

KENNETT TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

FOR: January 22, 2019

Commission Members Present: Denise Klein, Diane McGovern, Judy Merhar, Sara Meadows

Members Absent: Lars Farmer, Jim Jacoby, Jay Hughes, Ed Rahme, Fredda Pennock

Visitor: Andrew King – Troop #24 (Boy Scout working on Communications Badge)

MINUTES:

Sara opened the meeting at 7:07

1. The Minutes of October 25, 2018, were accepted with no changes ((There were no Minutes from November and no Meeting in December)
2. Election of Officers for 2019 was postponed until more members are in attendance
3. Treasurer's Report
Sara reported that we will start the year with the same amount as last year- \$2000.
Sara reported expenses of \$165.00 which she carried over from 2018 (\$125 for moving the cherry tree and \$40 for tips to the two bus drivers for the Town Tour last year)
4. The Pines – Exterior renovations are almost completed the building looks very nice but only on the exterior. The Township is open to finding a suitable tenant or use for the building but at least it has been stabilized and saved.
5. The Isaac Allen House – nothing new but we will try to get the Township and Chatham Financial working on an agreement.
6. We looked at the plans for the partial demolition and renovation of the James Walter Farmhouse. We are pleased with the renovation ideas and are in agreement with the demolition but we will schedule a visit to the house to take a closer look so we can better understand what is going to happen. Some of our concerns and interests are the attic space, the basement, the stone privy and any historic elements that are left in the structure such as the bee hive oven.
7. The BOS has asked us to prepare a report on the Spar Hill Farm about what should be demolished and what should be kept and how to use the property. We will schedule a visit to examine the property more closely and all were encouraged to study the PHMC report.
8. The Round Hill Road research project – the results of the walk, which would help discover the actual route taken by British forces from Hockessin to the Five Points area, were inconclusive.
9. Members who had reviewed the Comprehensive Plan update shared their ideas and comments. Sara will be discussing the areas concerning Historic Resources next month with the Township Manager, The Planning Commission Chair and the Township Zoning Officer.
10. Member biographies were distributed – still missing documents from Jim and Jay
11. Election of Officers for 2019 was postponed until more members are in attendance
12. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40