

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2019
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

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

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act, by the Twp. Clerk on December 13, 2018.

Minutes of the August 2019 meeting were approved.

Fine/Cyphers House

Larry LaFevre reported that the Fine/Cyphers house has still not closed. There is a list of small items that need to be completed, including an update of the deed. Last meeting at the Fine/Cyphers house was September 18th. It was attended by representatives from Pohatcong, IPP, the solar company, Michael Margulies and Larry.

Frank Stull's History of Riegel Ridge Slide Show

Joe Becker said he received pricing from Fisk Camera Shop in Easton. The conversion of 35mm slides to DVD is \$0.70 per slide. (There are approximately 140 slides in the Frank Stull collection.) Joe agreed to seek a second vendor to put the digital images into PowerPoint format.

Recent Events

"Hunterdon County 4H and Agricultural Fair", August 21st. Joe, Carl Molter and Beverly Kirby-McDonough represented this Commission.

"Holland Township Community Day", September 7th. Joe, Beverly, Larry and Kathy Sciarello participated.

"Milford Alive", September 21st. Joe and Beverly participated. Joe sold three books, *"Early Life and Traditions of Holland, NJ"*.

"Hunterdon History Bowl", September 22nd, sponsored by the Hunterdon County 305th. Carl Molter competed.

Future Events

"Pohatcong House Tour", Sat., October 19th. This is the 25th anniversary tour. Lori Bonham named some of the homes that will be on the tour. Lori mentioned that she and her husband volunteered to help serve lunches at Villa Milagro.

"Amsterdam Tour", Sun., October 27th, 1 pm. Larry said that he plans to contact Dan Bush about closing the road from 12 noon – 3 pm. He mentioned that 14-16 people are already signed up from before. Larry will discuss the historic district and Holland books at the start of the tour. Lori and Beverly volunteered to assist. A walkthrough will be scheduled in advance.

Other Business

PennEast Pipeline Project – Larry spoke about a recent ruling of the US 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals. The ruling states that PennEast cannot condemn any state-owned land along the route of the pipeline. The State of New Jersey has an interest in preserved farmland. Also, Larry presented two letters (9/12/19 and 9/25/19) to Kimberly D. Bose – FERC, Office of the Secretary from Katherine J. Marcopul – NJ, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer. The letter of 9/12/19 itemizes 15 historic properties, 7 historic districts and 3 archeological sites along the New Jersey portion of the proposed pipeline route.

161 Hawks Schoolhouse Road – Kathy said she received an inquiry from Andrea L. Smith regarding a residence at 16 Hawks Schoolhouse Road. (This is Block 1 – Lot 9.02.) Kathy will send her a copy of the barn survey and other documentation on file.

Riegel Ridge Window Rehabilitation – Larry circulated a memo to Catherine M. Miller – Clerk, Township of Holland from Meghan MacWilliams Baratta – State of NJ, Supervising Historic Preservation Specialist. The proposed window rehabilitation project at Riegel Ridge is approved. It does not constitute an encroachment on the historic property.

Fall Newsletter – Larry showed a sample of an article to be included in the Fall Newsletter. It includes a photo of core sampling related to dendrochronology. Larry plans to post the article on the town website.

Oral Histories – Lori stated that she is aware of oral histories in the possession of Debbie Good. We may be able to convert them to a digital format. Lori will bring more information to our next meeting.

Show and Tell

- Photograph; Children with school in background. Picture was published on social media, but school cannot be identified. – Kathy
- Pocono Record; “*Preserve or Decay in the Delaware Water Gap*” – Larry

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

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM