

The Historic Preservation Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:33pm.

**In attendance:**

Members: Barbara Sageser, Frances Gavigan, Jennifer Floyd, Paul Sterchele, Jim Davidson (Historian), Pauline Serafin, Kathy Cannelongo

Secretary: Christine Rosikiewicz

**Absent:**

Dave Harding, Pam McGovern, Peg Sullivan, Mary Van Horn

**Statement of Compliance:**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was advertised as a regular meeting in the January 22, 2012 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Township Clerk, posted on the Township bulletin board and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times on June 23, 2012.

**Approval of Minutes April 24, 2012:**

**J. Floyd made a motion to approve the April 24, 2012 minutes with two minor corrections. P. Serafin seconded the motion. All were in favor; the minutes were approved with K. Cannelongo abstaining.**

**Open to Public:**

**F. Gavigan made a motion to open to the public; J. Floyd seconded it.**

**Being no public present J. Floyd made a motion to close the meeting to the public; F. Gavigan seconded it. All were in favor; the meeting was closed to the public.**

**Old Business:**

1. Report – History Presentation, Fires of East Amwell, Dave Harding

B. Sagester reported that Dave Harding did a “wonderful job”. The Committee talked about some of the photographs and postcards of past Harvest Fests that were held by the firehouse. These events included tremendous themes including a Dutch theme with large windmills and an Asian theme with a large thirty foot tall pagoda. Many people attended these events from the Township and surrounding community. It was noted that the weather was very good the day of the presentation which may have had an impact on the attendance.

2. Final report – Launching of the Quick Collection on-line, Jennifer Floyd

J. Floyd reported that the final report was submitted to Stephanie Stevens and Kevin Richardson. The Quick collection is online on the Township website under Historic Preservation and there is a link to it on the homepage. B. Sageser received a letter from

Stephanie Stevens thanking the Committee for their hard work and suggesting they bring their information to the Expo; she read this letter to the Committee.

3. Report – Prall / Cavalier Dippolito Farmstead – Kat Cannelongo

K. Cannelongo reported on the proposal she is working on for the Cavalier Dippolito Farmstead. She has been in contact with SHPO regarding tax incentives that may be available. K. Cannelongo is recommending that the current Reaville Historic District be expanded to include this farmstead. This district could include the cemetery as the land was donated by Peter Prall. There is a lot of interesting history concerning the Prall family. It was noted that the Reaville Historic District is on both the State and National Register. The Committee discussed the process of expanding the Historic District.

K. Cannelongo toured the historic house on the property. She reported that it was not in bad shape and she does not believe it would need much work. The walls and fireplace are in good condition. Roof and siding work are needed. Cost estimates were discussed. The house will not be used as a residence; it will be used as commercial and storage. The Committee reviewed the proposed plans K. Cannelongo provided.

4. Report – Clawson House Interim report, SHPO Project Authorization form, Grant Application

B. Sageser reported that the project authorization form has been completed and includes the original site plans for Clawson Park. She went over this report and the completed form with the committee. There is water in the basement; this was discussed. The archeological sites were discussed.

It was noted that there are major archeological problems with the Township sidewalk project which have caused the project to be suspended. B. Sageser went over the letter regarding this to the Committee. This project was briefly discussed.

Another report on Clawson House will be done in six months. The Committee viewed a map of archeological sites at Clawson Park. J. Davidson addressed inconsistencies in the map; there should be only one site (not two as indicated on the map) and the location of the site is wrong.

A second grant for \$19,000 was received from the County. This money may be used for the basement and foundation work to prevent mold from forming. B. Sageser has composed a letter to the County outlining the use of the grant.

**New Business:**

1. CCH Expo – Report

J. Floyd reported on the County Cultural and Heritage Expo. F. Gavigan, B. Sageser, P. McGovern and J. Floyd attended. There was not a lot of public present. The Expo included a few performances including one from the Hunterdon Harmonizers and a hip-hop performance. There were a wide scope of projects presented including people in costume and a quilt display. Publicity for the event was mentioned along with the need for a bigger venue. The benefits of repeating the event next year were discussed.

The Historic Preservation Committee displayed the Quick collection online on three laptops and a slide show on an iPad.

F. Gavigan received an e-mail from the County thanking the participants and asking for feedback. She responded to the e-mail and shared her response with the Committee including a suggestion to use South County Park for the event next year.

**Correspondence:**

1. Department of Transportation – Alternate Transportation Enhancing Projects

The Department of Transportation is now accepting applications for alternate transportation enhancing projects. More information is available on their website.

2. Hunterdon County Long Range Planning Meeting Feb. 21, 2012

B. Sageser attended this meeting. She received documentation of the meeting.

3. Variance Application- Kelly

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are applying for a setback variance for an addition to their house. This variance is due to hardship; there is no backyard on the property due to a creek. Since this is not a historic property the Committee does not need to discuss it. It was noted that this property is across from a historic house. The additions will be on a side easement of the house. The Committee reviewed the application.

3. Pictures donated to the Township from PNC Bank

K. Cannelongo reported that PNC Bank has closed. PNC Bank, at K. Cannelongo's request, has donated two framed pictures to the Township of the Harvest Moon Inn building and the Landis House. The Committee will add a plaque to the pictures noting that they were donated to the Township from PNC Bank. B. Sageser will put an article in the VIP about the donated pictures.

**Next Meeting:**

The Committee discussed summer meetings. The will hold one in July and possibly in August.

The Committee discussed events. The Lindberg presentation was held earlier this year. A barn tour will not take place this year. Hosting a cemetery tour was discussed along with logistics that would be involved. Other possible projects were discussed.

F. Gavigan spoke to someone from the Prallsville Mill about rural designations and linking to their website. There is interest from Delaware Township to work with East Amwell next year as it will be 175 years since the Amwells were divided.

**Approval of Bills:**

There were no bills to approve.

**Adjournment:**

**J. Floyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting; P. Serafin seconded it. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 8:50p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Christine A. Rosikiewicz  
Historic Preservation Secretary