

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, January 7th, 2013
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, Peter Craig, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Larry LaFevre, Carl Molter, Kathy Sciarello, Shirley Wydner

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act Law by the Township Clerk.

Minutes of the December 2012 meeting were approved with corrections.

2013 Reorganization

Dan Bush approved the renewal of commission members Peter Craig, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Kathy Sciarello and Shirley Wydner.

Recap of 2012 Accomplishments

Larry LaFevre provided an overview of significant accomplishments.

- ✓ Publication of *The Early Settlers of Holland Township, N. J.*
- ✓ Documentation of houses - Sinclair/Peabody, Cronce/Robbins, Hager/Vanderbilt/Dodds
- ✓ Deed research on Holland Station
- ✓ Conditions report for the 4-square schoolhouse
- ✓ Printing of historic barn photos
- ✓ Scanning of all historic house and outbuilding drawings

2013 Budget

Larry distributed a copy of the proposed 2013 Historic Preservation Budget. Dan approved the budget for submission. A residual amount of \$90 remained in the 2012 budget for the publication of *The Early Settlers*, and must be cleared.

Early History Project Update

Larry and Kathy Sciarello led a discussion about the status of books that still need to be donated to schools, organizations and individuals. Beverly will compose a donation letter based on the press release. The preferred method of distributing the donated books is by mail. Postage is \$4.00 per book.

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Web Page

Larry said that the HT HPC page on the Holland Township website will be redesigned and modeled after the agricultural page. Larry circulated a sample of the web page. Photographs (icons) associated with buttons and links need to be updated. Larry suggested using a picture of Holland Station, and Peter

suggested including a photograph of a millstone dated 1792 that is embedded in the porch of the Galloway house. Larry and Kathy agreed to meet to review the collection of old photographs for additional input. Other items suggested for inclusion are the press release for the *Early Settlers* book, and the historical write up of the 1860 Farm Map. Dan recommended establishing a link to the Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial. Dan also suggested including a request to the public for donations or loans of local artifacts, especially old photographs.

Dendrochronology Update

Larry stated that an application was successfully submitted to the New Jersey Historical Commission for a \$5,000 grant supporting dendrochronology. Dan said he received a confirmation via email. Intent to apply was required and completed by December 10th, and written permission was required from owners of barns. There are six barns on the project list – 4 primary and 2 backup. Primary barns include Crabapple Hill barn (Anderson), Wydner barn, Dodds barn and Silvas barn.

Other Business

Hoffman Farm - Dan provided an update. A public meeting is scheduled for February 19th at the Holland Township Municipal Building. The auction is planned in April of 2013. During the Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial celebration, there may be a tour of the lime kilns on Hoffman Farm.

Charles Andrews' Book – Larry indicated that the Township purchased two copies of the book. One will be kept by the municipality, and the other will be donated (hand-delivered) to the Holland Library.

Historic e-Map – No status to report. Kathy Sciarello and Carl Molter plan to meet to discuss the project.

Riegel Ridge Patio – Dan indicated that the project is successfully moving forward. Specifications have been received from Michael Margulies. Kenneth Vogel will be overseeing the work as a liaison to the project. Work is scheduled to commence in the Spring. Dan said he plans to propose a semi-formal event with outdoor music on the patio as a fundraiser for future projects. A future project may be the restoration of the stage at Riegel Ridge. Larry stated that there is still \$83,000 available from a historic preservation account. This is based on an original grant of \$475,000 that was increased to \$600,000. This matter requires further investigation, and a contact is required.

Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) Field Trip - A presentation and tour of the Asbury Graphite Mill is being planned for February. Larry asked members to indicate availability.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 4, at 7:00PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM