

# Historical Commission Minutes

## July 16, 2019

The Tuesday, July 16, 2019 the meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

The Commissioners present are in **bold: Ann Bedrick, Diana Cormack, Mark Dzuban, Kristine Gordon-Watson, Alison Mallamo, Maureen Noonan, Gary Wills.** Guests present: Tory Lingg, JoAnn Domanski and Marty Raser

### 1. Minutes

The June 18, 2019 minutes were approved.

### 2. HC Committee Report, BoS Meeting June 12, 2019

**Kristine gave the following HC report:** The Historical Commission had a meeting June 18; the minutes will be posted when approved.

Ann Bedrick and Maureen attended the CCHPN Annual Volunteer Celebration, June 19, 2019. The item shared during annual "Roll Call" was the work done by East Nantmeal in conjunction with Warwick Township on the listed Browers Bridge, which is in both townships. This PennDOT project now focuses on maintenance and road bed renewal and does not involve a drastic disassembling of the bridge's walls, as originally announced a few years ago. CCHPN Board Member and ENT HC member Ann Bedrick again helped prepare the Celebration evening's program and awards.

#### **Items from BoS meeting**

There was no mention of the beleaguered Michael Montgomery's Conestoga Rd. property on the building inspector's report.

A township picnic was announced for 2020. Picnic Chairwoman Nancy Barclay seeks volunteers.

Diana Cormac, speaking for the EAC, sought permission to reinstate the Conservation Award. The BOS suggested she send a letter outlining their plans to award this award. The presentation venue could be the township picnic.

The Ordinance Review Committee will reconvene August 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

### 3. Info about Historic Resources

Mr. Montgomery, the owner of the barn at 3463 Conestoga Road (HRMap #275), has yet to comply with the Notice of Demolition, issued August 29, 2018.

Via correspondence see #5 below, it was learned that HR#93, East Nantmeal Methodist Church's roof will be repaired, courtesy of an anonymous donor who left the proceeds in her will. Parts will be repaired, and the whole roof will be repainted. HR properties are for sale on Hedge Rd. (2) and Conestoga Rd., near Rt. 345. A few have sold.

### 4. CCHPN Annual Volunteer Celebration, June 19

As mentioned above in #2, Ann and Maureen attended this event at the Chester County Historical Society. Various historically active residents and townships received

awards for their efforts and accomplishments through the year. The item shared during annual "Roll Call" was the work done by East Nantmeal's HC in conjunction with Warwick Township to spare the listed Browers Bridge, which is in both townships, drastic dismantling. Once again, Ann's artistic hand was evident in the program's and awards' designs.

### **5. Ordinance Review Committee Meeting, July 9, 2019**

HC members Kristine and Maureen attended. The review of Article 12, the Timbering Ordinance, was announced at the previous meeting in June to be on the agenda. Instead the ORC launched several sections forward into Article XVI, "Historic Resource Protection Standards." Our ordinance was left unchanged though suggestions were made that the Historical Commission should seek to verify and authenticate our Historical Resource list and map. Diana Cormack remembered Jane Davison telling all involved updating the HR list (in 2006), that a Historical Resource Expert was needed to authenticate our list and a grant was applied for from the state. The Commission will attempt again to get this grant, and Maureen will put HR authentication at the top of our list of projects for which we requested have requested estimated costs.

### **6. Correspondence**

Maureen forwarded the PA SHPO's July 2019 Newsletter Karen Marshall sent to HC members and volunteers.

Maureen had various emails with County employees, Karen Marshall, Susan Elks and Jeannine Speirs about County Planning reviewing our Historic Ordinance. Now that the Ordinance Review Committee has leapfrogged the agenda and decided not to change anything major on the Historic Ordinance and the question of verifying the map is front and center, Maureen will correspond with Karen to try to get our Grant Application started.

JoAnn Domanski, acting at request of Church member Ken Brewer, emailed Maureen about the happy end to the East Nantmeal Methodist Church's quest to find funding to repair the metal roof on this historic building.

### **7. ENT Historic House Plaques**

HRMap #101 now has a date for its plaque, circa 1760, courtesy of Dianne Cramm. Alison recounted her other submissions and is putting in an order. The idea of the Historical Commission giving a preservation award to the owner of a Historical Resource, similar to the EAC's Conservation Award was discussed.

### **8. Historical Commission Page on Township Website**

We are still getting a list of changes and improvements for the HC page together. Maureen will ask Mark Dzuban to help with this endeavor.

### **9. New ENT Resident "Welcome Packet"**

In consideration for such packets are maps of the Township and Nantmeal Village, information related to an Historic Resource property, such as the Chester County

Historical Inventory Form from the 1979 survey from our archives, a copy of *Finding History in East Nantmeal*, and the CCHPN Directory of Trades and Services for Historic Architecture. Such a packet (with Estelle Cremers' *History of the Joshua Marsh House*) was delivered to the new owners of #HR129 (The Joshua Marsh House) and was well received. New owners include HR properties on the following roads: Fairview Rd. in Nantmeal Village, Potts School Rd., Templin Rd., and in a few days Warwick Furnace Rd.

### **10. History Society**

The need for a description of the History Society was briefly mentioned. Alison will provide one to include on the website. Dues for the HS were also briefly discussed. We need to see if *History of East Nantmeal Township* needs to be reprinted and amended for lack of available copies.

### **11. C. Loomis Donation**

On the evening of the speakers May 22, Jim Jenkins delivered items for donation to the Township from long-time former ENT resident Charles "Chuck" Loomis, now a resident of Tel Hai. These items are now stored in the township building, awaiting cataloguing. Marty, Ann, Diana, Kristine, and Maureen agreed on Monday, July 22, 10 AM, as the date for cataloguing. Marty will contact the township secretary and Supervisor Ed Loomis.

### **12. Additional Items**

We are considering how to follow up with Historic Preservation Consultant Jane Dorchester also about historic nomination districts and the HR survey. (She and Maureen talked via phone in April and chatted briefly again at CCHPN event in June.)

This summer's free Town Tours, "Our Villages Then & Now," kicked off Thursday, June 13, in West Chester and continues Thursdays through Aug. 29. Brochures are available in the ENT lobby and at various places in the County and online ([chescoplanning.org](http://chescoplanning.org)--Click "Historic Preservation" under "Planning Resources.")

Ken Brewer stopped by early with tickets for the East Nantmeal Methodist Church Chicken Barbecue, Saturday, July 20 --a delicious way to support Nantmeal Village's historic centerpiece. Some meeting attendees purchased tickets that night; others were on the Church's reservation list.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8.50 PM.**

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM.**

**Kristine Gordon-Watson, Secretary**

**Maureen Noonan, Chairperson**