

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, December 2, 2013
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM

Present: Dan Bush, Peter Craig, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Larry LaFevre, Carl Molter, Kathy Sciarello, Shirley Wydner

Excused: Joseph Becker

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

Minutes of the November 2013 meeting were approved, as corrected.

Hunterdon County 300th and 1860 Farm Map

Larry LaFevre received an email stating that there is a meeting is scheduled for December 11th to expand the Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial schedule into June. Bob Peabody is scheduled to speak about *The Early Settlers of Holland Township* at Riegel Ridge on July 19th from 10AM to 12 Noon (confirmed). Beverly Kirby-McDonough will reach out to the Tri-Centennial Committee about providing refreshments for this event.

Larry stated that the Book Garden in Frenchtown is interested in displaying a framed copy of the 1860 Farm Map in their shop, indicating that the maps are for sale. The cost of framing can be covered by the Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission's 2013 budget. Shirley Wydner will follow up with the Hunterdon County Historical Society to ask if they are interested in receiving a donated copy of the map.

"Holland Hills Region" Book

Kathy Sciarello said that she is in the process of proofreading the book, and that it would not be completed this year (2013). Spellcheck is not an effective tool in proofreading. The writings had many misspellings and grammatical errors that should be preserved, as originally written in the newspaper.

Historic e-Map(s)

Carl Molter stated he was in contact with Marilyn Cummings about digitally archiving the e-maps photographs. Carl stated that the Hunterdon County Historical Society has the software, but is missing the photographic component which costs about \$300 extra. In that case, the photographs could be stored on the Hunterdon County Historical Society server. In the interim, a county-wide repository will be set up on Snapfish or Instagram. Concerns exist about placing the photographs on a commercial server, and that this approach is not a long-term solution. Carl expects to be notified when it becomes available. Carl said that Kenneth Cummings needs to be involved with this issue.

Dan Bush asked how much it would cost to purchase the archive software to enable the Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission to do the work, and if a grant would be available. Carl stated the basic software is about \$1,000 and the photographic add-on would be between \$300 and \$400 extra. In addition, the Township would need to scan and document each photograph, and link them online to Google Earth.

Peter Craig offered to lend a computer, originally purchased by the Holland Township Environmental Commission, to be reconfigured for this project.

2014 Budget

Larry stated that the 2013 Budget will be a starting point for 2014. If funding is left over from 2013, it may be possible to buy the software supporting the photo archive. However, the funds would need to be approved in December 2013.

Other Business

- Dendro Project – Larry announced that the project is complete, and final results are available.
- RR Terrace Plaque – Larry handed out a sample image of the plaque.
- Documenting Chet Bellis House on River Road – Larry stated the house has been vacant for some time.
- Tour of Gilbert Station – Commission agreed that January 11th, 18th and 25th (afternoons) are viable dates. N. McIntosh, Plant Manager, will be contacted for scheduling.
- External Hard Drive to Store Photos – Larry is researching hard drives, and received a recommendation on Western Digital brand.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 PM