim, Rob Infante, Sueanne Sylvester, Tom Dagger, Ranjan Bose, Borough Council Liaison Cynthia Korman and Gillian Strauss. Absent were Andrew Scott, Mark Hoffman, Margaret DeWitt, Frances LaMuraglia and Justin Savage.

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

The minutes of the January 19 meeting were unanimously approved.

***Chair's Report***

See sub-committee reports.

***Borough Liaison Report***

Cynthia saw that there was \$16,000 in the HPC Trust Fund in the borough’s ledger. Tom remembered that it was left over from the Centennial Committee’s fundraising in 2011 and it’s supposed to be for preservation. We can speak to Dan Happer about it (who was around during that time) and use the money for projects to be approved by Borough Council.

***Treasurer’s Report***

Andy provided the following report after the meeting.

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YTD 01-31-21			
	2021	2020	2019
Cash Balance	\$ 27,340	28,811	28,639
Income	100	--	--
Expenses	<u>2,006</u>	--	--
Net income (loss)	\$ (1,906)	--	--

***Archive***

Cynthia talked to Mitchell about cloud space and he agreed that we can have some for the archive; Rob will email him and get the ball rolling. Rob and Justin will brainstorm about new software and a dedicated computer for the archive, which Alex thinks are good projects for grant money.

***Social Media / Outreach***

RJ says we are getting a lot of healthy interaction on our FB page from cross-posting with the “You Know You’re From Mountain Lakes” page. Rob says we should try to roll their good metrics into ours when Morris County Re-Grant asks us for social media metrics.

### ***Bulk Incentives Ordinance***

No new applications through the zoning board.

### ***Salvage***

Alex reported that Marcella Astrup found a few things at the shed and we are awaiting a donation.

Cynthia says we should post something about the shed on the Mountain Lakes Parents FB page because a lot of new residents introduce themselves there.

### ***Oral Histories***

Sueanne noted we have 15 responses to the oral history survey that we need to upload to the website from Google Forms. Gillian agreed to help her with that.

### ***Fundraising / Grants***

Allison is working on sourcing maps and frames for the historic map fundraiser.

Rob offered Sueanne hi-resolution photos from the archive to use for the puzzles so she can use her preferred vendor, Ravensburg. The puzzles cost \$55 including shipping.

Sueanne wondered if we could set up a website to take orders and accept money. Gillian is familiar with the website Square and can help set it up. Alex will ask Monica at the Borough about us handling money on a website.

Cynthia had an idea to sell portraits of homes in town painted by Ferdinand who works at the post office.

### ***Upcoming Events***

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

### ***Old Business / Action Items***

*Key Landmarks / EDAC request for membership:*

Cynthia emailed the mayor who sits on EDAC with no response—she will follow up.

*Centennial Book reorder:*

Margaret reported that the book is being shipped.

*Contributing Dwelling Database:*

Alex said the website is fixed and we now have access to the database. He wondered if we can retain access to a backup and is awaiting an answer from the borough.

*Request for budget from borough council:*

This will be a long term goal and we will make sure to be ready for October when the budgets are submitted.

*Bulk Incentives Ordinance Checklist:*

Alex has not heard back from the zoning officer or Cindy Shaw.

### ***New Business***

*Morris County Heritage Commission Re-Grant 2021:*

Alex submitted the declaration of intent; we are trying to get \$4500 or more this year to bring our archive up to professional standards.

*Candidate Properties for Morris County Funding:*

Cynthia noted that the chimney at The Station needs help as well as the very old mulberry trees, but Alex not sure if landscape is eligible for funding.

*Annual Goals / Long Range Strategic Plan:*

Alex said we will devote the entire next meeting to this topic.

***Public Comments***

There were no public comments.

***Date for Next Meeting***

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Allison Nacim.