

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, April 1, 2019
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

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

Guest: Ron Lozowski

Excused: Lori Bonham, Dan Bush, Carl Molter

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act, by the Twp. Clerk on December 13, 2018.

Minutes of the March 2019 meeting were approved.

Hunterdon 305th – Amsterdam Tour and Dendrochronology

Larry LaFevre reported that the March 23rd tour went well. Almost thirty people attended. No books or maps were sold at the event. Larry said he received a \$200 check from Marcia Karrow, payable to Holland Township. The check was an honorarium from the Hunterdon County 305th.

Larry circulated an article, “*Dating Barns in Holland Township, NJ, with Dendrochronology (Part 4)*”, written by Carla Cielo. The article appeared in the National Barn Alliance – Barn Door (2019 Volume 13; Issue 1). It featured the Nathaniel Britton barn.

Storage Room at Riegel Ridge

Joe Becker showed a picture of the storage room. He installed ¼” Teflon pads under cabinets to protect the tile flooring and organized books. Some cabinets need to be moved. A collection of Holland Township school yearbooks and other items will be stored in this room.

Oral Histories

Larry showed a copy of the modified oral history release form combining both Holland Township and Milford. He plans to reach out to Mr. and Mrs. Wydner. Beverly Kirby-McDonough will provide Larry with the recording equipment for upcoming oral history interviews.

Books – Historic Surveys

Kathy Sciarello and Larry discussed ideas for future books about historic surveys. Larry stated that 22 houses, 43 outbuildings and 92 barns in the Township are documented to-date. Larry mentioned that reports are digitized. Photographs will be organized by block/lot number and survey. One to three photographs can be included, per report. Publication of deed searches would be important, excluding current deeds.

Highlands Grant

Larry made reference to an email message that he sent out on March 13th. He asked for ideas about how the grant could be used, such as organizing files. Joe suggested the purchase of opaque blinds for protecting archives at the storage room at Riegel Ridge.

Bunn Valley Historic District

Larry stated that he received news from Dennis Bertland that Bunn Valley should be completed in May.

Other Business

- **Documentation of Historic Home** – Larry mentioned that the report for the Pete Hager house on Church Road is near completion and will be distributed.
- **“Tomato Truck” Picture** – Joe loaned the tomato truck picture for display at the office of Edward Jones - Financial Advisor (located on Route 519).
- **Fine/Cyphers House** – Larry reported that Michael Margulies received half the funding for restoration of the Fine/Cyphers house. However, the deed and key have not yet been received.
- **Correspondence** - Larry shared a thank you note from Pamela Robinson - Librarian of the Hunterdon County Historical Society for donation of the book, *“Early Life and Traditions of Holland, NJ – 1916 – 1923”*.
- **Sale of Maps/ Books** – Larry reported that he sold one small 1860 farm map and one *“Early Settlers”* book.

Show and Tell

- Holland Township School Yearbooks - “The Reflector”. Years 1953, 1955, 1958, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1984-1985 - Larry
- Look Magazine – Issue dated March 23, 1965 – Ron Lozowski

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48PM