



Kennett Township Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

801 Burrows Run Road & Zoom

May 04, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Present: Linda Dillow, Karen Marshall, Diane McGovern, Judy Merhar, Fredda Pennock, Ed Rahme, Lori Stewart.

Absent: Denise Klein

Visitors: Diane Hicks, Amy Ferris, Rich Nichols (551 Rosedale), Collis Townsend (551 Rosedale), Don Fisher (neighbor of 28 Elmwood), Hercules Avello (1077 East Baltimore Pike), Meg Woodlief (Interested in joining the KTHC), Lisa & Robert Sheedy (947 Sills Mill Road).

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 06, 2023, were approved with no corrections.

3. Meeting Minutes

a. April 6, 2022

https://kennett.pa.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_04062023-610

4. Property Reviews:

a. 555 Rosedale Road - Rich Nichols, Collis – Applicant

Church building. Planning Commission and Historic Commission met at the property on April 26th, 2023. Roof is sagging, chimney out of plumb. Side wall is bulging - approximately 5".

Structural problem – side walls are potential collapse threats.

The Church has little or no historic significance.

Karen: No alternatives to demolition.

Fredda – motion to approve demo

Diane – Second

Vote: Approved.

b. 28 Elmwood Drive:

Hammorton Village District

application to construct and addition to the historic house.

Applicant not present – Skiles family. More room needed for family.

Judy and Denise visited the property.

Existing lean-to addition will be demolished.

Addition will extend the gable volume of the main body of the house and create a cross gable volume.

Judy – Motion to approve addition

Ed – Second

Vote – Unanimous approval.

c. 1077 East Baltimore Pike:

Application to demolish the detached barn/garage.

The barn is considered to be contemporaneous with the house and eligible to be on the national register. It is a Class 1 historic structure. No replacement structure is proposed.

A pre-application meeting has not been conducted.

Karen suggested to the applicant that we have an historic restoration carpenter assess the structure.

d. 600 McFarlan Road:

Applicant not present.

5. Properties of Concern:

a. 337 Kennett Pike:

Proposed Addition. Building previously modified. Late Victorian residence.

b. 600 McFarlan Road:

Owner return with plan after demo of non-historic structures

c. Walters House Restoration:

Amy reached out to the owner with o response. Karen will follow up re: window replacement.

d. 419 Burnt Mill Road:

Presentation of final materials for proposed garage.

e. Clifton Mill:

The KTHC concern is that the building is left to demolition by neglect.

f. Isaac Allen House:

Diane M. recommends - we reach out to Chatham Financial to learn the disposition of the property.

g. Spar Hill Farm

Opening May 13th.

6. Treasurer's Report:

There were no updates to provide.

7. Supervisor's Meeting Update:

There were no updates to provide.

Note: At the June B.O.S. meeting: They will receive an award from the Chester County Historic Preservation Network

8. Old Business Items

a. Historical Commission History Room/Pines/Harriet Tubman Scenic Byway:

Harriet Tubman Scenic Byway did not receive funding from the Federal Highway Commission

b. The new zoning ordinance Update:

The new Ordinance has been approved. We will review impact to historic properties at the next meeting.

- c. Brandywine Battlefield Interpretive Marker & presentation of CCHPN awards to BOS:**
The Interpretative marker has been received. Denise will supervise it's installation. The commission members should be present at the unveiling.
- d. Property Owner Recognition:**
 - a. *Anne Coleman House Tour*
 - b. *Andrea Boulet, Barn Tour*
- e. East Bradford Design Guideline Discussion:**
 - a. *How can we adapt sections of the Guideline to help refine our principles for historic preservation.*
- f. Kennett Heritage Center:**
Juneteenth Celebration in Kennett Square on June 17th
Town Tours and Village Walks on July 13th.

9. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Pennock and seconded by Rahme. Motion unanimous
The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

END MINUTES

Next Meeting:

June 01, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Rahme, KTHC Secretary