

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES- April 17, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Roll Call: Cheryl Polverino, David Seme, Kevin Marshall, Todd Caissie, Neil Gargiulo, Stephen Downey

Absent: Maureen Fasano, Meg Thomann, Michael Berman

No Correspondance

April 16, 2023 tour of 6 – 1 room schoolhouses of Monmouth County a huge success. We had over 125 visitors to our 2 sites-West Freehold Schoolhouse and Georgia Rd. Schoolhouse Eagle scout scheduled to start Georgia Rd. Schoolhouse outbuildings painting on May 6 & 7, 2023

Have 2 more prospective Eagle Scouts upcoming

Pay Pal now being accepted for membership payments to Freehold Twp. Heritage Society- hoping this will encourage membership

Dave Seme is checking on when money will be released for payment of shutter replacement, etc.

Henderson Park is being proposed for Monmouth County History Award—Stephen Downey will be writing the proposal.

Wikoff Cemetery is ok for now---no cleanup necessary

Oakley Farm will host the inmate labor program sponsored by the Monmouth County Sherriff's dept. the week of April 17-21, 2023—lots of projects including cleaning out spare room of attic to house archaeological dig findings from Richard Grubb Assoc. These were collected along Rt. 537 from Sentinel Dr. to Route 9 ahead of a road widening project that will be happening in the near future. There are 35 boxes of artifacts. We will be building a more permanent exhibit in the Cow Barn for the artifacts. Todd Caissie and Dave Seme are coordinating the project.

The Township has acquired the Saker Property (Forman Farm) on East Freehold Rd. in the Township for Open Space. The House will be demolished but the Barn and the Smokehouse will remain as part of a park. Dave and Cookie will be going over to see what shape both buildings are in soon.

Historic Resources Report still on hold—hopefully will have it done by the end of summer.

Respectfully submitted Cheryl Polverino, Chair FTHPC