

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, December 3, 2018
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

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

Excused: Scott Wilhelm

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act, by the Twp. Clerk on December 21, 2017.

Minutes of the October 2018 meeting were approved, as corrected.

Bunn Valley Historic District

Larry LaFevre said that he met with the assessor and redid all the labels. The set of labels is now complete with lot and block numbers. They were mailed directly to the State.

Fine / Cyphers Farm

Dan Bush stated that Michael Margulies is working toward a deadline to have the house stabilized and ready for rent within the next twelve months.

Hunterdon 305th – 2019 Tour of Amsterdam – Date(s)

Joe Becker said that he attended a meeting on November 14th at the Chorister Choir School in Flemington. At the meeting, Marcia Karrow recited openings available in 2019 that could be used for lectures at the North Branch and Main Branch Libraries. These dates may also be reserved for tours. The 2019 calendar of events can be viewed at <http://www.hunterdon300th.org>

Larry mentioned that a tour Amsterdam is tentatively scheduled for September 22nd. The report on the Phillips barn can be the highlight of the tour, including a discussion of dendrochronology.

Larry also provided an update on local barns. To-date, 91 barns are documented in the Township and another small barn has been discovered. Five barns were taken off the endangered list. So far, dendrochronology reports were completed on twelve barns.

2019 Draft Budget, Meeting Dates, Members

Larry distributed copies of the 2019 proposed budget for the Historic Preservation Commission. He also handed out a list of 2019 meeting dates (already submitted to the Town Clerk). There is one membership opening. A "Class A" member is being sought.

Correspondence

- • "Thank you" letter for membership renewal from Preservation New Jersey

- • Letter dated November 9th from Meghan MacWilliams Baratta - NJ Historic Preservation Office approving the paving of Bellis Road
- • Letter dated November 19th from Katherine J. Marcopul - NJ Historic Preservation Office regarding the Hughesville dam

Other Business

- • Riegel Ridge - Dan asked Larry to contact Michael Margulies about resubmitting an application to NJHPO for projects at Riegel Ridge. The initial application was denied based on a technicality. Also, Dan proposed the preparation of a new grant to restore the covered grandstand.
- • Hughesville Paper Mill – Dan stated that demolition is scheduled for the second quarter of 2019 (per Fiberville).
- • Oral History – Larry mentioned that he plans to contact George Vetter.
- • 1860 Farm Map – Larry said that he sold one large map.
- • John VanSyckle House – Larry received a call from Alicia Van Gilson regarding potential purchase of this house which is on the National Historic Register. Mrs. Van Gilson was concerned about possible restrictions on the home. Larry explained that there are no restrictions to private owners as long as public funds are not used.

Show and Tell

- • Book - “Frenchtown High” by Victor Christian 2017 – Kathy Sciarello
- • Spiral Binder – Holland Township zoning information – Kathy
- • List of Historic Sites - NJ and National Registers of Historic Places; NJHPO. List includes all new historic districts added in Holland Township – Larry
- • Images of Old Paintings – Gravel Hill and Nockamixon Falls – Larry
- • Book – “Behind the Muffler” by Robert I. Frey – Larry
- • Riegel Glassine – Warren Manufacturing Co. – Beverly Kirby-McDonough
- • Photograph (Copy) – Tomato Truck – Joe

Next Meeting: Monday, January 7th, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM