

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, April 4, 2016
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Carl Molter, Kathy Sciarello

Excused: Dan Bush, Peter Craig, Shirley Wydner

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act Law by the Township Clerk on November 12, 2015.

Minutes of the March 2016 meeting were approved, as corrected.

Next Early Life and Traditions Book

Kathy Sciarello showed an updated version of her new book, "Life and Traditions of Holland, New Jersey; 1891 – 1895". She proposed placing an initial order of 60 books. The cost would be \$513, inclusive of a 10% discount and free shipping. Complimentary copies would be donated to local schools, libraries and historic societies. Joe Becker made a motion to order 60 books, and Commission members agreed by unanimous vote. Kathy emphasized that the next book should include oral histories, and houses and barns documented by the Commission.

Holland Agricultural Historic District and Pipeline Update

Larry LaFevre stated that he and Carla Cielo updated the map of the Holland Township historic district with contributing and non-contributing resources. All farmland on the map is identified as a contributing resource. Larry passed around copies of the map, including a corresponding spreadsheet. Kathy led a discussion of local sand / gravel pits.

John Fine / Cyphers Farmstead

Larry said he is planning to send photographs to Maria Elena Kozak, the Planning Board Secretary. There were no further updates on this topic.

Oral Histories: Raymond Harrison and Richard Miller

Larry expressed interest in scheduling additional oral history interviews soon. Mr. Raymond Harrison was employed at the Warren Glen mill. The many of the oral history questions will be specific to the paper mill.

Other Business

- Mr. Frank Stull – Topic postponed until next meeting.
- Hunterdon County 300th – Joe said that he helped with cleaning Chorister Choir School. Also, Joe spoke about attending a presentation about General George Washington and the Revolutionary War by Mr. Sal DeSapio. (Event was not part of the Hunterdon 300th.)
- Bunn Valley District – No update.
- Tour of Bethany Ridge – Scheduled for Saturday, April 16th.
- Hunterdon County Community Day, Saturday, June 4th – We will participate in the event. Joe and Beverly Kirby-McDonough are available on that date.
- Hunterdon Heritage Days (Museum Days), Sunday, September 18th and 25th – We will wait to confer with the Milford Borough Historical Society.
- Correspondence – Larry mentioned an inquiry received from Mr. Bill Bonham. He is writing a book that includes his childhood in Milford. Mr. Bonham was asking for information on a bus line that came through Milford in the 1940's.

Show & Tell

- Larry distributed an excerpt from the “Holland Township History – NJ” page on Facebook related to the stagecoach / wagon trail near Abrams Road. The article was written by Mr. Frank Miller. Based on Mr. Miller's description, Larry said he started to map the route. However, further discussion and information is needed.
- Larry distributed information about an upcoming series of talks in Morristown about protecting natural and historic places. Larry will email the notice to Commission members.
- Larry showed information about local, historic homes in Holland Township that are currently on the real estate market.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 2nd, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM