

Historical Commission Minutes February 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

The Commissioners present are in **bold: Ann Bedrick, Diana Cormack**, Mark Dzuban, **Kristine Gordon-Watson**, Alison Mallamo, **Maureen Noonan, Gary Wills**.

Guests present: Marty Raser, JoAnn Domanski and Tory Lingg

1. Minutes

The January 21, 2020 minutes were approved after minor corrections.

2. BoS Meeting, February 12, 2020

Kristine gave the following HC report: The Historical Commission had a meeting January 21, 2020; the minutes will be posted when approved. Work to update the Historic Resources Survey/Map continues. After our January meeting, several participants went to West Caln Twp. Building for Herb Fisher's talk, "Stagecoach Trolley Through Lancaster and Chester Counties".

Items from BoS meeting

The demolition of the barn, 3463 Conestoga Rd., HRMap#275, has been delayed due to unfrozen ground; the permit for "Demolition," dated Dec. 30, 2019, was processed for "RB Ashley Customs LLC". Diana Cormack from EAC announced May 31st as the date of the township picnic at Welkinweir, 1368 Prizer Rd. (HR# 79). There will be an Art Show, light music and a barbecue. ORC will meet Tuesday, March 12, 2020. The next BoS meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

3. Info about Historic Resources

The applicant listed for the demolition permit for the Conestoga Rd. barn above was determined to be Rotelle Builders. The HC was not included or permitted to advise in the process of this demolition permit, as per ENT Ordinance Article XVI.

The HC's Maureen and Kristine, after a call to Pete Rotelle, photographed and measured the existing structure, Wednesday, January 15. A report about this soon-to-be-lost historic barn and its sad fate will be compiled for the archive file.

With permission from the owner, the Hause Store (HRMap#029) was visited by historic restoration consultant Dianne Cram, and historic restoration carpenter Andy Gustine to assess the building's attributes and condition for subsequent stabilization steps, December 3 at 3:30 PM. Dianne Cram sent us her write-up recording the findings of this visit, see correspondence. The 2020 PA Historic Sites 'at risk' nomination of the Hause Store entered this past fall, through efforts of HC members Ann Bedrick, Kristine, and Maureen to Preservation Pennsylvania, was not selected for this year's list. Notice of the sites selected is on the Preservation Pennsylvania website. Preservation Pennsylvania offers contestants free technical assistance.

Concern was expressed for HRMap#042, on James Mill Rd.

4. Ordinance Review Meeting January 29, 2020

HC members Maureen and Kristine attended with ORC member Tyler Wren and consultant Wayne Grafton. Ed Latshaw's notes on Duties of the zoning officer, Fees and Permits and Enforcement were incorporated (not always) into the revised ordinance.

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.

Alison, Maureen, Kristine and RGA's Seth Hinshaw attended a 9:30 AM meeting with Susan Elks, the County's VPP Grant Administrator, January 23. Seth is assisting with the completion of the grant

application. Tyler Wren is writing the letter of intent from the Township. Maureen is scheduled to meet with Seth, Wednesday the 19th to provide the letter of intent and finalize the application, which is due February 21, 4:00 PM.

6. Talks attended on January 21 and February 8

A discussion was held, highlighting the entertaining West Caln Historical Society talk for “Stagecoach Trolley Through Lancaster and Chester County” with Herb Fisher, January 21.

Maureen outlined the CCHPN meeting, February 8, which she and Ann Bedrick attended.

Bill Frederick, New Garden, spoke on due process illustrated by a case study of a house that they tried to save from demolition. Due Process involves a structure report, a history and significance report, and a demo by neglect ordinance in the township’s ordinances.

Cory Kegerise, Community Preservation Officer of the PHMC, announced National History Day and stated that all PHMC historic information would be on line by October.

7. Spring Speaker

All present agreed to have Lori Moore, Program Director of Great Marsh Institute, introduce multiple speakers on the history (geological) of the Marsh and the Pennypacker House, HRMap#158 at the May 19th HC meeting.

8. Correspondence

Maureen emailed the approved December minutes to Ed Bacon for posting on the HC webpage.

Maureen alerted Tyler about the grant application and the township letter of intent. Bob Wise sent information about grants and the application process.

There was a notice of a CCHPN Meet and Greet for Leaders of Historical Organizations and Historical Commissions of Chester County, Wednesday February 26, 2020, 4-6 PM at the Marshallton Inn.

Karen Marshall sent the events calendar and info about the CCHPN Spring Workshop March 7, 2020, at The Brandywine Museum. Speakers will be Seth Hinshaw and Jeannine Spears.

Dianne Cram sent us her write-up recording the findings of Andy Gustines’ visit to the Hause Store December 3, 2019.

Maureen received a request from Doug Fitzsimmons for information on EN’s historic plaques.

9. ENT Historic House Plaques

The search continues for a house suitable for a C. 1740 Nantmeal Village Historic District house plaque.

10. Historical Commission Page on Township Website

Ed Bacon posts our minutes upon approval. Hopefully we will get additional info and updates to Ed soon. Alison’s History Society description needs to be added.

11. New ENT Resident “Welcome Packet”

Still 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*. Ann Bedrick will make copies of the 1883 Map. 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.

12. History Society

Alison confirmed that the annual dues for HS membership are \$10. An idea for a small memento presented upon membership is an environmentally-friendly, USA-made cloth or hemp tote/market bag with drawings of historic resources and our logo.

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, our current prices may be low.

13. C. Loomis Donation

Maureen is scheduling a follow-up meeting on February 26, 2020 with the donor of ENT-related photos and papers, Chuck Loomis.

14. Additional Items

The French and Pickering Creeks Trust's Third Thursday Talk at Historic Yellow Springs (HYS), February 20th, will be "Understanding Our Climate Dilemma".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next HC meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 7:00 PM.

**Kristine Gordon-Watson,
Maureen Noonan, Chairperson**