

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Friday, January 6, 2023
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Jo Ann Bonham Schaible, Kathy Sciarello

Excused: Lori Bonham, Carl Molter

Guest: Dave Harder

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 8, 2022.

2023 Reorganization

Lori Bonham (absent) is the only member who needs to be reappointed. 2023 meeting dates and budget were submitted last month and have not changed.

Minutes of the December 2022 meeting were approved.

Riegel Ridge Inventory, Storage and More

Larry LaFevre said that another storage rack was installed in the storeroom. Also, three keys were made for the display cases, but only one key fits. The second key will be remade, and a warped keyhole and latch will be repaired. Larry asked for recommendations about refilling the display cases. This will be decided at a later date. JoAnn Bonham Schaible mentioned that storage boxes are on back order since October.

Dan Bush identified Jessica Neglia as the appropriate contact for ordering a plaque to commemorate renovation of the Riegel Ridge gymnasium. The narrative is approved and funding is allocated in the budget. Kathy Sciarello agreed to email the narrative to Jessica to obtain a quote and place the order.

Grandstand Rehabilitation

Larry mentioned that there is no update on grandstand rehabilitation since last month. Dan expressed an urgency in applying for grants, as the application deadline for the County is quickly approaching in April. Larry said he intends to meet again with Michael Margulies to discuss a plan of action for grants.

Bunn Valley Historic District

Larry said he received feedback from Dennis Bertland regarding the Bunn Valley nomination. NJ-SHPO toured Bunn Valley. The State concluded that Bunn Valley did not meet the criteria of a rural, agricultural district citing too many houses along the road. Larry sent an updated map to the State, reflecting 1,300 preserved acres in Bunn Valley alone. NJ-SHPO recommended a multi-property application. Dan emphasized that if the application is turned down by the State, then resources should be redirected to other projects.

Hunterdon County 250th

Larry forwarded an email from the New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) announcing that \$25M is appropriated statewide to support the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. The next Hunterdon County 250th meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 7th, at the Hunterdon County Library on Route 12.

Other Business

- **Donation from D. Harder** – Dave Harder addressed the Commission. He donated the original sale poster of the Ralph Harder farm dated May 7, 1959. He also donated an old, unframed photograph of the farm from the late 1800's. This image was originally provided to the Harder family by a descendant of Mahlon Apgar. Larry and Dan discussed framing both items and displaying them in the municipal building.
- **Presentation by C. Cielo** – Larry spoke with Carla Cielo about scheduling a presentation on a Sunday afternoon in March or April. Local barn owners and others will be invited. Most likely, this event will be held at the municipal building. It will be a repeat of Carla's presentation hosted by the Durham Historical Society on October 30, 2022. Larry will follow up with an email of proposed dates.
- **Proposed Plaque** – Larry spoke with Duane Young regarding an idea for a new plaque. The plaque would memorialize the chronology of important events from 1938 to the present. It would be an extension of information in the Frank Stull slide presentation. Dan described the many significant improvements to the Riegel Ridge Community Center.

Show and Tell

- Map: Old Hunterdon County – 1776. Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Comm; 2001 - Larry
- Book: Notable Women Throughout the History of Hunterdon County. Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Comm; 2006 – Larry
- Booklet: Why Does That House Look Like That? Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Comm; 2008 – Larry
- Photograph: B&W Volendam Windmill and miscellaneous papers - Larry
- Map: Lot Plan for Oak-Hill Manor, Riegel Ridge, Feb 1946 – Larry
- Envelope: First National Bank of Milford with photo of vintage automobile, 1951 - Larry
- Abstract of Ratables and Exemptions in The County of Hunterdon for the Year 1936 – Larry
- Micro-Metal Photoengraver Plate, Holland Township zoning map - Larry

Next Meeting: Monday, February 6th, 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM