

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Friday, January 10, 2020
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

Present: Carl Molter, Joseph Becker, Kathy Sciarrello, Larry LaFevre

Excused: Dan Bush, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Shirley Wydner, Lori Bonham

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act, by the Twp. Clerk on December 12, 2019.

2020 Reorganization: Per the Township Clerk, Joe and Larry were appointed to 4-year terms on 1/7/20.

The December 2019 minutes were approved with corrections.

2020 Budget: The draft budget was distributed before the meeting. Kathy mentioned that our temporary budget was \$1000. Larry asked that if there are any ideas for projects to bring them to our next meeting.

FB Posts: Kathy posted several articles on Facebook by Egbert Bush and others, most of which elicited numerous responses. One article was on the Tory Den and another mentioned a burying ground south of Taylor Stiles in Finesville. Bill Gregson wanted a photo of the 1873 map but the resolution on FB was very poor. Larry met him at the municipal building, gave him a copy of that map of Alexandria Twp., and he took photos of the 1860 map while we were there as well. James Scott asked about a tour of some of these sites. Larry agreed to give do one for Scott and himself in the near future. All agreed that a field trip to Tory Den was in order!

Cummins Farm: Carla and Larry returned to the Cummins farm and did a basic documentation of the tenant house which is in a state of partial collapse. The owner would like us to tour the house (another field trip) and asked if we would give him a barn tour. He also started his own research on Hamilton and John Foreman.

Frank Stull's History of RR slide show Update: Joe showed us a few photos that he took of the slides. They looked good on his camera. Larry mentioned that it was Black Lab Imaging in Flemington that might be able to help us not B&H as previously stated.

Other Business:

- RR Storage Room: Joe and Larry reassembled the literature organizer.
- Vanderbilt Pigpen: This was documented in Dec. Lydia Vanderbilt Stem's story on butchering, which took place here, is to be included with the report.
- Fine/Cyphers Farm: No update.
- HPC Web Page Update: Agreed to update the Publications Report on the website and look for other errors and ways to improve.
- Hunterdon County Film Commission: Larry mentioned that he recognized numerous farms and sites in this video including Bobolink, Ironbound, Frenchtown, Ship Inn and more.

Show and Tell:

Kathy shared several interesting publications including these:

- The Early Breweries of NJ, 1963
- Rafting on the Delaware River, 1967
- Flax Culture in Hunterdon County NJ
- The Early Fulling Mills of NJ, 1957
- Charcoal Burning in NJ From Early Times to the Present, 1955

Most were published by New Jersey Agricultural Society, Trenton, NJ

There was a brief discussion about an artist's painting of a timber raft with sails.

Next Meeting(s): Feb 3rd, Mar 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM