

**Historic Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes - February 22, 2022**

A meeting of the Mountain Lakes Historic Preservation Committee ("HPC" or the "Committee") was held virtually on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. In attendance were Alex Gotthelf (Chair), Ranjan O. Bose (Co-Chair), Ryan Astrup (Secretary) Mark Hoffman (Treasurer), Margaret DeWitt, , Grace Gowan, , Francis LaMuraglia, Sueanne Sylvester, and Borough Council Liaison Cynthia Korman. Absent was Brian Adams.

1. Welcome by Chair, Alex Gotthelf

2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. Ryan Astrup provided the Motion, Mark Hoffman provided the Second. (Note that the January 18, 2022 meeting was cancelled via email vote on January 17, 2022)

3. Reports

- a) **Borough Liaison.** Question regarding HPC Account and Mountain Lakes Centennial Account: whether these 2 accounts can be combined into the same Account: Cynthia Korman to clarify with Borough Council.
- b) **Treasurer:** Mark Hoffman presented new spreadsheets reflecting income and expenditures over the past year. Additional work and correspondence with the Borough bookkeeper Inge is needed to clarify specific line items. Mark reported a balance of \$29,709 for 2021, and currently \$30,050 for 2022. Mark will provide a consolidated spreadsheet to be included in the minutes for future meetings.
- c) **Archive.** Rob Infante to hand responsibility to Ranjan Bose. There is a lack of space and abundance of materials: Margaret DeWitt suggested available space is Dreary building located at 36 Midvale (Adjacent to Hopgood's). Consideration is for 2 rooms @ \$650/month. Margaret to visit the building and report back with findings.
Other considerations mentioned were building an Archive, or renovating the Salvage Shed.
- d) **Bulk Incentives:** no comments
- e) **Social Media outreach:** update e-blast with new member requests for members and students
- f) **Salvage Shed** – few requests for materials in Salvage shed; difficulty remains in obtaining payment when collecting materials
- g) **Oral Histories:** Mark Hoffman to reach out to Mr Fusco. Grace mentioned that she could assist coordinating with Mr. Fusco et al for Oral Histories booth during Homecoming / Reunions

Masonic Lodge on Boulevard hosting a tour on 03/03/2022 (rare opportunity to visit the interior of the building. They have a piece of furniture that needs reupholstering, had requested a recommendation.

Sueanne announced that Puzzles sales generated \$1,100
- h) **Fundraising:** Suggested to participate at Art Show at Esplanade in June with HPC stand.
- i) **Upcoming Events.** The annual HPC open house will be moved from November to May to coincide with Historic Preservation Month. The next event will be May 2022. Outdoor walking tours, displays, and other activities will be considered.

4. Old Business

a) Membership

- i. Alternates:** no new applications presented. Borough eblast will continue announcement.
- ii. Students (proposed):**
 - ◆ Jessica (lastname?)
 - ◆ Olin Bose proposed as candidate.

b) Bulk Incentive Ordinance Checklist: On hold awaiting input from Tom Dagger

c) Bull Incentives Self-Certification Update: On hold awaiting input from Tom Dagger

d) The Station Grant and Repairs Grant Application

Cynthia leading the charge. Borough Council thanks HPC for participating in Preservation Plan for Station. Under consideration is the entire roof replacement (to reinstate the original)

Public open-position on HPC Subcommittee for The Station. Suggesting a fundraiser/doner. Ryan to check with The Station about any possible customer interest.

Proposal for short-term repairs.

Proposal for The Station as venue for Exhibition. Ryan to visit The Villa/The Mansion regarding possibility to loan photographs for tour of Station by Morris County Historic Trust

Planning for locations of photographs at Station to presumably replace existing.

e) EDAC- Economic Development Committee regarding Marketplace

Cynthia Korman is the Liaison for this year. March meeting expected with Midvale businesses: response is outstanding. Suggestion to invite Larry Dreary (Owner of 36 Midvale)

f) Eagle Scout – Bose – Interpretive Sign

Olin Bose presentation for Eagle Scout: idea is to erect informational signs along the trolley-line route along Boulevard at strategic locations describing Mountain Lakes History. Signs to be similar to those erected at Birchwood Lake. Presentation is required to be scheduled at Borough Council. Project is expected to be complete by June 2022 – ambitious plan (prior to Olin's 18th birthday).

5. New Business

a) Budget and Finance Review:

Same as 3b) above

b) Review Bulk Incentives Application: 59 Briarcliff

Not presented.

c) Mountain Lakes Education Foundation Auction

Margaret requested materials from HPC to provide a Basket. The committee approved.

d) Contributing Dwellings

Issue with approx. 10 x mislabeled Bellhall Homes in Mountain Lakes: Allison Nacim to help Margaret rectify.

6. Other Action Items

- a)** Planning for selection and production of images from archive for framing for (Station?)
- b)** Tutorial for Ryan (by Margaret) on uploading minutes and agenda to Borough website.
- c)** Planning for May Open House...Date, volunteer list, materials, location....
- d)** Masonic Lodge-Promoting tours- coordination with Lodge leadership...
- e)** Add Ryan to email contacts for inquiries about Salvage Shed
- f)** Grace to meet with Alex to get acquainted with Salvage Shed

Next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2022

Minutes prepared by Ryan Astrup, reviewed by Alex Gotthelf