

Delaware Township Historic Advisory Committee Minutes - May 10, 2023, 7:30pm - Sergeantsville, NJ

Attendance

Liza Davis, chair
Tim Davis, v. chair
Nancy Bond, secretary
Bob Chamberlain

Alan Johnson
~~Deborah Kline~~
Chuck Taylor

~~Michael Cuba, advisor~~
Marilyn Cummings, advisor
~~Marly Goodspeed, advisor~~

Visitors:

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes 4/11/2023 minutes for approval TD moved, CT second, AJ abstain, approved

Officer Reports

Chairperson

2023 mtg. dates: Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13

Vice-chairperson

Secretary

Ongoing Topics

- Historic properties:
 - Holcombe House - no report; NB will see if a tour is being planned
 - Saxtonville Tavern - MC met with state parks officials and was told that bids have been requested for structural repair (repair stone chimney, cap chimney, repair window sills). These repairs were discussed in 2006 when the DEP tried to sell to private buyers.
 - Reading School - is there a source for funds for tree work at the schoolhouse? Alan will get more information on the 2007 ballot question which may have funds available for historic properties.
 - Locktown Stone Church - no news, stakes are out
- Historic Cemeteries: we may invite Bob Leith back to speak on this; Raritan Twp. cemetery on 523 near police station was recently put into conservation - 48 acres
- County Engineering: BC visited Henry Wiecborek at the county engineer office to discuss ED262 on Dunkard Church Road. This bridge is shared with East Amwell. The deck needs to be replaced and the stone work repointed. Discussed stone work that would match the existing bridge. Some on committee believe the work, which includes tree removal and is a major reconstruction, could be overkill for a lightly used country bridge. It is not on the National Register of Historic Places. It was moved by AJ, seconded by TD, that the MC and CT will get information to LD and the DTHAC can write a letter expressing concerns.
- NJDOT Rt 29 Alexauken Creek Rd project - no change
- Community outreach: The Bridge history articles update: Sept. deadline is July 28, Dec. deadline is October 27. We can list the historic districts and clarify how the National Register of Historic Places and the New Jersey Register of Historic Places work in the community. Nancy may write an article in the spring.
- Historic bridges: MC has been working with Carla Cielo to nominate each historic bridge to the National Register. Bowne Station bridge will be nominated in July. The process is to notify each owner, the county, and engineers. MC has also been working on creating another historic district.

New Business

- Comment from chairperson regarding recent emails
- Jeffrey Marshall is available to speak to groups on local history

Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 7:30pm

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