

# Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, June 6, 2022  
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

## Minutes

### **Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM**

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

Excused: Lori Bonham, Dan Bush, Carl Molter

Guest: Davina Lapczynski

*Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 9, 2021.*

**Minutes of the May 2022 meeting were approved.**

### **Inventory at Riegel Ridge and Filing**

JoAnn Bonham Schaible reported that she is creating an index of all the “Spot-Lite” newsletters stored at the Riegel Ridge Community Center. The index will include data such as volume number, date, lead story and notes of particular interest. The newsletters contain a wealth of community information and local history. JoAnn brought a sampling of newsletters for “Show and Tell”.

JoAnn recommended the purchase of archival boxes and blinds or shades for the storeroom.

Larry LaFevre said he contacted Dorothy Bartkiewicz regarding artifacts that were donated but not placed in the display cases at Riegel Ridge. Dorothy replied that she knew of only two storage spaces; a room located upstairs on the second floor and a storage closet downstairs, adjacent to the women’s rest room. She said that some items may have been donated to the Riegelsville Library. Larry suggested following up.

Larry stated that Mayor Dan Bush approved of displaying the large, framed Warren paper mill photograph at Riegel Ridge. Three potential spaces are identified. Larry will work with Kathy Sciarello in the future to decide the best space to hang the photograph.

### **Grandstand**

Larry reported that the Riegel Ridge historic easement is due to expire in July 2022. This is based on a grant of \$625K received from the New Jersey Historic Trust. An annual report was required. However, the last report of record is dated July 2004. Larry said he sent documentation to Michael Margulies, asking him to update all work completed over the past ten years. This will support a final report. Then, additional grants applications may be submitted, as needed.

### **Hunterdon 300th**

Joe Becker said that the Hunterdon County 300<sup>th</sup> meetings are still in progress. Current meetings are held at the residence of Marcia Karrow. The Milford Borough Historical Society scheduled a walking tour of Milford on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Hunterdon 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution**

Larry announced that the Hunterdon 250<sup>th</sup> Kickoff Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Hunterdon County Library in Flemington. He mentioned that Holland is connected to the Revolution through the Durham Ferry and Durham Furnace. Holland Township may be able to partner with the Durham Historical Society. Larry asked for additional ideas.

## **Other Business**

Bunn Valley – Larry said he reached out to Andrea Tingey of the NJ State Historic Preservation Office by email and by phone, but did not receive a response. He plans to call again.

OPRA Request 118 Church Road (B14 L28) – Larry stated that the Township received an OPRA request from Mr. Al Polaski asking for information about the former Samuel Wismer property. Mr. Polaski is inquiring about historical restrictions and other data pertaining to the site.

Holland Happenings – Larry asked for ideas for the upcoming *Holland Happenings* Fall newsletter. He suggested submitting an article about local WPA artists, including art classes once held at Riegel Ridge. Beverly Kirby-McDonough volunteered to draft an article.

Executors' Sale Poster for John Wieder (Bellis) Farm – Kathy Sciarello presented an executors' sale poster from 1892. The poster was acquired by Robert Castagna from an Art Hanna auction, and donated to Kathy. The poster describes three lots, including an old house now owned by Lori Bonham. Kathy will reach out to Lori to ask if she has any interest in the poster. Larry suggested getting an estimate to professionally scan the poster.

Larry attended the Highlands Region Interactive Environmental Resource Inventory training on 5/18/22. <https://www.highlandseri.com>

## **Show and Tell**

- “The Milkman Returns”, [www.homemilkdelivery.com](http://www.homemilkdelivery.com) – Larry.
- Items from Emanuel Tomson House – Larry.
  - Set of NJ Power & Light electric bills from 1943
  - Small envelopes/cards from florists
  - Refrigerator warranty from Grunow Corp of Chicago, IL
  - Bible
  - Large empty box; Red Horse chewing tobacco cases
  - 3 Horse-related books
  - Book; *Little Folk's Stories from Dickens* (Illustrated). Presented to Alveretta Tomson on Christmas of 1922.

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 1st, 7:00PM**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:20PM**