

# **Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

Monday, March 3, 2014  
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

## **Minutes**

### **Meeting called to order at 7:06PM**

Present: Joseph Becker, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Larry LaFevre, Kathy Sciarello

Excused: Dan Bush, Peter Craig, Carl Molter, Shirley Wydner

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

Minutes of the January 2014 meeting were approved.

### **Hunterdon County 300<sup>th</sup>**

Larry LaFevre announced that Carla Cielo's presentation, "*The Spirit of Place – Identifying Features of a Cultural Landscape*", is scheduled for Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30PM at the Riegel Ridge Community Center. Larry sent Carla's biography to the Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial Committee. They would like to co-sponsor this presentation with the County and the Municipality. The Tri-Centennial Committee will manage registration, website updates and provide punch for the event. The Historic Preservation Commission will make arrangements to supply either cookies or brownies.

Larry said that Mr. Robert Peabody will host a second Tri-Centennial event, scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be a walking tour; "*300 Years of Wild Food Foraging in Hunterdon County*". The time and location are not yet determined.

Larry mentioned that Erich Zeh, who has a collection of Indian artifacts, offered to do a presentation for the Tri-Centennial. Larry agreed to follow up with him.

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

Larry said that Marilyn Cummings will hold a second historic e-maps workshop. The workshop is scheduled for Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM at the Hunterdon County Library.

### **"Holland Hills Region" Book**

Kathy Sciarello provided a status of Mr. Robert Peabody's book. To-date, 289 copies have been sold; that is, 250 to Holland Township, 9 through Lulu, 22 through Amazon and 8 through Ingram.

Kathy announced that she completed a new book, "Early Life and Traditions of Holland, N. J. 1880 - 1885". She brought some samples or proofs to the meeting for review. Kathy asked if the Commission wanted to order the books now, or wait until the next meeting to decide. There is currently a 10% discount, in addition to the regular volume discount, being offered by the publisher, Lulu.

Kathy said the cost of the books is:

Quantity of 50 plus shipping: \$9.38 each or \$469 total

Quantity of 60 plus shipping: \$9.14 each or \$548 total

There is a concern that the 2014 Budget is not approved yet. Larry stated the funding could be drawn from the existing book sale account. If additional funding is needed later, it can come from the 2014 Budget where \$600 is set aside for books.

The Commission decided that there is no advantage to delay an order. The team agreed that 60 copies will be ordered now.

### **2014 Budget**

Larry stated that the 2014 Budget is not approved yet. It will be the same as last year, and \$600 will be broken out to support the purchase of new books. Kathy expressed that there may be some reduction to the budget, but this has not been confirmed.

### **Other Business**

- **Tour of Gilbert Station**

Larry confirmed that the tour is scheduled on Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Commission decided that the tour should begin at 9:30AM on that day.

- **Hoffman Farms**

Larry said that the Township went out for an RFP for someone to run the auction. The sale will move forward when all the paperwork is completed.

- **Application for Dendrochronology Grant**

Larry stated that the NJ State grant application for \$14,400 to support dendrochronology has been denied. This may be due to the fact that the State received many applications this year based on the County's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary and State's 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Commission plans to apply again next year.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:50PM