

**Delaware Township Historic Advisory Committee**  
**November 8, 2023 - 7:30pm - Sergeantsville, NJ - Meeting Minutes**

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**Members in Attendance**

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

Bob Chamberlain  
Alan Johnson

~~Deborah Kline~~  
Chuck Taylor

**Advisors in attendance:** Marilyn Cummings

**Visitors in attendance:** none

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of minutes** 10/11/2023: N Bond moved, T Davis second, A Johnson abstain, 5 yes - approved

**Officer Reports**

Chairperson

**2023 mtg. dates:** agreed to have a Dec 13 holiday meeting with snacks

**2024 dates:** Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11

Vice-chairperson no news

Secretary no news

**Ongoing Topics - any news?**

**Updates on historic properties:**

- **Holcombe House** - no news
- **Saxtonville Tavern** - state is no longer responding to M Cummings' calls; state has shored up chimney on the kitchen south wall; A Johnson suggested that MC consider asking Shirley Turner for help.
- **Reading School** - C Taylor wants to find a carpenter to work on the schoolhouse; wants to take down 2 large ash trees that look like they could fall down onto the road; more desks have been added
- **Locktown Stone Church** - no news
- **Historic Cemeteries** - Bob Leith has asked for a letter of support and will send additional information to the committee; L Davis will draft a letter of support to the Township. The initiative has 2 parts: takeover of the orphan cemeteries (3 have been identified to start with), and developing a model easement (similar to conservation easements)
- **County Engineering** The Covered Bridge is reaching completion; we have heard much praise for the repairs. Will there be an opening ceremony? The old tree on private property near the Dunkard Church Road bridge has been removed. They are repaving Lambert Road.
- NJDOT Rt 29 Alexauken Creek Rd to Washington Street project - no change in status
- Community outreach - see over for draft of article for the December issue of The Bridge

**New Business**

- 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Possible reenactment site in Sandbrook, DTHS is mapping all Rev War sites. There will be many activities to celebrate this event in history, starting in 2025. There is a second encampment near Sandbrook, mentioned on the Goodspeed History website.

**Adjournment** 8:24 pm

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**Article for submittal to The Bridge - December issue (Oct 27 deadline)**

Contact Liza Davis 609-651-6246 [dthistoricadvisorycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:dthistoricadvisorycommittee@gmail.com)

How does living in a historic district affect my property? Can I paint my house any color? Must I keep my slate roof? Can I put solar panels on my farmhouse? What kinds of protections or limitations do historic houses have? A historic building can be listed on the National or the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. Both state and federal registers use the same nomination form and process to establish the significance and integrity of a property through detailed historical research. The National Register affords some protection to listed or eligible historic properties from federally funded or permitted projects through a process called Section 106 review. Properties can be listed on the federal register, or simply have qualities that make it eligible to be listed, for this review, but as long as the federal agency goes through the whole Section 106 process, it can build a project even if it affects a historic property. Listing a property on the NJ Register in some ways affords more protection than the National Register. If a municipal or county project will affect a property actually listed (not just eligible) on the NJ Register, the NJDEP has the authority to withhold approval. However, neither state nor federal regulations regulate what an individual homeowner can do with their property. Property owners are only regulated at the local level if there is a historic preservation ordinance in place, or if there is a historic preservation easement that applies to a property. For more on this topic, check out this fact sheet. <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/hpo/1identify/localdesignntion.pdf>

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