

## **Historical Commission Minutes February 21, 2017**

Commissioners in attendance: Maureen Noonan, Ann Bedrick, Kristine Gordon-Watson, Evie Baird, Gary Wills

Guests: Marty Raser, Alison Mallamo, JoAnn Domanski, Tori Lingg

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

### **1. Minutes**

The January 17, 2017 minutes were approved.

### **2. Town Tours, 2017**

Karen Marshall, Heritage Preservation Coordinator, Chester County Planning Commission, discussed possible ways for East Nantmeal to participate in the 2017 Town Tours, which will celebrate the 240th anniversary of the Campaign of 1777 in Chester County this summer. Preliminary plans for East Nantmeal now involve an August 17 lecture at an appropriate site to discuss Washington's encampment in this area after the Battle of the Clouds and the role the region and its resources, played in the American Revolution. Names of possible sites and speakers were put forth. There were suggestions of interesting local sites to be put forth on a map to be handed out at the lecture.

### **3. Report on CCHPN Workshop**

Kristine, Alison, and Maureen attended the informative CCHPN January 21, 2017 workshop, "Saving Neglected Buildings for Future Generations," at now revitalized Soledad Mansion in the Exton Park area. Topics included the following: the role of planning and zoning by an East Bradford supervisor, the impact of township ordinance wording on historic sites by Schuylkill Township HC members and an attorney, rehabilitation for various reuses from the builder's view, and the many trials and tribulations possible for purchasers of a large neglected historic property by the Soledad Mansion's current owners.

### **4. Info Received about Saving Endangered Historic Resources**

From Township Solicitor Oeste: Mr. Montgomery, the owner of the barn at 3463 Conestoga Road (HRMap #275), has put up a perimeter fence around this dangerous property. The Chester County Court judge who reviewed this case (unfortunately) ordered that Mr. Montgomery demolish the barn by April 30, 2017, or be held in contempt.

The owner of Hause's Store (HRMap #29) did contact Alison Mallamo, History Society, about this property's history and agreed to photographs being taken. Gary Wills brought his photographs of the interior of HRMap #29 to the meeting. Alison will talk to the owner further about securing the building.

### **5. ENT Historic House Plaques**

Ann Bedrick reported that progress has been made in researching the houses involved and that more work at the Archives was scheduled for Friday, Feb. 24.

## **6. Correspondence**

The copies of the February Chester County Ledger from the CCHPN were on the meeting room table and were distributed. Within, the Spring 2017 Workshop, "True Adventures in Historic Preservation," is announced. The date for the workshop is March 11, 2016, before our next meeting. Anyone wishing to attend should complete the registration form included and mail with check to CCHPN by March 3.

## **7. Additional Items**

JoAnn Domanski brought and explained some of the many vintage photographs and articles she has collected, these related to the Warwick Furnace area.

Green Valley's Association at Welkinweir (HRMap#79, originally the house of the forgemaster, Edwin Morris) is purchasing the forge, the Morris Tilthammer (HRMap#80). Victoria Laubach, Director of Welkinweir, and Ann Bedrick will speak on the Morris Tilt at our April 18 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Kristine Gordon-Watson, Secretary