

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION—MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 21, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:05pm.

ROLL CALL-DAVID SEME, STEVE DOWNEY, NEIL GARGIULO, KEVIN MARSHALL, MEG THOMANN, CHERYL POLVERINO AND MAUREEN FASANO-PRESENT. MICHAEL BERMAN, TODD CAISSIE ABSENT

REVIEW OF MINUTES—APPROVED BY NEIL G. AND DAVE S.

CORRESPONDANCE—NJLM ANNUAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS WERE PASSED AROUND BUT NO ONE WAS AVAILABLE TO GO.

NJEDA-HISTORIC TAX CREDIT PROGRAM WAS DISCUSSED. THEY ARE WILLING TO COME AND MEET WITH US AND EXPLAIN WHAT IT IS. MEG IS LOOKING INTO IT.

HERITAGE SOCIETY—EVENTS UPCOMING

SEPT. 10, 2023—10A-4P. MUSIC FESTIVAL AND CRAFT FAIR WITH OPEN HOUSE, ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE SALES

BARN REPAIRS WILL BE STARTED BY AGC CONSTRUCTION. THERE ARE SPOTS ON ALL THE BARNs THAT NEED TO BE REPLACED. ALSO, THE CEDAR SHINGLES ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE COW BARN NEED TO BE RESECURED. THE BREEZEWAY DOOR NEEDS TO BE RESECURED AND THE BEAM FLOOR TO CEILING NEEDS TO BE SISTERED.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMNANTS TO BE SORTED BY TODD CAISSIE AND DAVID SEME

SAKER PROPERTY UPDATE—THE BARN ROOF WILL BE REPAIRED AND PAINTING NEEDED

GEORGIA ROAD SCHOOLHOUSE SHUTTERS SHOULD BE DELIVERED IN OCTOBER. BRIAN LEFFERT WILL WORK WITH THE PAINTER WHEN THEY ARRIVE. DAVE SEME IS STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A LOCKING SYSTEM FOR THE SHUTTERS. BRIAN IS GOING TO TRY TO GET THE WINDOWS TO OPEN SO WE CAN LOCK FROM INSIDE.

WEST FREEHOLD SCHOOLHOUSE—UPDATE ON RT. 537 WIDENING-THE COUNTY ENGINEER, CONTRACTOR, ETC. SAID THE PROJECT BEGINS IN 2025. THE ROAD WILL BE COMING ALONGSIDE THE SOUTH SIDE AND THE FRONT SIDE OF THE BUILDING WITHIN 18' OF FENCING THAT IS THERE NOW. WE ARE TRYING TO COME UP WITH A WAY OF PROTECTING THE BUILDING DURING CONSTRUCTION. WE WILL PROBABLY TRY TO CLOSE THE SHUTTERS. BUILDING CANNOT BE MOVED AS IT IS IN PROCESS OF BEING PUT ON NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS. MATT BRYANT, TWP. ENGINEER WILL BE TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS PROJECT. POSSIBLY WE COULD PUT LELAND CYPRESS ALONG THE SOUTHSIDE ONCE THE CONSTRUCTION IS DONE. BUT IT WON'T PROTECT FROM CAR CRASHES, ETC.

WIKOFF HILL BURIAL GROUND BIOGRAPHIES IS PROGRESSING. MEG THOMANN FOUND ANOTHER BOOK REGARDING RESIDENTS. WHEN IT IS FINISHED MEG WILL PUT IT IN WORD DOCUMENT AND WE WILL MAKE A POSTER OF ALL RESIDENTS. THE ONLY STONE SHE CANNOT IDENTIFY IS J.A. (POSSIBLY ANTONIDES FAMILY MEMBER).

HISTORIC RESOURCES REPORT IS SCANNED INTO A FILE AND PABLO PEREZ WILL WORK ON CLEANING IT UP AND WE NEED TO ADD THE CURRENT PHOTOS OF EACH PROPERTY AND THEN WE WILL PRINT UP NEW BOOKLETS FOR EACH COMMISSION MEMBER. IT WILL ALSO BE IN A GOOGLE FILE FOR EASY ACCESS.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 NEIL G AND STEVE D.