

Marlboro Township Historic Preservation Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2017

I. Call to Order

Chairman Douglas Tilton called to order the regular meeting of the MARLBORO TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION at 7:04PM on May 8, 2017 at Town Hall, Room #2.

II. Roll Call

- a. The following members were present for the meeting: Douglas Tilton, Jack Appel, Kathleen Guth, Lynn Harold, Bill Waple, Carol Cincotta, and Thom Healy.
- b. The following members were absent from the meeting: Dorothy McCue, and Peter Cuttone.

III. Approval of Minutes from March 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the April 10, 2017 were emailed for review on April 27, 2017.

Motion to accept: Thom Healy

Seconded: Bill Waple

There were no objections. The minutes of the meeting were accepted.

IV. Corrections

No corrections requested.

V. Citizen's Voice

No one from the Public was present to speak.

VI. Chairman's Report

No Chairman's Report filed.

VII. Old Business

- a. The historical pictures that previously hung in the hallway of the Administration Building had been removed and placed into storage in the File Cabinet. Bill Waple had created new labels, also currently stored. The pictures are yellowed and poor condition. Thom Healy was asked to research costs of having them reproduced. The Commission would also like to augment the collection, potentially adding a recently acquired picture of H&L Farms as the focal point of the arrangement.
- b. Bill Waple, who is also a member of the Veterans and Volunteers Committee, asked if the Historic Commission would donate \$150.00 to offset the cost of a wreath. Chairman Tilton opened this up for a vote.

Motion to accept: Bill Waple

Seconded: Jack Appel

All members present were in favor of donating \$150 to the Veterans and Volunteers Committee. Chairman Tilton abstained from the vote.

VIII. New Business

- a. Jack Appel announced that he would be stepping down as Secretary after 20 years of dedicated service to the Historic Commission. He will remain a member of the Commission. A motion was made to nominate Lynn Harold, Assistant Secretary, to assume the role of Secretary.

Motion to accept: Bill Waple

Seconded: Kathleen Guth

All members present were in favor.

Jack Appel will assume the role of Assistant Secretary.

- b. Jack Appel distributed a brochure from the “Weekend in Old Monmouth” event (May 6-7, 2017). There are 48 sites throughout Monmouth County that are part of the 2-day event, however it was noted that there are no sites in Marlboro. The Commission feels that Marlboro has at least two historically significant sites to add to the list: (1) Old Brick Church on Rt. 520, and (2) St. Gabriel’s Church on Rt. 520. Lynn Harold will contact the Monmouth County Historical Commission to find out the requirements to have a site added. Doug Tilton will contact Brick Church, and Carol Cincotta will contact St. Gabriel’s.
- c. It was noted that the Marlboro Historic Commission once had a membership to the Monmouth County Historical Association, 70 Court St, Freehold. An issue was raised that we should renew our membership, or request a courtesy membership.
- d. The Historic Commission’s page on the Marlboro web site (www.marlboro-nj.gov) is dated and in need of revision. Lynn Harold will contact the Webmaster (Morris) to find out how to best update it.
- e. Bill Waple raised a concern regarding the Topanemus Cemetery, stating that a No Trespassing sign had been posted near the right-of-way on Topanemus Road. Douglas Tilton will contact Jonathan, Township Business Administrator, to inquire about the sign, and to discuss trail clean-up.
- f. Fifty years ago, on June 24, 1967, the Monmouth County Courthouse Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held a dedication ceremony, placing a memorial plaque honoring the Patriots of the Hornet’s Nest, in the Pleasant Valley section of Marlboro. The original bronze plaque is missing, replaced by a metal sign. Doug Tilton would like to have the plaque replaced and the brick wall monument repaired considering 2017 is the 50th anniversary of the dedication. The Chairman spoke to Dorothy McCue about the issue, who will reach out to the DAR. A sample price quote for \$795 was obtained however other companies will be contacted.

IX. Committee Reports

History Book

- a. Lynn Harold dissected the PDF version of the History Book into individual chapters of text and pictures, and converted them to MS Word. They contain all the edits to date made by members of the Commission. The goal was to assign chapters to members for further updating and revision.

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm. The next Historic Commission meeting will be June 12, 2017 at 7:00pm.