

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**ZOOM MEETING**  
**7:30**  
**April 21, 2022**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- This meeting was called to order by Interim Chair Butch at 7:43 PM

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL**

- Attendees: Commissioner Ragosa, Commissioner Butch, Commissioner Onitiri, Commissioner Blackwell, Commissioner Conoscenti
- Absent: Commissioner Kelty, Commissioner Costagliola, Commissioner Carr
- Guest in Attendance: Doreen Polhemus; Township Historian

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Contact with Ms. Hart
  - Commissioner Ragosa updated Ms. Hart on the new zoom link and passcode
    - Asbury Park Press and Trenton Times will be notified and have our information updated
- Contact with Mr. Fabiano
  - In regards to phase II of the porch grant, see "COMMITTEE REPORTS"
  - For Weekend in Ol' Monmouth correspondence, see "Weekend in Ol' Monmouth"
  - Banner from Old Brick Reformed Church
    - The Historic Preservation Commission ordered the sign and the Friends of Millstone Township will pay for the sign that will say TBH.
    - Part of the banner that says the date will be an additional piece that can be velcroed on and off so it can change every year
    - As soon as we pick it up, it will be put up at TBH that can be seen from the road
- New Jersey Historic Commission
  - Sent us a newsletter about various events that are going on that members can attend

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES**

- The motion to approve February's minutes was sent into motion by Commissioner Onitiri
  - Commissioner Blackwell second it
    - All voted to approve the minutes and none opposed the motion
- The motion to approve March's minutes was sent into motion by Commissioner Conoscenti
  - Commissioner Onitiri second it
    - All voted to approve the minutes and none opposed the motion

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. NJ Heritage Tourism Grant
  - a. Contact with Mr. Fabiano on TBH Grant Revision
    - i. Requested change for scope of Phase II of Porch grant
      1. Originally proposed in the project for a faux slate roof but now changed it to standing seam metal roof
        - a. Change was approved
  - b. Township signed the contract for the Grant and waiting to hear from the State on next steps
    - i. Commissioner Butch emailed Ashley to ask them whether the Historic Preservation Commission needs to wait for the contract to come back to us with the Historic Trust signing it or can we go forward with highering Hunter Research now
2. Historic Scenic By-ways
  - a. N/A
3. Interviews
  - a. N/A
4. Education
  - a. Commissioner Ragosa will contact Mrs. Capuzzo on Saturday in regards to possibly helping us out with a skit for the TBH

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Hometown Heros
  - a. Commissioner Ragosa will reach out to Commissioner Conoscenti's contacts in regards to this project
2. Weekend in Ol' Monmouth
  - a. Mr. Fabiano sent the release of the back of the brochure
    - i. There is about 25 of these brochures to hand out

- b. Township has an 1860s 5x5 map that needs to be cleaned. Entails small dust particles made out of eraser and needs to be applied with fingers in order to clean it.
  - i. Historic Preservation Commission will help clean this map in the barn at the TBH on April 30 from 11:00am-1:00pm
- c. Weekend in Ol' Monmouth is happening April 30 and May 1
  - i. April 30- 10:00am-4:00pm
  - ii. May 1- 12:00pm-4:00pm
- d. April 30- Ms. Polhemus will take Commissioner Ragosa and Commissioner Onitiri through TBH
- e. May 1- Commissioner Ragosa will be giving house tours at TBH
  - i. Also on Sunday, the children of the 4H club, that the Historic Preservation Commission sponsor's will be there to display and prepare something for the people who come through

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. 250th Birthday of America
  - a. An idea for what we can do: Put yourself in the Continental and British shoes and do a walking adventure or recreation of the campsite and we can give participants materials
    - i. Need State Troopers to guide us
      1. Commissioner Conoscenti will get in contact with Hamilton state troopers
    - ii. Commissioner Butch will give Commissioner Ragosa a copy of a book about the troop movements
    - iii. Start in Chambers Rd where Stone Tavern is and end in Robbins Tavern
      1. 1 mile trip
  - b. Picture and narrative of someone who lived during the Revolution and we can bring it to the schools to expose their experiences to the kids
  - c. We will call someone at the State to see if we need to register to participate
  - d. Commission members will continue to think of different ideas of how we can participate

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Porch is coming along really nicely

- Received \$150,000 this year from the Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant for matching our \$150,000 with it
  - Commissioner Butch, Ms. Polhemus and Mr. Blackwell will study the bids and try to get them lower or possibly have to re-bid it
- Millstone Township put the Grant in for this year because of COVID. The grants coming in from the Town are through the Historic Preservation Commission.
  - Dollars are being matched by the Millstone Township Open Space Trust account

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- Having no further business, Commissioner Ragosa moved to adjourn at 8:13 PM. Commissioner Onitiri second that motion in which the meeting was concluded.

### **NEXT MEETING**

- May 19, 2022 at 7:30pm

Meeting Minutes taken by Historic Preservation Commission's Secretary, Grace A. Ragosa