

Delaware Township Historic Advisory Committee
October 11, 2023 - 7:30pm - Sergeantsville, NJ
Draft Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance

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

Bob Chamberlain
~~Alan Johnson~~

~~Deborah Kline~~
Chuck Taylor

Advisors in attendance:

Visitors in attendance:

Call to order 7:35 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes 9/13/2023 minutes for approval BC move, TD second, approved unanimously

Officer Reports

Chairperson **2023 mtg. dates:** Nov 8, Dec 13 (Dec. tbd)

Vice-chairperson

Secretary

Ongoing Topics - any news?

- Updates on historic properties: Holcombe House, Saxtonville Tavern, Reading School, Locktown Stone Church; Historic Cemeteries - no updates
- County Engineering - no updates
- NJDOT Rt 29 Alexaiken Creek Rd to Washington Street project - no updates
- Community outreach - Deadline for the December issue is October 27 - share article ideas

New Business

CT: met with Bob Leith and Rich Mongelli and discussed how DTHAC can support the effort to develop preservation easements for orphan cemeteries. Agreed that chair should write a letter to the township committee requesting a policy or program to take over orphan cemeteries. Leith will send me some facts to incorporate into a letter. Discussed Skeuse example (deed exempted cemetery but it was left off the deed ca. 1950. After 100 years, the township has the authority to take it over. We want to suggest setting such a policy - a "Cemetery Exemption Ordinance". ROW/easements may need to be established, but ownership and access are two separate issues. Ownership and possible access can be built into the variance process.

Adjournment 8:30 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 7:30pm
contact the DTHAC at dthistoricadvisorycommittee@gmail.com
DTHAC webpage <https://www.delawaretnwpnj.org/boards/historic>