

# Marlboro Township Historic Preservation Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

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February 12, 2018

## **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Douglas Tilton called to order the meeting of the MARLBORO TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION at 7:00PM on February 12, 2018, at Town Hall, Room #2. The meeting was called to order with a Salute to the Flag, and acknowledged compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

## **II. Roll Call**

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

## **III. Corrections**

No corrections.

## **IV. Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2018 Meeting**

There was no meeting in January 2018 due to lack of quorum.

## **V. Citizens' Voice**

Olivia Giudice, Marlboro NJ, and John and Lori Annetta, parents of Olivia Giudice

Ms. Olivia Giudice had contacted the Township offices making inquiries as to the disposition of the property at 42 Vanderburg Road, and the necessary steps needed to purchase and subsequently renovate it, maintaining its historic nature. Ms. Giudice made a presentation to the Historic Commission describing her intents and visions for the property. The members of the Historic Commission offered background on the property, the steps taken thus far to prevent its demolition, and support and advice on how to proceed. Ms. Giudice will be speaking in front of the Planning Board on Tuesday March 13, 2018. All members of the Historic Commission are encouraged to attend.

## **VI. Chairman's Report**

- 1) Chairman Tilton reported that any disbursements of monies from the Cultural Fund are exclusively earmarked for Historic Preservation. It was suggested that signage along Rt 79 mark off the "Marlboro Village Historic District" however such signs would require NJ DOT approval. All members present are asked to bring ideas to the next meeting on how best to use these funds.

- 2) The Commission has a new email address, [history1848@marlboro-nj.gov](mailto:history1848@marlboro-nj.gov). We are waiting on information on how to access the account.

## **VII. Old Business**

- 1) No Old Business discussed.

## **VIII. New Business**

- 1) All members whose terms were up for reappointment will retain their positions.
  - i. Chairman – Douglas Tilton
  - ii. Vice Chairman – Thomas Healy
  - iii. Secretary – Lynn Harold
  - iv. Assistant Secretary – Jack Appel
- 2) Bill Waple pointed out that the painting of Town Hall that had hung in the Lobby (employee entrance area) of the Administrative Building was missing.
- 3) Bill Waple and Peter Cuttone requested a list of the properties in Marlboro that have historic markers. A list is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

## **IX. Committee Reports**

No Committee Reports files.

## **X. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn – Peter Cuttone

Seconded – Thom Healy

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

The next scheduled meeting is April 12, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lynn Harold*

Secretary

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## Historic Landmark Signs in the Township

### 1. Retreat of the British Army, June 1778

Location: 52 Dutch Lane Road

Significance: Following their defeat at the Battle of Monmouth during the Revolutionary War, the British forces retreated down Dutch Lane Road under the cover of darkness. The troops were subject to heavy sniper fire from the Monmouth Militia as they sought to reach a British fleet anchored off Sandy Hook.

### 2. Collier Estate, circa 1904

Location: Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Pleasant Valley Road

Significance: "Rest Hill," an assemblage of many old farmsteads, was purchased for a vacation home by magazine publisher Peter Collier. His son, Robert, was an aviation enthusiast who purchased the first Wright Brothers biplane and housed it at the estate. The porch is a replica of Mt. Vernon. Robert's widow, Sarah Van Alen, donated the estate in 1927 to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

### 3. Marlboro Hotel, built 1845

Location: Marlboro Fire Company, Main Street and School Road West

Significance: A tavern and inn, owned by John Buck, stood on this site in 1780, in this area once called Buckstown. The Marlboro Hotel was built at this stagecoach stop by Hiriiah Smalley and served as a gathering place until 1919. The hotel was demolished in 1996.

### 4. Addison Hobart House, built 1828

Location: 9 North Main Street

Significance: This was once the home of Addison Hobart, a businessman, teacher, postmaster, and Commissioner of Deeds. Garrett Hobart, his son, lived in this house and later entered politics, ultimately becoming Vice President of the United States in 1896 under William McKinley. Garrett Hobart died in 1899.

### 5. Old Brick Dutch Reformed Church, established 1699

Location: 490 Route 520

Significance: Founded by Dutch settlers, the present church was erected in 1826 and is the oldest established operative church in Marlboro. The early ministers rowed across from Brooklyn to lead services, which were held in the Dutch language until 1764. The first American-born pastor, Benjamin Dubois, is buried here. An avid American patriot in the struggle for independence, Pastor Dubois took up arms against British incursions.

