

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
JUNE 8, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

The June 8, 2021 Historic Preservation Commission meeting was conducted via the Zoom Video Conferencing Application and was streamed live on the Township's YouTube channel.

Chairman Doug Swenson called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Ms. Mitchell read the Open Public Meeting Notice: The Open Public Meeting of the Wyckoff Historic Preservation Commission is now in session. 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.

Please take notice, that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., the meeting of the Historic preservation Commission of the Township of Wyckoff scheduled for Tuesday June 10, 2021 will be conducted virtually through Zoom technology.

These measures are implemented to allow members of the public to observe the meeting and to provide the ability to comment during the periods for public comment during the meeting through Zoom telephone call in technology. Joining the meeting by telephone will be utilized as security against the sharing of inappropriate video content.

General instructions regarding access to the meeting is posted on the Wyckoff web site's home page at [www.wyckoff-nj.com](http://www.wyckoff-nj.com) as a "News" item.

Roll Call

Commission Members Present: Rudy Boonstra, Township Committeeman; Doug Swenson, Chairman; Patricia Constance, Joseph Cestaro, Beth Van Emburgh, Richard Lynch, Curtis Bajak, Steven Zmuda, Joseph Haftek, and Maureen Mitchell.

Old Business

The May 11, 2021 meeting minutes were approved by the Commission Members.

New Business

Ms. Constance said she submitted the article and photos to Lynn Bruggeman for the July issue of Wyckoff Living Magazine, and she also sent it to editor 201 Magazine in case they are interested in publishing it as well. Mr. Swenson said the article was well done and thanked Ms. Constance and Mr. Cestaro for their hard work in putting it together.

Mr. Swenson stated that the Commission would like to place the list of 14 homes, which are currently listed on the State and National Historic Registries, on the Township website under the Historic Preservation Commission section. He added that the list of homes is already public knowledge. Mr. Boonstra said he will check with the Township Attorney and the Township Committee members as there are certain restrictions as to what can be posted on the website owned by the Township.

Ms. Constance stated that she and Mr. Cestaro are getting started on setting up the next historic home to feature which is the Van Blarcom House located at 131 Godwin Avenue. Mr. Cestaro said will reach out to the homeowner to try to set something up. He added that the photographer, Daneen Augello, has once again offered to photograph the next home pro bono as she is honored to be a part of the project.

Mr. Swenson mentioned that he sent out the base forms for each Commission member to complete so we can move forward with getting the 14 homes listed on the State and National Registries placed in the Historic Element of the Master Plan.

Mr. Swenson asked Mr. Boonstra about feedback from the Township Committee regarding the HPC applying for the Certified Local Government designation. Mr. Boonstra stated that the Committee is in favor of it however they do not want to put any more work on the Township Administrator or Town Hall staff. Mr. Boonstra added that it would not be a problem if the HPC members want to work on it. Mr. Swenson said most if not all of the work will be performed by the HPC members as far as completing the application. The Township Committee will be asked to review the completed application, and the mayor will have to sign it and submit it to the state.

Mr. Zmuda asked what the timeline is to get the base forms completed. Mr. Swenson said the Commission members can work on them at their convenience. Once each commission member completes the base forms, for the homes that have been assigned to them, we will circulate them to all of the members for review before presenting them to the Planning Board for recommendation to the Township Committee.

#### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Peter Buchmann, of 43 Dale Avenue, stated that he is with Boy Scout Troop #89 and is working on his communication merit badge. He said the object is to take notes on opposing views at a public meeting. Ms. Mitchell suggested observing a Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting where typically there are differing opinions expressed regarding land use applications.

#### CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Haftek said, regarding the CLG application process, he is more than willing to help out with completing the application and that he believes the HPC can complete 85% of the process as long as the Township Committee is on board with it. He added that the ultimate goal in applying for the CLG designation is the ability to obtain grant money which will enable the HPC to hire a professional to help us select additional homes for the placement on the Historic Registries.

Mr. Swenson announced that there are no scheduled meetings for July and August. He asked if any commission members were interested in holding meetings during those months. The general consensus of the members was to schedule meetings for July and August. Ms. Mitchell said she will check with the Township Administrator to see if the Commission can schedule meetings for July and August even though they are not listed on the regular schedule of meetings.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mitchell  
Commission Member and Secretary