

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2015
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Present: Dan Bush, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Kathy Sciarello, Shirley Wydner

Excused: Joseph Becker, Peter Craig, Carl Molter

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

Minutes of the April 2015 meeting were approved.

2015 Budget

Larry LaFevre stated that \$565 is available for printing additional 1860 Farm Maps. Recent sales included \$100 in 2014, \$270 for 3 maps and \$195 for an “e-version” of the map. Larry said that he and Peter Craig got proofs done. They plan to order four new maps from the restored version on glossy paper at a cost of \$55 each. The company that will print the maps is Graphic Imaging of Pipersville, PA.

Kathy Sciarello said that a promotion is available on the printing of the new book if an order is placed by midnight on May 4th, 2015. The cost is \$270 for 30 books, or \$521 for 60 books, inclusive of shipping. The Historic Preservation Commission agreed to order a quantity of 60 books. Thus, the cost per book will be \$8.69.

Sue Murphy Barn: Auction Saturday, May 16th

Larry announced the Sue Murphy Barn sale for informational purposes. The contents of the house and barn will be sold, including furniture and many antiques. The Historic Preservation Commission has permission to do dendrochronology of the barn sometime after the sale.

HVVA NJ Tour: 10/17/15 – Vought House & Holland Township Barns

Larry said that Carla Cielo will be coordinating the Hudson Valley Vernacular Architecture Tour this year. The tour will include the Vought House and four Holland Township barns. The tour is not open to the general public.

Warren Glen Hill – Route 519 Road Closure

Dan Bush said that he did the motion for the resolution. Route 519 could be closed for four months, instead of two years, or may not be closed at all. Another detour has been routed outside of Holland Township. Dan and Ray Krov will meet with Rob Walton and John Lanza, the Hunterdon County Road Commissioner, for further discussion.

A map of the project, “County Route 519 at Warren Glen Hill” by Cherry, Weber & Associates, was distributed along with a fact sheet.

Hoffman Farms

Larry led a discussion and showed pictures of the structures on Hoffman Farm. The structures can be grouped into three categories; 1) the frame house site (oldest, 18th century), 2) the stone house site and 3) the lone barn site. There was a tenant house on the property that was torn down. The structures are actively deteriorating, but still salvageable. Back in 2003, there was much enthusiasm and support for saving the structures, but no action has been taken by the County.

Other Business

Dan said a call was received from Alexandria Township regarding the open house and dedication of the new municipal building. Alexandria Township will be presented with the framed 1860 Farm Map of Holland Township. Larry said the dedication is scheduled on Wednesday, June 10th, at 6:00PM. A formal invitation will be received, and Larry will send out an email notice.

Show & Tell

Kathy distributed a hand-drawn tenant map of Holland Township based a description in “Traditions of Hunterdon” by J. Lequear about 1785.

Larry showed a new book, “All Roads Lead to Pittstown” by Stephanie B. Stephens. Also shown was a book about a trolley that ran from Doylestown to Easton, including a map.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 1st, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03PM