

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, January 7, 2019
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Kathy Sciarello

Excused: Carl Molter, Shirley Wydner

Guest: Lori Bonham

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 December 2018 meeting were approved, as corrected.

2019 Reorganization

Two members needed to be sworn in. Kathy Sciarello signed the Oath of Allegiance. Shirley Wydner was absent.

Budget

Larry LaFevre submitted the 2019 draft budget to the CFO on December 10th.

Joe Becker ordered equipment to store artifacts at the historic preservation storage room at the Riegel Ridge Community Center. Joe mentioned that the room is not fully completed. It still requires electrical outlets and some minor plaster and paint work. Dan Bush agreed to reach out to Alan Turdo to help finish the room. From the 2018 budget, about \$992 was spent on storage equipment. Larry said he encumbered \$3,200 for dendrochronology on two buildings, and about \$1,900 remains.

Hunterdon 305th - 2019 Tour of the Hamlet of Amsterdam

Larry sent the announcement to the County. The Amsterdam tour is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd. Participation will be limited to 20 people with tickets. Larry discussed ideas for handouts. He suggested one or two pictures for each site. The 1873 map will be shared. Books and maps will be offered for sale. Larry passed around sample photographs. Kathy agreed to review pictures.

Bunn Valley District

No updates.

Fine/Cyphers Farm

Larry reported that there are no updates. However, he plans to meet with Michael Margulies toward the end of this week.

Other Business

- **Barn Survey** - Larry said that he sent out the survey of the Saam barn located on Ellis Road.

- **Publication** - Kathy showed a sample of her new book “Early Life and Traditions of Holland, NJ - 1916 - 1923”. The finished copy should be available by the next meeting on February 4th.
- **Bloomsbury Dam** - Dan Bush said that the Bloomsbury Dam will be removed this Summer by the State of New Jersey, Army Corp of Engineers.
- **Holland Free Public Library** - Larry discussed a presentation he attended, “Your Property Has History”, by the Copper Heads Group. The event featured local artifacts found by metal detection. Two large trays of interesting artifacts were featured, including an old Spanish coin. One tray was donated to the library for display.

Show and Tell

- Old photograph - Eight millwright trainees (including Joseph Becker). The picture came from Facebook: Riegel Paper Group. - Larry
- Photograph - Mr. Lester Sciss, from the Facebook page of Mick Castagna. - Larry
- Book - “Fifty Years of Paper Making 1873-1923 “ by the Riegel Paper Corporation - Kathy
- Photograph - Nockamixon Falls. Kathy showed the picture to help determine where the site is located. Based on the 1860 map of New Jersey, it appears to have been located along the Narrows.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 4th at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:54PM