

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION MINUTES-MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

ROLL CALL: DAVID SIEME, NEIL GARGIULO, MEG THOMANN, CHERYL POLVERINO AND TWP. LIAISON, MAUREEN FASANO WERE PRESENT

ABSENT: MICHAEL BERMAN, STEPHEN DOWNEY, KEVIN MARSHALL, TODD CAISSIE

MINUTES FROM APRIL 17, 2023 WERE APPROVED – MOTIONS FROM NEIL G. AND DAVE S.

NO CORRESPONDANCE

HERITAGE SOCIETY

WEEKEND IN OLD MOMMOUTH WAS A HUGE SUCCESS-233 VISITORS TO OAKLEY FARM AND 55 AT WEST FREEHOLD SCHOOLHOUSE—PROFIT OF \$500+ FOR THE DAY. MEG THOMANN HELPED AT WEST FREEHOLD SCHOOLHOUSE AND DAVID SIEME WAS AT OAKLEY FARM. COOKIE POLVERINO WORKED BETWEEN OAKLEY AND WEST FREEHOLD SCHOOLHOUSE. GEORGIA RD. SCHOOLHOUSE WAS OPEN BUT UNMANNED. THE EAGLE SCOUT WAS WORKING ON PAINTING AND HAD SOMEONE FROM TROOP 155 HELPING OUT IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE. NEXT YEAR WE HAVE TO DO BETTER STAFFING THESE PLACES. WE ALSO HAD 4 NHS STUDENTS HELPING AS WELL AS 1 MEMBER FROM THE HERITAGE SOCIETY. THE BAKE SALE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN THANKS TO SUE LAMSON FOR ALL HER BAKING AND EFFORTS.

NEW EAGLE PROJECT WILL BE UPDATING SIGNAGE FOR ALL ITEMS IN THE AGRICULTURE MUSEUM AT OAKLEY FARM. THE EAGLE SCOUT PROSPECTIVE IS FROM TROOP 18. HE WILL ALSO REFURBISH THE 'FEEL ME AND IDENTIFY' BOX.

SEAN SWEETNAM PAINTED THE OUTHOUSE AND THE WOODSHED AND DID REPAIRS ON BOTH. WHILE FIXING THE OUTHOUSE THEY FOUND THAT THERE ARE 3 SEATS IN OUTHOUSE FOR STUDENTS AND THEY ARE SIZED ACCORDING TO AGE.

THE BELL FOR GEORGIA RD. SCHOOLHOUSE WILL BE COMING HOME FROM THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH – WE WILL PUT THAT IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE AND REMOVE THE ONE THAT IS THERE HOPEFULLY BACK AT OAKLEY.

THE 1908 RCA VICTROLA IS NOW WORKING AT OAKLEY FARMHOUSE. THANKS TO STUART BUNCHER FROM THE 4<sup>TH</sup> NJ. IT IS NOW ABLE TO USED FOR EVENTS. HIS NEXT PROJECT IS THE WAX CYLINDER MACHINE.

RICHARD GRUBB ASSOC. MET WITH CHERYL POLVERINO ON MAY 3, 2023. THEY ARE WORKING ON NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION FOR WEST FREEHOLD SCHOOLHOUSE. NJSHPO REVIEWED ORIGINAL NOMINATION AND FOUND A LOT OF THINGS WRONG WITH IT. IT IS NOW BEING REVISED TO CRITERIA OF ARCHITECTURE INSTEAD OF EDUCATION. THE 2 REPRESENTATIVES WHO CAME ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WERE VERY IMPRESSED WITH ELEMENTS OF THE BUILDINGS ARCHITECTURE AND MADE A PHOTOGRAPHIC NOTE OF ALL INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING. THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE USED FOR REVISION OF

ORIGINAL NOMINATION AND WILL BE SENT BACK TO NJSHPO FOR REVIEW. SINCE THE BUILDING IS ENDANGERED BECAUSE OF WIDENING OF RT. 537 AND WEMROCK RD. INTERSECTION THEY ARE ALSO CONSIDERING SENDING IN TO FEDERAL GOV'T AT THE SAME TIME AS NJSHPO. THIS IS NOT USUALLY THE CASE BUT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR SO LONG AND IT MIGHT HELP SPEED UP PROCESS SINCE IT WAS ALREADY REVIEWED ONCE BY NJSHPO. THIS REVISION WAS ALREADY APPROVED BY TOWNSHIP AND IN THE CONTRACT IT STATES TWP. DOES NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR 1 REVISION. THIS HAS BEEN SITTING SINCE 2018 AND THE STATE DIDN'T GET TO REVIEW UNTIL 2021. MAUREEN FASANO WILL BE CHECKING WITH MATT BRYANT FROM PLANNING/ZONING TO MAKE SURE BUILDING WILL BE PROTECTED WHILE CONSTRUCTION. ACCORDING TO HERESAY THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE COMING RIGHT UP TO SOUTHERN BORDER ALONG FENCE AND THE CURBING ALONG THE FRONT. THE TOWNSHIP IS GOING TO MAKE SURE PROTECTION IS PUT IN PLACE—THE WINDOWS ARE HANDBLOWN GLASS AND DISRUPTION COULD CAUSE THEM TO GET BROKEN. PUTTING SOMETHING OVER THE WINDOWS WAS DISCUSSED.

DAVID SIEME EMAILED COLLEEN FROM THE SHUTTER COMPANY TO LET HER KNOW WE ARE LOOKING AT MAY 24, 2023 TO GET STARTED ON THE GRANT PROJECT FOR GEORGIA RD. SCHOOLHOUSE. BRIAN LEFFERTS WILL BE THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE SHUTTER PROJECT AND TWP FINANCE WILL BE WORKING WITH HIM TO FACILITATE THE SHUTTER ORDER. HOPEFULLY THE PROJECT WILL BE STARTED WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH. BECAUSE OF PAY TO PLAY THERE WAS A SITUATION OF HOW TO PAY FOR THE SHUTTERS. THE CHECK WILL BE CUT ON MAY 24 AND FROM THERE WE LOOK AT 8-10 WEEKS FOR SHUTTERS TO BE DELIVERED. THE SHUTTER COMPANY REQUESTED AN ORIGINAL SHUTTER BE SENT TO THEM BUT THAT IS NOT REALLY WORKABLE.

STEPHEN DOWNEY WROTE A RECOMMENDATION FOR AN AWARD FOR THE HENDERSON BARN RECONSTRUCTION FROM MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORIC COMMISSION – PRESERVATION AWARD— WE ARE GOING TO GET THE AWARD ON MONDAY JUNE 5, 2023. ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS SHOULD BE IN ATTENDANCE. IT IS AT 7PM IN HALL OF RECORDS, FREEHOLD, NJ 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM. CONGRATS TO STEPHEN ACQUIRING THIS FOR US. ALSO WE WILL BE SENDING A COPY OF THE AWARD AND A LETTER OF THANKS TO MATT BRYANT FOR HELPING US GET THE HENDERSON BARN RESTORED. JOE LUONGO, FORMER CHAIR OF FTHPC WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING THIS DONE AS WELL.

NJ HISTORY CONFERENCE IN STOCKTON SHOULD BE ATTENDED BY DAVE SIEME AND POSSIBLY 1 OTHER COMMISSIONER.

WIKOFF HILL CEMETERY—FLAG PLACEMENT FOR MEMORIAL DAY AND CLEANUP SHOULD BE SCHEDULED. KEVIN MARASHALL WILL HANDLE THIS.

SAKER PROPERTY WILL BE PRESERVED BY TWP UNDER OPEN SPACE. THE BARN AND THE SMOKEHOUSE WILL BE PRESERVED BUT THE HOME WILL BE TORN DOWN.

MAUREEN PASSED OUT POLO SHIRTS WITH TWP HPC LOGO ON THEM. THEY WILL BE USED FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS ATTENDING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS FREEHOLD TWP. DAY-JULY 8, 2023. WE HAVE A TABLE RESERVED FOR FTHPC.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:50PM. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY CHERYL POLVERINO NEIL G AND DAVE SIEME MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.