

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, Oct 7, 2013
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Present: Carl Molter, Joe Becker, Kathy Sciarrello, Dan Bush, Shirley Wydner, Peter Craig, Larry LaFevre

Excused: Beverly Kirby-McDonough

Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act Law, the Township Clerk provided adequate notice of this meeting.

The minutes of the August 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

Hunterdon County's 300th Anniversary:

Joe reported that on Sat, Nov 16th, artist Dan Campanelli would offer a special selection art sale of original signed watercolors and fine prints. Joe did not have a location but the website indicates that it will be at the Campanelli's home.

Dan mentioned that the Twp has one copy of Campanelli's 'Blue Skies' at that it will hang in the municipal meeting room.

Larry mentioned that Carla Cielo is preparing a talk on the 'Spirit of Place' to be given for the 300th, and that Eric Vegh, a local archeologist may want to give one as well.

Dan wondered if we could schedule several of these talks for the same time, including one on the Early Settlers by Bob Peabody.

'Holland Hills Region' Book:

Kathy reported her book only covers the period from 1880 to 1885 and has not been edited. She estimates that there may be 2 or 3 more books to cover the entire time period of the gossip columns. The book will cost \$10 at most and an initial printing of 50 will be more than enough.

Historic e-Map(s) Update:

Carl and Marilyn Cummings are considering the best way to store and link photos to this e-map site. Dan confirmed that Laura Wilson will be redesigning the Twp website; Carl will call her to discuss our requirements and how best to meet them.

Carl wondered about Carla's map that shows the location of historic barns; he will contact her for info.

Dendro Project:

Briefly discussed the preliminary results of the four barns that were sampled, which Larry had emailed earlier today. Our mini-grant application to the NJHC for \$14,400 to sample 9 more barns was submitted on time and accepted for evaluation and hopefully an award!

Budget Update:

There is about \$5100 remaining in our 2013 budget. About \$2000 is earmarked for the 2013 dendrochronology project, leaving more than enough for to purchase copies of the Holland Hills Region book.

Other Business:

Dan reported that the Twp recently closed on the Diocese properties adjacent to the Riegel Ridge Community Center and that all except about \$50,000 of the \$1.2 million project will be covered by grants facilitated by HLT. He recommended that we document the Lodge building before any modifications or new uses. He also mentioned that there would be a farmland/open space tax question on the Nov ballot.

Peter wondered how we could sell more 1860 farm maps and if it could somehow be tied to the 300th. Should we donate one to the Hunterdon County Historical Society? Larry will check with the bookstore in Frenchtown about displaying one there.

Peter inquired about the photo documentation tour of Gilbert Station; Dan said that Tony would obtain some possible dates for the tour.

Dan said that the Terrace at the Community Center is completed. Larry will contact Michael Margulies regarding the wording on a plaque. Dan is also looking for ideas for a patio/terrace fundraiser.

Show & Tell:

Larry provided copies of the 1880 agricultural census, and circulated a copy of the 1914 Farm Directory for Hunterdon and Somerset Counties and a copy of the book about the Vought House.

Tony brought signs and a box of items left by the Diocese at Bethany Ridge.

Next Meeting(s): Nov 4th; Dec 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM.