

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2015
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

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

Excused: Shirley Wydner

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

Minutes of the March 2015 meeting were approved, as corrected.

“Preservation in Practice” Workshop – March 28, 2015 at Kean University, Ocean County Campus

Larry LaFevre distributed an informational handout from a workshop he attended at Kean University. Of particular interest and importance was a 2-hour presentation by an attorney about municipal land use laws and historic preservation commissions. Larry said that the proposed PennEast Pipeline was not discussed at the workshop.

Dan Bush gave a status on FERC and the PennEast Pipeline as it pertains to Holland Township.

Cultural Resource Survey at Warren Glen and Gilbert Station

Larry said he received a call from Mr. Matthew Tomaso, an investigator with PS&S. There is digging across from the Warren Glen Mill in Warren County. Larry showed a report (binder) of the project entitled “Phase Cultural Resource Survey, Gilbert Transmission Line, Replacement Property, Holland Township, Hunterdon County, NJ” dated Oct. 31, 2014. Larry also showed a photograph dated about 1923 of an old bridge coming down Dennis Road. The report includes descriptions of the various old buildings and structures in the area, including maps. Two additional studies were done at Gilbert Station.

Warren Glen Hill Route 519 Closure

Kathy Sciarello handed out copies of the fact sheet and map of the Construction of Climbing Lane, County Route 519 at Warren Glenn Hill. There is concern that Church Road will be used as a detour. Dan explained that the project was originally proposed when the paper mills were in full operation. About \$500K of County funds were sunk into the project, and reimbursed by the Federal Government. However, if the project is canceled, the funds are required to be returned. A memorandum of agreement was established about six years ago, and a description of work is included in the fact sheet. The timeline of the project has not yet been determined.

2015 Draft Budget

Dan announced that the 2015 proposed budget was approved, as submitted.

Kathy stated that she had a discussion with Peter Rees about the availability of funds to purchase new books. She said Peter reported an available balance of only \$20. However, Cathy Miller has approximately \$225 that still needs to be turned in. Dan explained that money brought into the Township is deposited into a general fund, and can be allocated. There is no separate line item for books in the budget. Dan agreed to follow up with Peter Rees on this matter. In terms of inventory, Kathy said Cathy Miller has 37 “Early Settlers” books and 12 green books. In addition, Kathy has about 40 more green books.

Larry said that he had a similar discussion with Peter Rees about the 1860 farm maps. Recently, three maps were sold for \$275, and one map was sold last Fall for \$100. Thus, \$375 is available. Again, there is no separate line item for maps in the budget. Dan agreed to follow up with Peter Rees. Currently, there are no small maps available.

NJHC 2015 Mini Grant Award

Larry distributed copies of a letter from the State of New Jersey – Department of State dated March 3, 2015. The Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission is awarded a grant of \$3,000 for dendrochronology. The matching funds will be added to the budget. The grant supports analysis of four historic barns (with two backups).

1860 Farm Map

Larry and Peter Craig discussed printing new 1860 farm maps from the restored version of the map. Peter offered to prepare a file on CD for the printing company in order for them to create “proofs” on original stock.

The present inventory of maps is almost depleted. Peter stated that a medium-sized framed map is available, and mentioned that maps were donated both to the Alexandria School and to the Prevost House. Dan said that the framed map should go to the Alexandria Municipal Building.

Dan stated that Mr. S. McEldowney, Hatch Mott McDonald, had an original farm map that he had restored and donated to Alexandria Township. This full-color restoration had been in storage for the past ten years. The Township is still interested in receiving the framed map for another section of the building where there is another meeting room. Holland Township will formally present the framed map, along with a press release and statement at the first meeting in the new municipal building.

Historic Photos To Display in Municipal Building

Larry said that most of the photos that can be displayed in the Municipal Building are currently located at the Prevost House. Kathy said that additional photos can be printed in 11” X 14” format, but too much detail would be cropped out. Dan agreed to make an appointment to view the photos at the Prevost House sometime next week.

Other Business

New Book – Kathy showed a proof of the new book that she compiled. She plans to include a five or six page list of local place names. The cost of printing is estimated to be about \$238 for thirty books. It was agreed that the Township should sell the books for \$10 each. Kathy will make some additional corrections, and get an updated proof of the book before going into production.

Show & Tell

Next Meeting: Monday, May 4th, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30PM