### 6. Hortensia, built 1686

Location: Pleasant Valley Road, near Winding Brook

Significance: This was the site of a home built by John Reid, an early settler. As a New Jersey surveyor, Reid drew the dividing line between East and West New Jersey, an early important geographical boundary. The New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory called the site an important farmstead and the home a notable architectural example. It was demolished in the 1990's.

**7. Old Saint Gabriel's Church, built 1878**

Location: Route 520, in the Bradeveltdt section

Significance: The Congregation of St. Gabriel was organized in 1871 and this Victorian Gothic church was erected in 1878. Although a new church and rectory were constructed on Route 79 in 1972, and a parish center in the 1980's, this building has remained in continuous use.

**8. Old Robertsville School, built circa 1822**

Location: Tennent Road and Union Hill Road

Significance: The first school building on this site also was used for Methodist services by the congregation that evolved into the Robertsville Bible Church. The church constructed its own building in 1833. By 1912, the original schoolhouse was replaced with the present building. It is no longer used by students.

**9. Vanderveer House, built circa 1722**

Location: 176 Ryan Road

Significance: Original elements still remain in this Colonial home, which once belonged to Tunis Vanderveer, a large landowner. The house was used as a locating point in drawing the boundaries of Marlborough Township in 1848 when it became independent from Freehold Township

**10. The Morganville School, established circa 1850**

Location: Route 79, near Beacon Hill Road

Significance: The original three-room schoolhouse, built on land donated by the Morgan family, had fine woodwork and pressed-tin ceilings. Constructing several additions later on, the Marlboro school system used this school from 1915 until the mid-1970's when it was leased to the Coastal Learning Center.

**11. H&L Farm, established circa 1850**

Location: 1979 Township Road, Municipal Complex

Significance: A portion of the H&L Farm, which bred prize Black Angus cattle, was donated circa 1975 to Marlboro Township for the site of the Municipal Complex. In 1979, when construction was completed, the Council Chamber and Court Room were housed in the original 1851 barn.

**12. Beacon Hill, April 1779**

Location: Beacon Hill Road, near Old Farm Road

Significance: This is the second highest point in Monmouth County, where Colonel Asher Holmes was ordered to construct three beacons as part of 23 warning beacons statewide. Used to signal the local Monmouth Militia of British incursions, each pyramid of logs was 18 feet high by 20 feet wide. When filled with brush and lit, the fires could be seen throughout Pleasant Valley.

**13. Federal Hall, built circa 1740**

Location: 395 Route 520

Significance: This Federal-style house, once owned by the Ely family, resembles a steamboat with a rounded north end. The smokehouse and icehouse remain intact. The building was known as Federal Hall Inn in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and served

as a stagecoach stop on the route between New York City and Philadelphia. It is one of a very few houses of this style left in Monmouth County.

**14. Dutch Reformed Chapel, built 1869**

Location: 21 North Main Street

Significance: A vernacular Victorian building with Romanesque elements, this chapel was used in the winter since the main church on Route 520 in the Bradevelt section had no heat. Several additions were added to the original chapel over time. The bell in the tower tolled until 1969 when the building was sold. The bell is now on the property of the main church.

**15. Old Scots Cemetery, established 1692**

Location: Gordons Corner Road and Wyncrest Road

Significance: Scottish settlers established a Presbyterian meeting house and cemetery on this site in 1692. John Boyd, the first Presbyterian minister trained in the New World and the first pastor of the church, was buried here in 1708. The church was moved five miles away in 1731 and became Old Tennent Church. In 2001, this cemetery was listed in the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

**16. Liberty Grange, built 1865**

Location: 22 North Main Street

Significance: This Greek Revival building was the first Baptist meeting room and school in Marlboro. The First Baptist Church held services here until 1939. The site then became one of social gatherings and political events as Liberty Grange #99, a farmers' association.

**17. Topanemus Cemtery, established 1692**

Location: Topanemus Road, near Weathervane Way

Significance: Scottish settlers established a Quaker meeting house and cemetery on this site in 1692. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, now in Freehold, was established here circa 1710. Some gravestones have been removed to St. Peter's churchyard. Only the burial grounds remain today, among the oldest in Monmouth County.

**18. Old Brick Parsonage, built 1871**

Location: 34 North Main Street

Significance: The site was sold by William Herbert for \$500 to the Old Brick Reformed Church to house the church's ministers. The parsonage was built in 1871 and served eleven pastors until 1946 when it was sold as a private residence. The building has been carefully restored.

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