

Delaware Township Historical Advisory Committee
Minutes: March 11, 2020 - 7:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Committee members in attendance

Nancy Bond, Secretary

~~Robert Chamberlain~~

Marilyn Cummings

Liza Davis, Chairperson

Tim Davis

~~Marfy Goodspeed, Advisor~~

~~Alan Johnson~~

Valerie Leeds

Chuck Taylor

~~Joseph Voeke, Twp Committee Liaison~~

Visitors: Michael J Cuba, Virginia Gifford, Bob Leith

Approval of February 12, 2020 minutes

Motion:Chuck, second:Marilyn, amendments:none, approved:unanimous

Officer Reports

Chairperson

Liza reported on the DTHAC mission statement and the procedures for nominating historic districts that she found recently. The historic district procedures resulted from discussions at the time about establishing the Sandbrook historic district. The township committee set forth a procedure for the DTHAC to follow when proposing to nominate historic properties for the New Jersey and National Registers. The mission statement established the role of the DTHAC and suggested subcommittees to work on: future projects, bridges, projects at town hall, street names, establish archives, celebrate events, and to work with county and state agencies. We will review these in the coming months and update as appropriate. The first meeting of this group, under a slightly different title, was Jan. 26, 2010.

Vice-chairperson no report

Secretary no report

Ongoing Initiatives

Historic Cemeteries: Bob Leith of the Hunterdon County Historic walked with our group across the village green to the cemetery at the end of the lot. This has some remaining headstones and a short stone wall. It is in disrepair but in Sergeantsville and part of the historic district. He then told us that there are 28 known cemeteries in Del Twp. David Reading is a county Historic volunteer who helps find and maintain local cemeteries. Some of the known sites are Sutton Farm Cemetery, the Moore Family Cemetery, The Hart Cemetery, and Bodine's behind the Woolverton Inn. Some existing cemeteries are written into the deeds, but like the church cemetery in Lockdown are not always protected. The Pine Hill Cemetery is surrounded by a conservation group but the cemetery is not included. Possibly have the township acquire the property, then give it to the conservation foundation. Marilyn will add the county's mapping to her records. The DTHAC agreed that we would not make the information widely public but that we would provide it to the Township for their use in planning and permitting.

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Holcombe House The wood core samples were obtained by Michael Cuba and have arrived in England.

Saxtonville Tavern: The NJDEP has indicated they are working on a response to our letter requesting a historic preservation easement be attached to the property in advance of any sale.

Reading School

Sam Davis is almost finished with the Eagle project to clear the path down to the creek, and has cut and cleared trees and brush. He will finish up soon. The painter is coming.

Historic districts road work (Route 604, Route 523) Mayor informed Liza that the letter regarding Route 523 has been sent to the county.

Historic bridges discussion ensued regarding plans to nominate individual historic bridges named in the existing multiple property listing.

Historical site signs: Township sign removed, Township's plans unknown.

Stockton and Flemington development updates Stockton Inn: a recent newspaper article was full of misinformation.

New Business:

Liza asked if the committee is willing to move meeting time to 7:00pm. All agreed, as long as there are no conflicts with other committees. Liza will check with Jodi McKinney and Kathy Klink.

Public Comments, Questions, Suggestions:

Historic Hike, at the Reading school, to be organized by Lynn Nicklin. April 19 2020, rain date April 26 @ 1:30. The planning includes 2 hikes, both starting at Lloyd Wescott park. A picnic and possibly some volunteers dressed in period costumes.

Adjournment: adjourned at 9:25 pm

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