

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, June 1, 2015
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Kathy Sciarello, Shirley Wydner

Excused: Dan Bush, 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 May 2015 meeting were approved.

1860 Farm Map

Larry LaFevre said that he would like to show reprints of the 1860 Farm Map from the restored file, as they look different than before. (Reprints were not available at this meeting.) Also, Larry reminded us that he sent an email about the open house at the Alexandria Township new municipal building. Tentative date is Wednesday, June 10th, at 6:00PM.

Early Life and Traditions of Holland, NJ: Latest Addition

Kathy Sciarello confirmed that 60 copies of the new book are now available. She led a discussion regarding books to be donated. The proposed recipients include; all members of the Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission, the Hunterdon County Historical Society, Hunterdon County Library, Holland Library, Holland School Library and the Milford Library. Joe Becker made a motion to approve the donation of these 14 books. The motion was approved.

Documentation of the Lodge at Bethany Ridge

Larry said that Carla Cielo is in the process of documenting the lodge at Bethany Ridge. Measurements are complete, and drawings will be prepared. Carla plans to return to Bethany Ridge to take photographs. Larry asked who among this Commission would be interested in touring the interior of the lodge.

Hunterdon County Community Day; Saturday, June 13th

The Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission decided not to participate in Hunterdon County Community Day this year due to short notice and lack of availability of members to support the event.

Hunterdon County 300th – Museum Crawl on Sundays, July 19th and July 26th

Beverly Kirby-McDonough agreed to distribute a sign-up sheet for this event at the Prevost House. Larry mentioned that we should contact Erich Zeh about displaying his collection of Indian artifacts. Local photographs of Holland are already on display, and our collection of books (for sale) will be available. There is some concern about interior / exterior cleaning and preparation at the Prevost House. Maintenance will be discussed at the next meeting of the Milford Borough Historical Society.

Hoffman Farms and Bunn Valley

Larry stated that he recently met with Dennis Bertland and Carla Cielo to discuss Hoffman Farms and Bunn Valley. In order to apply for designation of this area as a historic district, boundaries need to be re-evaluated, maps prepared and photographs taken. There must be an outreach to speak with people. A small amount of funding is included in the 2015 Budget to cover some of the costs.

Larry asked Commission members to consider two questions:

- 1) Should Dan Bush speak with Freeholders regarding the structures at Bunn Valley? The response was affirmative.
- 2) Should we proceed with historic district designation? The commission members supported moving forward. Larry mentioned that he planned to apply for a grant. Also, an estimate would be required from Dennis Bertland. Larry suggested that a sub-team should be organized at some time in the future.

Other Business

- Larry mentioned that he plans to follow up with Dan Bush regarding photographs to be displayed in the Holland Township Municipal Building. Kathy said that the pictures, currently at the Prevost House, should be resized from 10” x 12” to 11” x 14” and reframed.
- Larry announced that the tree-ring dating (dendrochronology) is scheduled for the week of July 13th. The sampling will include 4 barns with 2 backups.
- Larry distributed a meeting notice “When the Pipeline Knocks Training Series – Landowners Have Rights” scheduled for June 4th. Ann Marie Garti, an attorney in NY State, will be there to speak and answer questions.

Show & Tell

Joe Becker showed a book, Facts and Fantasies of Franklin by J. E. Stout.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 6th, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM