

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 9, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

The February 9, 2021 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. 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

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

Absent: Rudy Boonstra, Township Committeeman.

Old Business

The January 12, 2021 meeting minutes were approved by the Commission Members.

New Business

It was announced that next month's Zoom meeting will be streamed live on the Township of Wyckoff's YouTube channel in order to allow members of the public to observe the meeting. A link to the meeting will also be posted on the website.

There was a discussion about the placement of an article in the Wyckoff Living Magazine. Mr. Cestaro said that he spoke with the owners of two (2) historic homes in Wyckoff about the possibility of featuring their homes in an article in the magazine. Mr. Cestaro said that the owners of both homes love their historic homes and would be very interested in having their homes featured in the magazine. He added that he has contacted a photographer in Town who is willing to take the photos free of charge. The owners also expressed interest in learning more about the history of their homes. Mr. Lynch stated that there should be information available on the Bergen County Historic Site Survey and the American Survey of Historic Places. Mr. Swenson said that he has a copy of the County Survey and he will forward the information to Mr. Cestaro. Mr. Bajak provided the Commission Members with a link to the Library of Congress where historic home information can be found.

Mr. Swenson stated that the other major topic for discussion is the Certified Local Government application. Mr. Haftek stated that he has offered to help with the process however the first step is to have the Township Committee's approval to proceed. He added that the process is a huge undertaking, and the Commission does not have access to much of the information that is needed to complete the application without the assistance and support of the Mayor and the

Township Committee. Mr. Swenson said he will reach out to Township Committeeman Boonstra about presenting the idea to the Township Committee.

Mr. Swenson said that another important topic of discussion is the incorporation of the fourteen (14) Wyckoff homes listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places, into the Historic Element of the Master Plan. Ms. Mitchell spoke with Robert Shannon, the Township Administrator about this, and he said the HPC will have to hold a public meeting and invite the owners of the homes in question to inform them about the inclusion in the Master Plan. It is Mr. Shannon's belief that it would be best to have this type of meeting in person, rather than virtually, when we are able to do so. Mr. Haftek stated that at this point there is no telling when we will be able to hold in person meetings and the Commission really needs to take action and make some progress on a few things in advance of applying for the Certified Local Government status.

Mr. Lynch mentioned that Wyckoff has done well with obtaining County grants. The Zabriskie House received a grant for \$6,500, the Wyckoff Historical Society obtained a grant for \$6,500 which will be used for work at the Union Cemetery and the old Barber Shop at Zabriskie pond. The Wyckoff Reformed Church obtained a grant for \$1,200 for restorations.

Mr. Cestaro prepared a marked-up copy of the zoning map of Wyckoff to denote each of the fourteen (14) historic structures that are listed on the National Register of Historic Homes. He also highlighted one of the historic homes on the Wyckoff tax map with a cross hatch and labeled the house by its historic name. Mr. Cestaro stated that builders, architects, and realtors often refer to the zoning map and the tax map for information. Highlighting the historic homes on these maps will flag their historic importance. Ms. Mitchell will present the ideas to Mr. Boonstra, the Township Committee liaison.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Mitchell  
Commission Member and Secretary