Members in Attendance Liza Davis, chair Tim Davis, v. chair Nancy Bond, secretary

Bob Chamberlain Alan Johnson Deborah Kline Chuck Taylor

Advisors in attendance: none

Visitors in attendance: Richard Warwinsky

Pledge of Allegiance 7:38 pm

Approval of minutes 11/8/2023 minutes for approval NB moved, TD second, approved unanimously

Officer Reports <u>Chairperson</u> 2024 meeting 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

The Bridge article deadlines: Jan 26, July 26, Oct 25 (the last Friday of those months). The recent Bridge article was well-received and included new member outreach.

Vice-chairperson no report

<u>Secretary</u> At the Labor Day celebration, NB showed several Boy Scouts the old cemetery behind the firehouse. Fixing it up could be a possible Eagle Scout or Gold Award Girl Scout project NB also had communication with a descendant of Daniel Bray, who did not not realize Bray was buried in Rosemont Cemetery.

Ongoing Topics - any news?

- Updates on historic properties: Holcombe House, Saxtonville Tavern no news
- <u>Reading School</u>: CT tried unsuccessfully to connect with a carpenter; several trees were removed.
- <u>Locktown Stone Church</u>: Deb reports that fund raising is down; we discussed working with the Delaware Township School on educational class trips, subject matter talks, an essay contest on local interest, possible funding for prizes. It takes 3 days to heat the church and is very expensive, so events would be in the spring. Deb will draft an email for LD to send to school contacts to develop plans. LD and TD will talk to TD's mom, a renowned postcard expert and collector, about doing a talk on DT postcards and history. Dennis Bertland, Mark Zdepski, and John Goodwin are other possible speakers.
- <u>Historic Cemeteries</u>: Bob Leith sent LD information on what we want to request from the

Township; the plan is to draft a detailed request to the TC asking for support in preserving the orphan cemeteries.

- <u>County Engineering</u>: The bridge is almost finished. There has been good newspaper coverage of the rehabilitation. Will there be a grand opening ceremony? LD will check with County
- NJDOT Rt 29 Alexauken Creek Rd to Washington Street project: no news

New Business Visitor Richard Warwinsky, a Rosemont resident, was invited to become a member of the committee.

Adjournment 8:13 pm

We enjoyed a festive holiday celebration with cookies and eggnog.