

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2014
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM

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

Excused: Dan Bush, Peter Craig

Guest: Carla Cielo

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

Minutes of the December 2013 meeting were approved.

2014 Reorganization

No terms expired. Larry LaFevre passed around a contact sheet for verification, and distributed a list of 2014 meeting dates.

Hunterdon County 300th

Larry mentioned that Mr. R. Peabody received a thank you letter for a book donation from M. Adams of the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

Joe Becker stated that he attended a book signing by local photographer, Walter Choroszewski. Mr. Choroszewski is also an expert on DNA as it relates to genealogy. Joe encouraged everyone to check the Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial website for upcoming events.

Beverly Kirby-McDonough will follow up with the Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial Committee about providing refreshments during the *History of Holland Township* presentation scheduled at Riegel Ridge on July 19th.

Larry spoke about three additional "Meet Ups" scheduled by Michael Margulies.

Historic e-Map(s)

Kathy Sciarrello stated that Marilyn Cummings has Delaware Township uploaded to a website "HistoryMapping.org" (<http://historymapping.org>).

Carl Molter stated that he sent e-Maps to Marilyn Cummings last Saturday. He said that the Delaware Township map could be used as a template for the Holland Township map. Historical research in various categories, such as barns, railroads, etc., will be ongoing. Carl gave a demonstration of the Google Earth and e-Maps on a laptop computer.

“Holland Hills Region” Book

Kathy said that she is one-quarter of the way through the book, and then needs to make changes. Tentatively, the final version of the book may be available by the March meeting.

2014 Budget

Larry distributed a copy of the 2014 Historic Preservation Commission Budget, and indicated that it is almost the same as last year. Kathy said funding is needed to purchase additional books. She estimated that the books would cost about \$10 each, plus shipping, and that we should order an initial quantity of 60. Larry agreed to earmark \$600 in the 2014 budget for this purpose.

Hughesville Dam per Correspondence from MWA

Larry said he received an email from Beth Styler Barry, Director of the Musconetcong Watershed Association. She wants to give a presentation to the Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission about the Hughesville dam. Larry will email the correspondence to Mayor Dan Bush. The Township Committee or the Environmental Commission may be a more appropriate choice to host the presentation.

Other Business

- **Documenting Chet Bellis House on River Road**

Larry stated that reports were distributed on the Chet Bellis house, but without the drawings. The drawings are now available, and a meeting will be scheduled soon to review with Mr. Bellis.

- **Tour of Gilbert Station**

The consensus was that April 18th (Good Friday) would be a good date for a tour. Larry said that the plant manager wanted to avoid giving a tour on Saturdays. Larry suggested a field trip to the Springtown Inn, a property owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. Melvin.

Show and Tell

- Letter to Joseph Becker from Raber Associates regarding a digital copy of the final historic documentation report on the the Milford paper mill. Other items shown included Riegel Book with photographs, Federal Paper Board book and James River Corporation book.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 3rd, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM