

## Historical Commission Minutes October 21, 2021

This 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: Evelyn Baird, Patty Traphagen

### 1. Minutes

The September 21, 2021 minutes were approved, with minor corrections.

### 2. HC report and info from Board of Supervisors Meeting October 13, 2021

**HC Report:** The Historical Commission reported that the Commission met on September 21, 2021. The minutes, when approved, will be posted. The task force for the VPP Grant Historic Resources Survey Project met with Susan Rutherford, Township Secretary, and Bob Wise, consultant for RGA. The township solicitor, Tom Oeste, attended by phone. RGA will submit a proposal, documenting the extra survey forms for which East Nantmeal is required to pay. Work on the Historic Resources Survey Project is progressing.

**BoS items:** A deferred right of way request (33 feet) for HR#070, Crown Ridge Farm was approved by the BoS. The Natural Lands Trust has finished their review of the development plan for the approx. 20 acres property on Horseshoe Trail Road, which is located in the Nantmeal Village Historic National Register District, which the developer presented to the BoS last month. On October 13 an update of this plan was discussed. The driveway waiver is for a 14 foot width, and some on the BoS board questioned the need for paving. There are many issues associated with this plan, which the zoning hearing board will address in a meeting towards the end of October.

The next ORC meeting is November 9, 2021, at the Township Building.

### 3. Ordinance Review Committee (ORC) October 5, 2021

7A – Equestrian Facilities and Private Stables as well as Accessory Use Dwellings and the need of an owner/lease holder in residence at such a facility were discussed.

(Kristine and Maureen attended.)

### 4. ENT Historic Resources Survey Project Update

Members are in throes of reviewing for accuracy the approximately 300 survey forms that RGA consultants have presented to the Commission in six batches via the online Dropbox format. Maureen and Ann have supplied missing photos. The County had given ENT's project an extension until February 2022. Bob Wise of RGA Consultants will present to the BOS the budget adjustment needed for processing more survey forms than the contracted number. We have received confirmation that the County will do the mapping gratis for this project, so remainder Mapping funds can be applied to another category in the survey work contract.

Bob Wise questions when we will be ready for RGA to "finalize" the survey forms before the next step, mapping; we will try to determine an approximate date as the review and corrections continue.

## **5. Info about Historic Resources**

HR#070, 3855 Conestoga Road, is listed sale pending. Ann Bedrick has copies of photos of a painting of HR#070, called Crown Ridge Farm, containing original structural information.

The Natural Lands Trust has finished their review of the development plan for the approx. 20 acres property on Horseshoe Trail Road, which is located in the Nantmeal Village Historic National Register District, which the developer presented to the BOS. There are many issues associated with this plan, storm water, number of horses, disturbance of wetlands, apartment in the barn, width of driveway etc. and the zoning hearing board meeting to address them will convene at the end of October.

OZ Group, the new owner of The Hause Store (HR#029) and the Hause House (HR#030), met with the Planning Commission May 13. Their 7 acre lot is right on the limits of net acreage for a three-lot subdivision, and another survey is needed to determine this possibility.

No new information about the status of easements/conservation concerning two large historic resources properties has been confirmed yet.

Maureen reported trash trucks, which violate the weight limit, crossing the Iron Bridge, and Gary reported such vehicles driving through Nantmeal Village.

## **6. Correspondence**

1) Email 09/23 from Fred Templin about the "Templin Mansion", which both Ann and Maureen have told him is Warrenpoint in Warwick Township. They transferred contact information.

2) Email 09/24 from PHMC Cori Kegeree recommending getting in touch with PHMC Archeological Reviewer, Casey Hansen to answer Betsy Morgan's email last month about Turnpike Archeology.

3) Email 09/24 to "Nantmeal History Center", asking how to make a "research request" about Hoch forebearers "from Nantmeal"

4) Email 10/01 from PHMC April Franz:

Our records are now available through PA-SHARE—our new online project management and database system. Basic Users can see copies of nominations for most National Register listed properties and districts, but I think they'll see *only* the nominations, and not any additional items. To see all documentation in our records, including for eligible or unevaluated resources that are in our survey files, you will need a subscription. There may be special subscription packages available for local governments. PA-SHARE FAQs and Help Materials are available here: <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/PA-SHARE/Pages/Help-Materials.aspx>

5) Many emails between Maureen, the Township, RGA, and Chester County's Jeannine Speirs about the VPP Grant invoices

6) Email from the Chester County History Center about Zoom offerings

7) Email from 2021 CCHPN Virtual Heritage Series

## 7. HC's Page on Township Website

The pictures from the April 22 cleanup of Nantmeal Friends Cemetery (available via Twin Valleys Garden Club member, ENT's Evie Baird), and those from Browsers Bridge's Final Inspection have been posted as well as approved minutes.

These resources are now listed on the HC's page for the EN and local history-minded:

- \* [Chester County Planning Commission](#) (Choose "Planning Topics" then click "Historic Preservation.")
- \* [Chester County Historic Preservation Network](#)
- \* [Nantmeal Village National Historic Register Document \(2014\)](#)
- \* [TriCounty Heritage Society](#)
- \* [Chester County Historical Society](#) (Click on "Research" for genealogical and property research services.)
- \* [PA Historical and Museum Commission](#)

Books about local history are available for purchase at the Township Building.

*The Forgers*, original 1976 edition

*The Forgers*, 2016 edition, with Addendum by Dan Graham

*History of East Nantmeal Township*

*Finding History in 21st Century East Nantmeal*

*Reading Furnace-1736* by Estelle Cremers

*Coventry, The Skool Kill District* by Estelle Cremers

## 8. History Society

A brief mention was made about the future of the books we now have., Alison will contact Chester County Historical Society and Maureen, TriCounty Heritage Society about the selling of East Nantmeal Historical Books.

## 9. Additional Items

Commission members will attend the October 27 Budget meeting to inquire about funding. Maureen suggested that we consult Mark Dzuban about scanning his collection of early maps and posting them on the website under "Dzuban Maps"

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 9:25 PM.**

**The next HC meeting will be Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 7:00 PM.**

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