

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

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

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

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

Excused: Dan Bush, 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 August 2014 meeting were approved.

Board of Adjustment/Planning Board Checklist / Historic Districts / Structures

Larry LaFevre spoke of an issue that arose with a structure in the Pursley's Ferry Historic District. The Board of Adjustments / Planning Board needs a historic checklist as part of an application procedure. Currently, there is no formal procedure for the Historic Preservation Commission to make recommendations to the Board of Adjustments and Planning Board. Larry said that Betsy McKinsey, Township Planner, will attend a Historic Preservation Commission meeting at a future date to explain what options exist.

MWA / Removal of the Hughesville Dam

Larry stated that Beth Styler Barry, Executive Director of the Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA), wants the Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission to become a consulting party in the proposed removal of the Hughesville dam. Larry expressed interest in seeking permission to tour the site in advance.

Motion by Joseph Becker, second by Carl Molter, for the Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission to become a consulting party to the MWA in the matter of the Hughesville dam. Motion carried. Larry agreed to follow up with MWA to indicate participation.

PennEast Pipeline

Larry circulated a seven-page draft of a Holland Township Resolution that includes the notation that the proposed pipeline route crosses the Pursley's Ferry and Bunn Valley historic districts. Additionally, it crosses twelve historic sites, all but one of which are listed in the "1979 County Survey Sites of Historic Interest". (The site not listed is the Bill Phillips Farm.) Larry stated that there is a concern with the historic sites impacted.

Larry said that if any Federal funding is involved, the Section 106 review process must be followed. Due to Section 106 requirements, a Barker Tract Rural Agricultural Landscape Historic District is proposed that will include the twelve historic sites. Feedback is expected from the State Preservation Office.

Larry showed a map of the Barker Tract that included the original tenant farmer lots numbered by Carla Cielo.

Kathy Sciarello said that she is working on a new project. That is, transcribing and plotting old Holland Township deeds starting with the collection of Mr. R. Peabody and adding additional deeds.

Larry spoke briefly about documentation of the Shire Farm, and update of the 2001 Barn Survey.

Historic e-Map Update

Carl indicated that there are no significant updates on this topic.

Other Business

- Larry circulated an official copy of a Holland Township Resolution to support the ballot question regarding a new funding source for land and historic preservation. This is "*Township of Holland – Bill SCR 84 – Public Question Constitutional Amendment to Dedicate a Portion of Existing State Revenue to New Jersey's Preservation Programs*". Larry said the most common issue about the resolution is the concern that it may detract funding from environmental and DEP projects.
- Larry distributed copies of the Van Syckel / Cole family history (from Mrs. J. Dalrymple) to those present who wanted a copy.
- Larry stated that the World War II memorial found at the Holland Church is now on display at Riegel Ridge.
- Larry handed out a copies of the list of original "Riegel Ridgers". This was a club, instrumental in raising funds to restore and preserve the Riegel Ridge Community Center. The list was compiled by Jean Dalrymple and Mary Smith.

Show and Tell

Carl showed an intriguing "ghost picture" that he had taken at the Saxonville Tavern open house.

Joe showed copies of "*The Milford Paper Mill – A Legacy of Achievement*" and "*Teacher's Guide*" (drafts). The pamphlets are currently being checked for historic accuracy.

Joe showed a book, "*Facts and Fantasies of Franklin Township*", by J. E. Stout.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 1st, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM