

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 28, 2023 - 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Reading of the Open Public Meetings Act “As required by the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided which notice specified the date, time, and place of the meeting to the extent known at the time. The notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, published in the Daily Record newspaper, advertised on the marquee at the Municipal Building, and posted on the Montville Township website. This information has been placed on file in the Township Clerk’s Office. This meeting has been properly noticed to the public in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

Meta Janowitz - Present
Joan Conway - Present
Richard Gamsby – Present
Pat Gamsby - Present
Niall Conway – Absent Excused
Kimberlee Luciani – Absent Unexcused
Anthony Angiolini – Present
Steven Bennett – Absent Excused
Alec Grossman – Present
Eileen McMahon-Strasser – Absent Excused
Lucy Tullo – Absent Excused
Also Present – Chris Corcoran, Recording Secretary
Richard Conklin, Township Committee Liason

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes of July 28, 2023, was made by Mr. Gamsby, seconded by Ms. Janowitz. All in favor: Unanimous
Eligible: Joan Conway, Pat Gamsby, Richard Gamsby, Meta Janowitz, Anthony Angiolini, Alec Grossman

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Cider Mill Update – Mr. Conklin stated no update from the Township Committee.
Mr. Angiolini stated that when attended the Township Committee meeting, he was directed to have the HPRC reach out to the owner. Ms. Janowitz stated that they have no right to do that. Mr. Conklin brought up 107 Changebridge Rd and suggested that the HPRC reach out to the County or State for funding. Ms. Janowitz stated that the HPRC would not be able to do so as

they are not the owners. In most cases the town would need to take ownership of the property to apply for the funding. Mr. Conklin indicated that Administration has been in talks with the owner, but it has been rough going. Mr. Angiolini suggested to follow-up with June Hercek, Township Administrator on the current status.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Board – No Report

Township Committee – No report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Oral History of Montville – Ms. Conway stated that the Eagle Scouts informed her they were not interested.

107 Changebridge – Ms. Gamsby moved on as this was discussed earlier.

Youngs Field Designation – Mr. Conklin stated that he would reach out to the Township attorney to see if he can assist with his connection to the Youngs family.

Historic Society Kickstart – Mr. Angiolini stated that he believes that Ms. Strasser is still awaiting a response from June Hercek, Township Administrator for a location before she can schedule a date and time for the kickstart.

Prehistoric Sites – Hold for September to see if Mr. Conway has heard back from the state.

Update of Property List – No update.

Historic Archives Organization – Ms. Gamsby stated that there are now filing cabinets in the Township Council Chambers Alcove that are already half full. Every Friday about 3-4 people are meeting for a few hours to sift through the archives. Ms. Gamsby will inquire about who will hold the keys to the cabinets. Perhaps a set for the HPRC and one for Jane Mowles, Land Use.

APPLICATIONS

None

106 REVIEW

None

NEW BUSINESS

New Locations to Designate-Oldie Colonie Estates – Ms. Gamsby stated that she has spoken with one of the five owners who has also spoken with one other owner, and they are interested. It is still all in limbo at this point with the state. Intend to use this for the upcoming training exercise with the state.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Training Session Date for Designation Forms – Ms. Gamsby stated it is scheduled for September 18, 2023, 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Will need to confirm with the state preservation office if it will be done remotely by them or if they will be in person to do the training.

Ms. Janowitz questioned why a tarp cannot be put on the Cider Mill roof. Mr. Conklin stated there is much to be considered let alone permission by the owner, cost and manpower. Ms.

Conway stated that perhaps once the Historic Society gets up and running they could do a fundraiser to save the Cider Mill.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Gamsby passed around the notice she received from Preservation NJ (HPRC is a member) regarding their program.

DEMOLITIONS

Mr. Angiolini stated he has received two notices from Anthony Petrillo, Zoning, but no pictures. He will reach out to Mr. Petrillo regarding the pictures.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Janowitz and seconded by Mr. Gamsby, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM. All in favor: Unanimous

Next meeting Monday, September 18, 2023, from 6PM to 8PM Special Training session with State Preservation office!