

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, April 1st, 2013
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Peter Craig, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Larry LaFevre, Kathy Sciarello, Shirley Wydner

Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peabody

Excused: Dan Bush, Carl Molter

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

Minutes of the March 2013 meeting were approved.

Early Settlers Project and Book Signing

Larry LaFevre stated that The Book Garden in Frenchtown agreed to host a book signing event on Saturday afternoon, May 11th. A photograph of Mr. Robert Peabody is needed for an announcement to be published in advance in the Hunterdon County Democrat newspaper. In addition, a librarian at the Holland/Alexandria Library mentioned to Larry that a book signing might be hosted there. Robert Peabody said that he had not heard from the library.

Kathy Sciarello reported that she is working on a second book, and completed years 1880 through 1885. The material consists of excerpts from the Milford Leader pertaining to Holland Township, the Hills Region and items of local genealogical significance. With the index, it is over 200 pages. Pictures still must be added.

Dendro Project and Grant

Larry announced that a grant was received in the amount of \$4,494 in support of dating historic barns in Holland Township with dendrochronology. The funding will support research of four barns, two back-up barns. (Copy of the letter from the New Jersey Historical Commission was distributed.)

Historic e-Map(s) Update

Larry said he would follow up and ask if there is room on the township website for Google Earth images and other photographs supporting the historic e-map.

HPC Website

Larry stated that updates to the website are completed including uploading photographs and naming links.

Hunterdon County 300th Anniversary

Larry said that a letter was received from Janice Armstrong, President of the Milford Borough Historical Society, suggesting that we feature the 1860 Farm Map in a joint effort with Milford and Alexandria Township. It undecided on exactly what that will be.

Bob Peabody stated that he was asked by Marsha Karrow to do a presentation on the Early Settlers of Holland Township at the Hunterdon County Library in July of 2014.

Peter Craig asked if the commission would consider making prints of the restored 1860 Farm Map. Larry said that this item is not in the budget and can be very expensive. Peter suggested making a commemorative copy of the restored map in the same size as the original. The copy could be made directly from the CD, but would need to be professional printed due to the large size. Peter agreed to call the company that restored the 1860 Farm Map to explore various options.

Other Business

Letter from Cardno ATC dated 3/27/13 – On behalf of AT&T Mobility, input is solicited regarding upgrade of mobile equipment along Rummel Road. Commission stated that they cannot identify any impact to any historical, cultural or religious sites.

Correspondence from Holland Free Public Library – “Thank you” note for the donation of the Charles Andrews book.

No updates to report on Riegel Ridge patio, photo labeling party or Gilbert Station meeting and photo tour.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 6, at 7:00PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM