

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, March 1, 2021
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

Present: Lori Bonham, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, JoAnn Bonham Schaible, Kathy Sciarello

Excused: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, Carl Molter

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 10, 2020.

NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE.

Minutes of the January 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

Bunn Valley Historic District

Larry LaFevre said there is no activity. He sent an email message to Andrea Tingey of the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office on January 12th. However, the email was never received. Larry plans to resend it. The NJHPO is backed up.

Red Barn with Cupola on Old River Road

Larry reported that there was a small gathering at the barn. Attendees included Dr. James Eliades (owner), Carla Cielo (preservation consultant), Michael Worthington (dendrochronologist) and Larry. The owner is interested in learning more about his property and the surrounding area. Larry provided him with information from the barn survey and the Pursley's Ferry Historic District nomination.

Windmill Project

Beverly Kirby McDonough said she is preparing information on Poul Jorgensen, builder of the Volendam Windmill, from his 1941 arrival in the United States. Jorgensen's home at 175 Adamic Hill Road was formerly owned by Max Arthur Cohn, a WPA artist and co-founder of the Delaware Valley Artist's Association. Beverly will provide biographical information to Barbara Volkov. Kathy Sciarello shared many newspaper articles with Barbara, and Larry provided additional information from the municipal building.

Holland Happenings

Kathy stated that the Holland Happenings newsletter was discussed at a recent Township Committee meeting. The newsletter is published twice per year, but may be reduced to only once. Larry proposed that an article should be submitted to include current research on the windmill and promote the windmill project being coordinated by Barbara Volkov. He also recommended covering local WPA artists in a future edition.

Annual NJ Historic Preservation Award for RRCC

Larry announced that Holland Township received an award for the restoration work completed at the Riegel Ridge Community Center. A certificate and plaque will be received. Dan Bush and Larry attended the awards ceremony. Larry mentioned that this accomplishment could be included in Holland Happenings.

Other Business

Tory Den Tours – Larry said he completed two tours of Tory Den, and plans a third tour when conditions permit. The tour has much public interest.

Riegel Ridge Photographs – Larry mentioned he has not heard from Jack Weiss, and will send him a reminder about the photographs.

Britton/Rapp/Phillips Barn – Larry said he showed the barn to ten people. There was one prospective owner that did not materialize. There are no further updates.

Aerial Photograph of Hughesville Paper Mill – Kathy said she learned of a large photograph of the Hughesville Paper Mill on a social media site. She sent a message to the owner, expressing interest in acquiring it. Apparently, the owner is not local, but agreed to send Kathy a picture of the image when in the area again. Kathy is waiting for a response.

Cummins Farm – Larry mentioned that he sold a copy of the 1860 Farm Map to John Schafer, owner of the Cummins Farm. Larry delivered the map to him in person. Mr. Schafer asked Larry about the eventual possibility of donating the farm to the Township, or opening it up as a museum. A significant amount of work has been done to the house, tenant house and barn. Much discussion with the Township would be needed in order to move forward.

Fine/Cyphers Farm – Lori Bonham shared that Michael Margulies closed on the property and has the deed. The property is now up for sale and a potential buyer has been identified. Lori, Michael, Barbara Groogan (realtor) and the potential buyers plan to visit the property tomorrow, March 2nd.

Show and Tell

Delft Tile – Volendam Windmill – Beverly showed a tile believed to be purchased from the gift shop at the mill when it was operated as a museum.

Photograph – Milford Chair Factory - Larry showed a copy of a picture that Kathy posted on social media. The old building still exists in Milford.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 5th, 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 PM