

## **EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes for: March 23, 2010**

### **In attendance:**

Chairperson: Kathy Cannelongo,

Members: Dave Harding, Barbara Sageser, Pauline Serafin, Harriet Hawkins, Frances Gavigan

Historian: Jim Davidson

Secretary: Martha Pittore

**Absent:** Jennifer Floyd, Peg Sullivan, Mary Van Horn, Paul Sterchele

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kat Cannelongo at 7:30 p.m.

### **Statement of Compliance:**

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, this meeting was noticed as a regular meeting in the January 21, 2010 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Times of Trenton, Courier News, Star Ledger, and posted on the bulletin board on March 23, 2010.

### **Open to Public:**

Waived- No public was in attendance.

### **Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2010:**

HPC members recommended minor corrections. These changes will be incorporated into the original which will be filed and distributed. A motion was made by Barbara Sageser to approve the amended minutes, second by Pauline Serafin. Motion carried. Harriet Hawkins, Frances Gavigan-absentions.

### **Old Business:**

**County Projects:** Barbara Sageser stated work has not been completed and asked for help in completing the project. Harriet Hawkins agreed to help. The project should be completed by the end of April, weather permitting.

**Design Awards brochures:** Kat Cannelongo stated brochures have been printed and are ready for distribution. HPC discussed various places to display the brochure. They decided to distribute the brochure to the post offices, libraries, Peacock's, Carousel, at the municipal building, etc. A suggestion was made to include the brochure on the townships website. The date for submission of nominations is July 30, 2010.

**Arcadia Book Project & book purchase:** Dave Harding stated Jennie Floyd made the necessary corrections and the text has been forwarded to the publishers. Revisions will be made after publishers review. HPC discussed various ways to fund the book purchase; Jim Davidson stated the Historical Society should sell the books. Kat Cannelongo noted, the Society is not yet officially set-up and does not have any money; although officials could be asked for donations up-front. HPC members agreed to ask the Township Committee for seed money in order to get the project moving. Kat Cannelongo stated she will speak with Tim Matheney.

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HPC members discussed where the books would be sold such as Peacocks, the deli's, banks, craft fair, 4h fair, harvest festival, at school programs, at the design award program, the main library, EA library. A suggestion was made to include an order form on the township website.

**Historic Society:** Kat Cannelongo stated Mary VanHorn completed all the information but was having trouble filing the application on-line. A written copy may have to be submitted. Kat stated she will contact Mary VanHorn to follow-up. No further report was made.

**New Presentations:** Jim Davidson offered the following suggestions:

- Program on the book project in the spring.
- Round table presentation and power point demonstration of one room school house; Jim will contact people who went to the school and ask for comments; and will check with EA school for availability of either May 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. Frances Gavigan agreed to work on the power point demonstration. .
- Bus tours in the fall.
- Walking tour of Ringoes with one member from HPC each leading a group of 10-12 people. The anticipated date is October 3<sup>rd</sup>, with rain date of October 17<sup>th</sup>. Kat Cannelongo stated the grange may be contacted to offer the touring

**New Business:** (See Arcadia Brook Project & purchase above).

- **Book Launch:** HPC also discussed a write up in the Hunterdon County Democrat and interviews on WDVR radio station and book signings.
- Write up in newsletters
- Power point demonstration and slide shows.

**Grant for Clawson House:** Kat Cannelongo stated there is no money due to budget constraints. HPC discussed various means of funding. Mini grants through NJ Humanities were discussed briefly. Dave Harding stated but these grants are mostly used for purchase of archival materials etc. Jim Davidson stated he attended the last Cultural & Heritage meeting where Kevin Richardson advised \$250,000 of open space tax fund will be released by the first of the year. Jim stated a grant approval is more likely if township approves use of approximately \$31,000 from reimbursement of funds for farmland preservation. This sum could then be matched by the county. Frances Gavigan stated the freeholders have developed a plan for ratification by Jan 1, but work could start before then. Jim noted all of the projects will go before the Cultural & Heritage Committee and Kevin Richardson, county open space coordinator. HPC members agreed the Clawson Park is a worthy project for consideration of funds.

**Correspondence**

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Letter from Department of Environmental Protection dated March 12, 2010 to Hunterdon County, Dennis Heil, and Roads & Bridges Dept.; Re: Culvert Replacement E163, 602 Wertsville Road : The letter acknowledged that the application was complete and agreed upon the elements; HPO project as proposed is in conformance and will not constitute encroachment upon Ringoes Historic District and does not require further review. Project can proceed as documented. Frances Gavigan stated she will speak with John Glynn, County Engineer to find out when the work will be accomplished. HPC noted the letter for the record.

**Other:** Bridge Repair-Wertsville Road: Frances Gavigan invited all HPC members to an important site meeting on Wertsville Road on March 31, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. Frances Gavigan spoke about the project area involved which takes 30-35 feet of a surrounding property; tree lines will be removed, etc. Some changes have been made such as lowering the bridge by 3ft., work on salvaging a trail; engineering of underground detention basin. Barbara Sageser if the project is not designed properly flooding can occur- She recently reviewed the files and noted that in 1998 an ice jam on Ciderville Road caused flooding on Wertsville Road.

**Approval of Bills:**

- Martha Pittore- February hours total 3.75@ \$12.84=\$48.15. A motion was made by Barbara Sageser, second by Jim Davidson for approval. Motion carried.

**Open to the Public:** Motion was made by Frances Gavigan to open the meeting to the public, second by Dave Harding. No public was in attendance. Motion was made by Frances Gavigan to close the meeting to the public, second by Dave Harding. Both motions carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 7:30 p.m., at the East Amwell Municipal Building.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by motion of Dave Harding, second by Pauline Serafin. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Martha Pittore, Secretary  
Historic Preservation Committee