

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 8, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

The December 8, 2020 Historic Preservation Commission meeting was conducted via the Zoom Video Conferencing Application.

Chairman Doug Swenson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Ms. Mitchell read the Open Public Meeting Notice: The Open Public Meeting of the Wyckoff Historic Preservation Commission is now in session. A 48-hour notice of this meeting was sent to the Record, The Ridgewood News, and the North Jersey Herald and News – all newspapers having general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff and was posted on the Wyckoff website where agendas are posted.

Roll Call

Present: Township Committeepersons Beth Fischer and Rudy Boonstra. Commission Members: Doug Swenson, Patricia Constance, Beth Van Emburgh, Richard Lynch, Curtis Bajak, Joseph Cestaro, and Maureen Mitchell.

Absent: Steven Zmuda and Joseph Haftek.

Old Business

The November 10, 2020 meeting minutes were approved by the Commission Members.

New Business

Ms. Constance provided a very thorough and informative report on how the Historic Preservation Commission could make the public aware of its existence and purpose. Ms. Constance stated that she contacted Anne Powley, the Chair of the Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission, in attempt to get guidance and information as to what that commission has done regarding promoting public awareness. Some of the ideas included social media publicity that would feature a historic home in Wyckoff, inviting owners of historic homes in town to an HPC meeting, placing a feature article in the Record or the Ridgewood News about historic homes and structures in Wyckoff, discussing the possibility of teaming up with teachers to add information on historic homes and structures to the local history curriculum in Wyckoff schools, teaming up with the Wyckoff Historical Society to help educate the public, and joining the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. Ms. Constance said that as a member of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, there are online courses in the County and the State as well as other educational resources that may very helpful. Ms. Constance stated that in speaking with Ms. Powley she learned that incorporating homes and structures, which are already on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, into the Township Ordinance would eliminate the additional process of the Commission having to designate these historic structures for preservation. Another suggestion to get Wyckoff residents interested in the historic homes was to create a plaque for each home to commemorate the significance of each of the historic structures. Finally, Ms. Constance said that Mahwah is in the process of creating a designated Historic District which is something the Township of Wyckoff may wish to consider in the future.

Mr. Swenson stated that in January he is hoping to have a discussion with Rob Landel, the Township Attorney, regarding the correct way to move forward with the process of including the fourteen (14) historically designated homes into the Historic Element of the Master Plan. He added that it is important that the owners of the designated historic homes are informed and included in any decision made about the inclusion.

There was a discussion about asking Nancy Brown, the Municipal Clerk, if we can post information about the Historic Preservation Commission in the weekly email that is sent out to Wyckoff residents as well as on the other social media platforms utilized by the Township.

Mr. Cestaro said that he would like to feature a historic home that has been renovated; that way people could see how a historic home has been renovated and updated while preserving its historic features and architectural elements.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Mitchell  
Commission Member and Secretary