

# Historical Commission Minutes

## January 18, 2022

This scheduled Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

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

Guests present: Peggy Hartzell

### 1. Reorganization

Members present from the Historical Commission voted to reappoint Maureen Noonan, Chair, and Kristine Gordon-Watson, Secretary. The BoS approved members Mark Dzuban's and Gary Wills' reappointments at the annual organization meeting Jan. 3, 2022.

### 2. Minutes

The November 17, 2021 minutes were approved.

### 3. HC report and info from BOS Meetings December 8, 2021 & January 3, 2022

**HC Report December 8:** The Historical Commission reported that the Commission met on November 17, 2021. The minutes, when approved, will be posted.

Work on the Historic Resources Survey Project is progressing. Everyone was invited to the upcoming Welkinweir Christmas Open House. The December 21 ENHC meeting was canceled.

**BoS items:** A moment of silence was held for late, life-long resident Jean Thomas. HC members M. Dzuban and G. Wills were approved for additional three-year terms. The Zoning Hearing Board had been scheduled to address the development plan for the approx. 20 acres property on Horseshoe Trail, located in the Nantmeal Village Historic National Register District, at a meeting December 13; however, this meeting was postponed to a future date.

**HC Report January 3:** The Historical Commission reported that the Commission did not meet December 21, 2021. The BoS funded and approved the second phase of the Historic Resources Survey Project. Work on the originally contracted 230+ properties of the HR Survey Project has been completed. In accordance with County VPP Grant's procedures, the consultant, RGA, Inc. will make a final presentation of the first part of the survey project at either the scheduled Feb. 9 BoS meeting or the Feb. 15 HC meeting.

**BoS items:** Representatives from Camphill Beaver Run spoke of updating their comprehensive plan to comply with Covid-distancing requirements and renovating the "Craft House."

The Zoning Hearing Board will address the development plan for the approx. 20 acres property on Horseshoe Trail, located in the Nantmeal Village Historic National Register District, at a meeting January 31.

The next ORC meeting is February 1, 2021, at the Township Building.

### 4. Ordinance Review Committee (ORC) December 7, 2021 & January 4, 2022

**December 7:** Land Planner Wayne Grafton delivered the latest draft of the Zoning Ordinance, which now includes feedback from the Planning Commission. Horse-related zoning and equestrian facilities were reviewed again. Tyler asked Wayne to look into highlighted wetland issues for any governmental updates.

**January 4:** Via Zoom, ORC members discussed wetlands and water courses. Ed Bacon will contact Green Valleys on wetland setbacks. East Nantmeal Ordinances have a bigger buffer from wetlands than the State, but allow for more disturbance. The 2012 amendments to our ordinance were never adopted; these will be reviewed for discussion at the next ORC meeting, Feb. 1. (Kristine and Maureen were again the only attendees at both these meetings.)

## **5. ENT Historic Resources Survey Project Update**

At their scheduled Dec. 21, 2021 work session, the BoS approved the funding for RGA to complete the additional 70 survey forms, etc. beyond the 230 contracted in the County VPP Grant. Alison and Kristine attended this 7:00 AM meeting. Work on this part two of the HR Survey will be completed after part one's Feb. deadline.

The first 236 HR#s of the Historic Resources Survey Project have been sent to the State by RGA. On Jan. 13, Maureen emailed County Planning (CCP) the HR spreadsheet, and the County has started the mapping. On Jan. 18, Seth met Maureen to give her the flash drives containing 236 HR survey forms, in both PDF and Word formats, along with the survey's spreadsheet. Maureen delivered a flash drive to Jeannine Speirs, since the County needs to review these contracted "products."

Our RGA consultants will make a final presentation of the first part of the survey project at the scheduled Feb. 15 HC meeting, in part to meet the VPP Grant project's Feb. 28, 2022 deadline. There was discussion about the format of the completed HR Survey, the ability of the HC to add to historical narrative sections, the storage and accessibility on the Township's website. Diana suggested contacting member Mark Dzuban for ideas.

## **6. Info about Historic Resources**

Alison reported the discovery of a potential addition to the HR Survey. She said ruins were uncovered after recent vegetation removal on a property in the Mcleod Pond neighborhood. The owner said a stream runs through what remains, perhaps of a springhouse. RGA will be alerted to see if this one needs to be documented and added to the HR list during the Survey's next phase.

The property (HR# 088) at 1670 Pottstown Pike is listed for sale.

The development plan for the approx. 20 acres property on Horseshoe Trail, which is located in the Nantmeal Village Historic National Register District, continues to work through the Township's Planning and Zoning steps and meetings.

Diana reported that the OZ Group, owner of The Hause Store (HR#029) and the Hause House (HR#030), is surveying their 7 acre parcel to try to obtain separate lots. A drone survey reported that more detailed survey information is needed to make sure all requirements are met .

There is no new information about the status of easements/conservation concerning two large historic resources properties.

## **7. Correspondence**

- 1) Emails related to the HR Survey Project between RGA and Maureen and Kristine
- 2) Emails related to the HR Survey Project between East Nantmeal Township, Maureen and RGA
- 3) Email to CCHPN with Historical Commission members names and addresses (ENT's annual membership dues were paid in Dec.)
- 4) Emails and calls between Maureen and Jeannine Speirs, Dan Krasnoff-Shachar, C. Murtoff (all of County Planning) about HR Survey mapping and deadlines
- 5) Emails and calls by Maureen to Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia and subsequently to Monica Harrower at PennDOT, District 6, about the possibility of nominating Browsers Bridge for the 2022 Philadelphia Preservation Achievement Awards (Nationally Registered Browsers Bridge was reopened May 2021 after restorative maintenance plans and work under Section 106 that began June 2017.)
- 6) Email for CCHPN programs
- 7) Email for CCHS programs

- 8) Kristine responded to a call about State deed restrictions on HR#130, 1435 Fairview Rd., originally built as the Fremont Academy. The answer came from State Covenant Programs Administrator, Karen Arnold, and further info would be available.
- 9) The owner of HR#099 called Kristine about whether ENHC sells home insurance.
- 10) Email from CC Historic Preservation Coordinator asking if ENHC wants to participate in this summer's Town Tours (The HC declined for this year.)

#### **8. HC on the Township Website**

Maureen will send Ed Bacon the approved minutes to post. The ENT website has had some changes and has a different look.

#### **9. History Society**

A brief mention was made about the future of the books we now have. Alison contacted the answering machine of The Chester County Historical Society, about the selling of East Nantmeal history-related books, and so far has not had a return call. ENT Secretary Susan has received book inquiries, and \$94-worth of History Society books has been sold.

#### **10. Additional Items**

No additional items were discussed as "free Zoom" time ran out.

Reminder: Info about and registration for CCHPN events is posted on CCHPN website, [cchpn.org](http://cchpn.org), under "Events."



**The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.**

**The next HC meeting will be Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM.**

**Kristine Gordon-Watson, Secretary  
Maureen Noonan, Chair**