

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2013
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

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

Excused: Dan Bush, Peter Craig

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

Minutes of the October 2013 meeting were approved.

Hunterdon County's 300th Anniversary

Joe Becker provided an update on the Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial Committee meeting of October 9th. Joe said that 175 events are planned for next year, and a listing appeared in the Hunterdon Democrat newspaper. Plans for fundraising were covered. Joe brought sample fundraising items for "Show and Tell", including a T-shirt, blanket, mugs and dishes. These items can be purchased by the public each Saturday, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM, at the Flemington Choir School, 3 Chorister Place, Flemington. Additional information can be found on the Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial website at: <http://www.hunterdon300th.org>.

Larry LaFevre said that he spoke with Bob Peabody. Mr. Peabody's lecture on *Hunterdon's Early Settlers – 18th and 19th Century Holland Township* is scheduled for Saturday, July 19th. The event appears on the Tri-Centennial calendar. Commission members decided that the presentation should start at 10:00AM, and last for at least two hours to include Q&A. Beverly Kirby-McDonough agreed to contact the director at Riegel Ridge to reserve the lounge. Light refreshments were discussed. Joe stated that Shop Rite will donate \$10,000 to cover food for various events, and that Tri-Centennial Committee volunteers may be assigned to assist with refreshments. Larry agreed to follow up with Carla Cielo about selecting a date for her presentation, *The Spirit of Place*.

Larry mentioned that he visited the Book Garden in Frenchtown. Owners are willing to display the 1860 Farm Map of Alexandria Township as long as it is either mounted on cardboard or framed. A card with prices will be included. Larry will follow up with Peter Craig for more information about framing. Larry also suggested donating a copy of the map to the Hunterdon County Historical Society. Shirley Wydner will ask Linda Hahola, the director, if they already have a copy of the map or would like to receive one.

"Holland Hills Region" Book

Kathy Sciarello is currently proofreading the book.

Historic e-Map(s) Update

Larry stated that the first lecture in connection with the Tri-Centennial will be about the historic e-map. The presentation, to be led by Marilyn Cummings, is scheduled for Saturday, January 4th, at the Hunterdon County Library in Flemington. Larry said that Marilyn requested all materials from us (the Google Earth file).

Carl Molter spoke about storing related files and images. Larry suggested storing them at the Hunterdon County Historical Society by contacting board member Kenneth Cummings. Carl agreed to reach out to Marilyn Cummings. Also, Carl expressed that he needs some assistance in terms of reviewing and verifying the files to be sent.

Dendro Project

Larry reported that the dendro project is progressing well. Larry will distribute copies of all four barn reports when they are finalized. Copies of the Cain and Wydner barn reports were shared at this meeting. The four reports will be posted on the Oxford Tree-Ring Laboratory website, the Columbia University website and the HVVA website. Larry will take steps to close out the grant.

Bunn Valley Historic District

Larry said he wants to revive the work done on the Bunn Valley historic district. In 2004, a certificate of eligibility, prepared by Carla Cielo, was approved. Larry will speak with Mayor Dan Bush about how to proceed. Dennis Bertland was paid to prepare a nomination, but it has not been submitted. Larry said it would not take much work to update it, based on expanded maps. Larry said it was important to protect the remaining structures on the property, and place Bunn Valley on the register.

Other Business

Gilbert Station Meeting and Photo Tour - Larry said the Commission is asked to propose some dates for a tour of the Gilbert Station Power Plant. Larry will speak with Peter Craig, and submit some dates to N. McIntosh, Plant Manager.

Larry said he was contacted by Michael Marguiles about a certificate of eligibility for Riegelsville. A portion of the proposed historic district is in Holland Township, but most of it is located in Pohatcong.

Larry discussed the "Straw Church" one hour discussion and personal tour. The presenter offered a private tour of the cemetery. In addition, many records are available, including the Stamets family history.

Show and Tell

Items included the following:

1. Holland Township Preserved Farmland and Open Space Map -Larry
2. Mount Joy Schoolhouse Photograph - Larry
3. Millersville School Photograph and handwritten history – Joe
4. Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial souvenirs for sale - Joe

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55PM

Next Meeting: Monday, December 2, 2013