

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, August 3, 2015
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Kathy Sciarrello, Shirley Wydner

Excused: 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 July 2015 meeting were approved.

Museum Crawl at Prevost House - Review

The Museum Crawl at the Prevost House was a success! Holland book sales were \$74 on July 19th, but no books were sold on July 26th. Joe Becker stated that he had a brief discussion with an attendee who expressed a commercial interest in Holland Township historic photographs. However, no follow-up correspondence has been received to-date.

Holland Township Historic Photos – Select, Print, Frame

Larry LaFevre said that he and Kathy Sciarrello decided upon a selection of photographs. Kathy prepared a list of ten framed images. Some photographs were grouped into single frames. Larry proposed where the photographs should be displayed in the municipal building. Wall space is available in the upper and lower hallways, especially if existing posters are removed. Also, there was a discussion about the printing of the photographs (black and white or sepia tone), and the color of the frames. This issue will be decided at a later date.

Community Day

The Commission decided to support Community Day on Saturday, September 12th, at Riegel Ridge. Set-up will commence about 11:00AM. Beverly Kirby-McDonough agreed to distribute a sign-up sheet and schedule participation.

1860 Farm Map

Larry said there is no update on the printing of the 1860 Farm Map, and agreed to follow-up with Peter Craig. Larry also mentioned that he was contacted by Cindy Knight, a librarian at the Hunterdon County Historical Society. She is seeking donation of the map, as the purchase price is beyond the means of the non-profit budget. The Commission decided to donate a map to the library, based on what size is required.

Dan Bush mentioned that Alexandria Township was very thankful to receive the donation of the 1860 Farm Map at the opening of their new municipal building.

Barker Tract Tenant List(s)

Larry stated that Carla Cielo and Kathy could compare their Barker Track Tenant Lists at a future date, as they were compiled separately. Kathy stated that her list is based on “*Traditions of Hunterdon*”, as well as additional research of leases at the New Jersey Historical Society in Newark, New Jersey. In addition, Kathy showed a hand-drawn map of Gravel Hill lots that she manually plotted from deeds after 1785.

The Grange

Dan announced that two sites, the former bank and the Grange, have been purchased. They will be merged and consolidated into one property. This marks the official closing of the Grange. There was discussion about the signage of the Grange, and whether or not it could be recovered for display at Community Day.

Bunn Valley

Larry mentioned the application for a grant in partnership with Friends of Holland Highlands, a non-profit organization. Larry will work with Dennis Bertland to prepare the application.

Correspondence

Larry received a thank you note from Mrs. Betty Lou Farley for a copy of the photograph of her daughter, Donna.

Other Business

- Bethany Ridge – Dan said that the September agenda of the Planning Board will include the subdivision of five acres and the house at Bethany Ridge. When complete, it will proceed to auction.

Show & Tell

- Larry circulated a card announcing the Pohatcong 21st Annual Historic Tour scheduled for October 17, 2015.
- Joe and Larry showed a new book, “*Frenchtown, New Jersey: (Brief History)*” by R. Rando and C. Scutt.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 5th, at 7:00PM. No meeting in September.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50PM