

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, August 5, 2019
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Carl Molter, Kathy Sciarello
Excused: Lori Bonham, Dan Bush, Shirley Wydner

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 July 2019 meeting were approved.

Fine/Cyphers House

Larry LaFevre reported that the Fine/Cyphers house has not closed yet. No work or restoration can be started before closing.

Highlands Grant

Larry plans to reach out to Marc Phillips regarding the historic barn. There are many questions about relocating the barn that will be addressed with a feasibility study. Kathy Sciarello stated that the structure is in poor condition.

Frank Stull's History of Riegel Ridge Slide Show

Larry asked if there was any interest in digitizing the Frank Stull slides in PowerPoint format. He recommended seeking multiple estimates. Joe agreed to search for reputable vendors with competitive pricing. Joe mentioned that there are approximately 140 slides in the collection. He will number each slide to match the narrative before they are sent out to a vendor.

Upcoming Events – Larry discussed the following:

“Hunterdon County 4H and Agricultural Fair”, Wed., August 21st, 2 – 6 pm. Joe plans to obtain parking permits from John Allen and Marcia Karrow. Joe, Carl Molter and Beverly Kirby-McDonough are scheduled to participate, representing this Commission.

“Holland Township Community Day”, Sat., September 7th, 3 – 8 pm. Joe and Beverly agreed to participate.

“Hunterdon History Bowl”, Sun., September 22nd, 2 – 4 pm, sponsored by the Hunterdon County 305th. Carl is on track to participate.

“Pohatcong House Tour”, October 19th. Larry stated that this is the 25th anniversary tour. Four volunteers are needed per site (two morning, two afternoon). Tour is self-guided, including some sites in Holland Township, Lopatcong, Rieglesville and Straw Church. The Fine/Cyphers house will be “drive by” only, if the property does not change current ownership by the tour date.

“Amsterdam Tour”, Sun., October 27th, 1 pm. Larry mentioned that one or two volunteers are needed. Larry will distribute notes/takeaways from last year's tour. A walkthrough of the tour will be scheduled in advance.

Other Business

Cummins House – Larry spoke of his visit to the Cummins house. Carla Cielo and Joe have also visited this property. It is a wonderful historic home, dating back to the 1800's, located on Spring Mills Road (Route 614). The home features a central hall and stairs and 9-foot ceilings on the first floor. It is unique in the way that it has ten different types of molding. Larry stated that it may be possible to tour the house again when the owner is present.

Bunn Valley – Larry reported that Dennis Bertland submitted everything that the State of New Jersey required on July 10th. Subsequently, Dennis received feedback from the State that the nomination will not be ready for review during the upcoming November meeting of the State Review Board. The nomination will be scheduled for discussed September of next year by the State.

Oral History Audio File (Mr. & Mrs. Hummer) – Larry spoke about distributing the audio file via a Google drop-box. If there are issues based on the size of the file, then another method of distribution will be explored.

“Grow Dome” at Holland School – Carl agreed to schedule a tour of the Grow Dome sometime next week.

Fall Newsletter – Larry said he will submit an updated article to the Fall Newsletter. The last submission was not published.

Show and Tell

- Book; *“The Illustrated Delaware River”* by Hal Taylor – Larry
- Article; *“The Moland House”*, Bucks County Magazine – Summer 2019 – Larry
- Article; *“Colored Graveyard”*, Hunterdon Historical Record – Spring 2019 – Larry

Next Meeting: Monday, October 7th at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM