

## **Historical Commission Minutes November 19, 2019**

The Tuesday, November 19, 2019 meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM, after our meeting space was set up in the vestibule with help from Supervisor Dave Frame, Jason from Lionville Fire Co., and others. The Emergency Response Team was running a drill in the meeting room.

The Commissioners present are in **bold: Ann Bedrick, Diana Cormack**, Mark Dzuban, **Kristine Gordon-Watson, Alison Mallamo, Maureen Noonan**, Gary Wills. Guests present: JoAnn Domanski, Marty Raser, Evie Baird, Carlena Robeson, Alexander Gordon-Watson

### **1. Minutes**

The October 16, 2019 minutes were approved.

### **2. HC Committee Report, BoS Meeting November 13, 2019**

**Maureen gave the following HC report:** The Historical Commission had a meeting October 16, 2019; the minutes will be posted when approved. As suggested by our Ordinance Review Committee, we are working with the County to update the Historic Resources Map and Survey for Article XVI, Historical Resource Protections Standards of our zoning ordinance.

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

Nothing new was heard from Michael Montgomery, owner of the HRMap#275 barn. (Solicitor Oeste wrote to Michael Montgomery September 10 regarding his Conestoga Rd./Rt. 401 property and the Township's Notice of Demolition, issued August 29, 2018. Montgomery responded, saying that he will start cleaning up the week of Oct. 15, 2019, will get other demolition estimates, and will contact realtors.) There were no new Historic Resources listed on the Zoning Report. Kurtis Miller from the office of our U.S. Representative Chrissy Houlahan outlined services provided and contact information. ORC will reconvene on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

### **3. Info about Historic Resources**

As reviewed above, 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.

The Hause Store (HRMap#029) has been nominated to the new "at risk" Preservation Pennsylvania Program (October 14 deadline). As described by Preservation PA: "Pennsylvania At Risk listing is a tool to help save special places across the commonwealth. New this year is the option to have your nomination reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office for a determination of eligibility for the National Register."

The Hause Store's owner gave permission for historic restoration carpenter Andy Gustine assess the building's condition for subsequent stabilization steps,

December 3 at 3:30 PM. Dianne Cram, historic restoration consultant, will record the visit, and a few HC members will join in.

Historic Resource Map#101 has sold, and Historic Resource Map#092 has been rented; both are in the Nantmeal Village Historic District.

#### **4. Ordinance Review Committee (ORC) Meeting, November 18, 2019**

HC members Kristine and Maureen were in attendance, besides ORC members Ed Bacon, Dave Maugle, Tyler Wren and Wayne Grafton, Land Planner.

Though the review of the Timber Ordinance was announced as finished at the last meeting, Jim Moore attended this meeting to inquire about the content. Wayne Grafton said the 75 foot setback requirement had been removed and he still had to talk with Solicitor Tom Oeste and review Oeste's comments with the board before the Timber Ordinance draft could be finalized. The new Township Ordinance would be up for review by the public in the spring. The board then discussed electronic signs and Article XXI, Enforcement. Grafton concluded with comparisons in population and housing units in 2010 and projected numbers for 2030, in preparation for the December session, The Comprehensive Plan. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

#### **5. Historic Resources Map/Survey**

A discussion on updating the Historic Resources Map which "identifies the Historic Resources of East Nantmeal Township" (from Article XVI of ENT Ordinance) was held. Karen Marshall let us know about County's Vision Partnership Program (VPP), which could help to fund such a Township project.

Updating the Historic Resources Map, which "identifies the Historic Resources of East Nantmeal Township" (from Article XVI of ENT Ordinance) has become a priority since suggestions were made at the August 6 ORC meeting that the Historical Commission should seek to verify and authenticate our Historical Resources list and map. (Diana Cormack remembered Jane Davison's 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.)

With the help of the Board of Supervisors, as required, the Commission will again apply for a grant, this time through the County's 2020 VPP.

#### **6. Correspondence**

Maureen corresponded by email with Karen Marshall and Jeannine Spears about maybe speaking later about the Vision Partnership Program, if East Nantmeal obtains municipal participation funding.

Karen Marshall of Chester Co. Historic Preservation Network sent news that Chester County Historical Society is one of the winners of the National Preservation Trust's online voting contest. To maintain the roof of historic Horticultural Hall, CCHS will get a \$150K grant from Partners for Preservation, along with matching funds from PHMC and another grant--a \$240,000 total.

Patrick Spagz of Camphill Soltane requested information on HRMap #113, located on Nantmeal Rd.

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

Alison announced no reply yet from an advertisement for plaques in the fall *Sweetwater Reporter*. She has a NV Historic District plaque with the c. 1740 date in search of a home.

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

Ed Bacon posts our minutes upon approval. Hopefully we will get additional info and updates to Ed soon.

## **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*. Reproductions of the 1883 Map are for sale on the internet. New owners include HR properties on the following roads: Nantmeal Rd. in Nantmeal Village, Potts School Rd., Templin Rd., Warwick Furnace Rd. and Prizer Road.

## **10. History Society**

Alison confirmed that the annual dues for HS membership are ten dollars. Any ideas for a small memento presented upon membership are welcome.

We need a price to reprint *History of East Nantmeal Township*, to include an addendum with updates to the original edition. Based on [AbeBooks.com](http://AbeBooks.com), our prices may be low.

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

Maureen will be scheduling a follow-up meeting (not on a Monday or Tuesday!) with the donor of an inventory notebook, Chuck Loomis.

## **12. Additional Items**

Maureen and Diana attended a grant workshop at the Henrietta Hankin Library, November 15, 2019 for 501C3s.

The database for these grants is at Exton Library. Maureen and Diana suggest a visit in January.

We thanked HC supporter Carlana Robison, celebrating with cake and sparkling cider, and wished her all the best as she moves from East Nantmeal. Hopefully she will return to see us often!

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.**

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 7:00 PM.**

**Kristine Gordon-Watson, Secretary**

**Maureen Noonan, Chairperson**