

**MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMISSION**

**Minutes of September 18, 2023**

**Montville Township Municipal Building – 6:00 PM Start \* Special training meeting.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

Reading of the Public Open 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 that time. The notice was: - posted on the bulletin board in Town Hall, - published in the Daily Record newspaper, - advertised on the marquee at Town Hall, and - published 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 - Present

Kimberlee Luciano - Present

Anthony Angiolini - Present

Steven Bennett – Unexcused Absence

Alec Grossman - Present

Eileen McMahon-Strasser – Excused Absence

Lucy Tullo – Present

Also Present – Chris Corcoran, Recording Secretary

Richard Conklin, Township Committee Liaison

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes from August 28, 2023, was made by Mr. Gamsby, seconded by Mr. Angiolini. All in Favor: Unanimous

Eligible: Joan Conway, Pat Gamsby, Richard Gamsby, Meta Janowitz, Anthony Angiolini, Alec Grossman

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Cider Mill Update** – Ms. Conway happened to be driving by the Cider Mill when she stopped by and spoke with Mr. Cook. He informed her that when the press was taken out several years ago the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor collapsed into the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. He would not allow access into the building as he felt it was too dangerous. Ms. Conway told him that they may be able to get a tarp donated. He felt that it wouldn't do any good since the nails are still sticking out from when the last tarp was on the roof, and they would most likely just tear up a new tarp. There would need to be a structural evaluation done before any sort of repair could be done to the building. Ms. Gamsby stopped by at a later date and spoke with the owner who expressed his feelings that due to the Historic Designation by the HPRC it has hindered the sale of the property, and he did not want to discuss anything further. Mr. Angiolini stated that he and Ms. Gamsby met with June Hercek, Jane Mowles and Pat Calabrese to discuss the issue and they suggested reaching out to the Land Conservancy for possible assistance. Ms. Janowitz has reached out to the Land Conservancy and is awaiting a response. Ms. Hercek was also going to reach out to the Chamber of Commerce to see if there are any businesses that would be willing to assist. Mr. Conklin stated that nothing is beyond restoration and that there could be grant funding available. Ms. Gamsby stated that grants are not available for the private sector, they are only available if town owned property. Ms. Janowitz asked Mr. Conklin if he was still on the Morris County HPRC. He indicated that he is and is willing to reach out to them to see if they can assist in any way.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

**Planning Board** – No report

**Township Committee** – No Report

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Oral History of Montville** – No update

**107 Changebridge** – Mr. Angiolini stated that it appears the owner wants a lot of money for the property and the Township is not interested in purchasing it. Mr. Calbrese, Construction Official indicated that the structure is in worse condition than anticipated. The Townships hands are basically tied. The HPRC will reach out to the Land Conservancy to see if they are willing to purchase it for Open Space.

**Youngs Field designation for soccer field at camp Dawson** – Ms. Gamsby stated that they are still sifting through photos for family photos as they would like to get the whole family not just one. The Youngs family informed the HPRC that they gave all the photos they had to the Historical Society years ago.

**Historic society kickstart** – Mr. Angiolini stated they were attempting to have it on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Senior House. However there is an issue regarding a certificate of insurance. June Hercek, Township Administrator is checking into it as there is currently no active incorporated group. May use the Township Library but they close at 8:00PM. Mr. Grossman suggested putting together a flier to distribute to the High School to see if students would be interested in joining. It now looks like it will not happen until October. Ms. Luciano volunteered the use of Conductor's Garden Center for a kickstart meeting after they close at 6:00PM if all else fails.

**Prehistoric sites** – Mr. Conway has the site numbers but is waiting on forms from the state museum. A walk-through should be done once the site files of the properties have been obtained.

**Update properties to list** – Ms. Gamsby stated they will need to do a drive by to see if buildings are still standing.

**Organization of historic archives** – Ms. Janowitz stated that they are currently doing a rough sort of the archives. It is very time-consuming and will most likely take a year or more to go through and organize it all. Once that is done then work can be done to digitize it.

### **APPLICATIONS**

None

### **106 REVIEWS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

New locations to designate-Olde Colonie Estates

### **DISCUSSION**

Ms. Janowitz asked if the training session they had just had before the meeting was useful to the members. All indicated that it was. She will forward copies of the training session to all via email.

Ms. Gamsby stated that a group of the HPRC will be meeting once a month with Ms. Hercek, Ms. Mowles, Mr. Calabrese and the Township Mayor to touch base on various issues.

Mr. Angiolini requested that the HPRC have a future basic archeological class for the HPRC members.

Mr. Angiolini asked about the HPC list; Ms. Gamsby will send it to Lindsay again.

The payment to the Preservation Alliance has not been made as there is an issue regarding the Purchase Order. Will follow-up with Jane Mowles and the organization to resolve the issue.

### **DEMOLITIONS**

None

### **Training- post meeting**

Moving forward

Application for grant next year

New sites to list

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Mr. Angiolini and seconded by Ms. Janowitz, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03PM. All in Favor: Unanimous

Next meeting Monday, October 23, 2023