

# **Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

Monday, March 4th, 2013  
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

## **Minutes**

### **Meeting called to order at 7:05PM**

Present: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Larry LaFevre, Carl Molter, Kathy Sciarrello

Excused: Peter Craig, Shirley Wydner

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

Minutes of the February 2013 meeting were approved.

### **Early Settlers Project Update**

Larry LaFevre stated that Robert Peabody is willing to host a book signing event. Currently, the location is undecided, but it will be held in either the Clinton or Frenchtown bookstore. Kathy Sciarrello said that she has about 13 spare books, and Cathy Miller has about 40 spares. Slightly fewer than 100 books have been sold to-date. Kathy changed the letter / press release to include an image of the book, instead of the picture of the Holland windmill. Also, Kathy mentioned that she started working on the next book which will include the Holland and Hills Region columns from the Milford Leader. Material related to early local families will also be included. Kathy handed out some sample articles from 1881 and 1882. The year 1883 is work in progress.

### **HPC Website**

Kathy recommended including a request for donation of historic photographs / artifacts on the website, and mailing it out to residents. The title of the notice is "We Need Your Help". Kathy suggested that it could be included in "Holland Happenings". Dan Bush said it could be sent to the schools for inclusion in the electronic backpacks, and posted to the Riegel Ridge website. Dan agreed with including the notice in the mailing of tax bills - if they have not gone out yet, and if it will not increase the postage.

### **Historic e-Map(s) Update**

Larry said that Marilyn Cummings plans to use this project as part of the Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial. Carl Molter stated that he needs to get images uploaded and linked to the historic e-map, but needs access to an online photo application. Some suggestions included Flickr and SnapFish. Kathy said that we spoke about creating a photo gallery on the township website in the past, where pictures could be stored. Dan said he believed there is still room on the server for additional pictures on the township website.

### **Combined/Merged Milford and Alexandria Historical Societies**

Larry discussed that Holland Township Historical Society no longer exists, and that the Alexandria Township Historical Society is on the verge of disbanding. The Alexandria Township Historical Society owns the Prevost House and the Mount Salem Church where meetings and other activities were held. Potentially, these sites could be used by a new, merged historical society. However, the idea of merging is unpopular.

### **Holland Church Cemetery**

Larry said that he received a phone call from Charlie Lippincott, Jr. The Holland Cemetery has limited funding for maintenance. They can only afford to mow the grounds for one more year. The cost of mowing is approximately \$2,000 per year. Larry stated that, according to Henry Nycamp, the Milford VFW donates \$1,000 per year to the local cemeteries (including Holland Church Cemetery). Perhaps another organization can be found to donate the remaining \$1,000. Boy Scout Eagle Project is not viable, as this must be a long-term commitment. Ideas are encouraged. There is some talk that the cemetery may eventually become abandoned.

### **Other Business**

Asbury Mill Field Trip – The trip is on target for Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Photo Labeling Party – We are waiting for proposed dates from Carla Cielo.

Gilbert Station Meeting and Photo Tour – Scheduling is pending.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, April 1, at 7:00PM.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:57 PM**