

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2015
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

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

Excused: Dan Bush, Peter Craig

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

Minutes of the October 2015 meeting were approved.

Dendrochronology Update

Larry LaFevre stated that dendrochronology was completed on four barns this Fall. Final reports have not been received yet. Barns included were:

- 1) Fine barn (stone barn near Finesville bridge) dated 1807 – 1808
- 2) Lane bank barn (with ground barn inside) dated Winter 1805 -1806
- 3) Hoffman ground barn (affiliated with frame house on Hoffman Farms) dated 1811 -1812
- 4) Godley barn dated 1793 - 1794

Hudson Valley Vernacular Architecture (HVVA) Tour Update

Larry gave a review of the second HVVA Tour that was held on Saturday, October 17th. Twenty-one people participated in the tour of five local barns.

- 1) Hammerstone barn on Hawks Schoolhouse Road
- 2) R. Cain barn on Milford-Mount Pleasant Road
- 3) S. Murphy barn on Church Road
- 4) Wydner barn on Javes Road
- 5) Apgar (Silva) barn on Little York–Mount Pleasant Road

All of the barns were dendro-dated with the exception of the S. Murphy barn (3). Larry circulated documentation from the tour.

Bunn Valley Grant

Larry announced that the Bunn Valley Grant is officially awarded to The Friends of Holland Highlands from the Highlands Coalition to complete the Bunn Valley historic nomination. The amount received is \$4,900 (out of \$5,000).

Durham Mill Talk

Joseph Becker reviewed the recent Durham Mill Talk lead by Mark Fischer. Mr. Fischer described his current business as well as three generations of prior mill ownership. The mill history was covered over various historic periods. Mr. Fischer also spoke of Castle Valley Mill located on the Neshaminy Creek on Lower State Road in Doylestown, PA. Joe circulated a picture of Castle Valley Mill. This mill is still an active grain-producing mill. Details may be found on the mill's website at the following URL:

<http://castlevalleymill.com/>

Correspondence

Larry said that a thank you letter for donation of the 1860 Farm Map was received from the Hunterdon County Historical Society (HCHS), M. Adams – Corresponding Secretary. The map is now on display in the main research room of the HCHS building in Flemington, NJ.

Other Business

Kathy Sciarello discussed updating the Holland Township website with historic pictures.

Show & Tell

- Larry showed a small collection of material received from Althea Crouse of Pohatcong. The collection included books, pamphlets, a 4-H Club 1st year pin and two photographs. The images included a picture of Mount Joy School, Riegelsville, dated about 1921 and a picture of Mildred Connely (a nurse), who was a daughter of William E. Connely.
- Historic maps on file were reviewed by the Commission members.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 7th, at 7:00PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM