



Kennett Township Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

801 Burrows Run Road & Zoom

June 01, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Present: Linda Dillow, Denise Klein, Diane McGovern, Judy Merhar, Ed Rahme, Lori Stewart (on phone).
Absent: Karen Marshall, Fredda Pennock
Visitors: Joe Duffy, Amy Ferris.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 04, 2023, were approved with no corrections.

3. Meeting Minutes

a. April 6, 2023

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

b. May 4, 2023

https://kennett.pa.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_05042023-615

4. Property Reviews:

a. 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.

Update: After a review of the structure, the homeowner is open to renovation. He will solicit costs and notify the KTHC of his decision.

b. 600 McFarlan Road:

Applicant not present.

5. Properties of Concern:

a. 337 Kennett Pike:

Proposed Addition. Building previously modified. Late Victorian residence.

No new information.

b. 600 McFarlan Road:

Owner return with plan after demo of non-historic structures.

No new information.

c. Walters House Restoration:

Amy reached out to the owner with no response. Karen will follow up re: window replacement. Denise visited the property and took photos. She forwarded the pictures to Karen Marshall. Replacement of top floor windows is completed, but ground level windows have not been replaced.

d. 419 Burnt Mill Road:

Presentation of final materials for proposed garage.

No new information.

e. Clifton Mill:

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

No new information.

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.

Linda attended the ceremony. Scudder spoke about the history of the Farm. The presentation portrayed the Farm as a 'work in progress' – function to be determined. Lori asked the question about possible grant money to run the farm for a specific purpose.

KTHC discussion regarding the future of the Farm.

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. The New Zoning Ordinance Update:

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

Tabled until Diane Hicks can be present for discussion.

b. Battlefield Interpretive Marker & presentation of CCHPN awards to BOS:

The sign was installed. Apparently, it is the view field of a resident. He is objecting to it's location. Abby Kessler of The Land Conservancy suggested that she will look into possibilities to solve the problem. Denise noted that the dedication event for the sign needs to be scheduled.

c. Property Owners Identified for Recognition:

- a. Anne Coleman House Tour
- b. Andrea Boulet, Barn Tour

d. East Bradford Design Guideline Discussion:

- a. How can we adapt sections of the Guideline to help refine our principles for historic preservation.

Discussion tabled for Diane Hicks attendance.

e. Boulet Barn:

Diane and Denise visited the Boulet barn – Renovation is true to the original.

f. Historic Resource Mapping:

287 of the over 600 Class I, 2A & 2B properties have been observed. The team is now charged with developing a report to document their assessment of the condition of the properties. The question at hand is should the properties stay on the list or be removed. Additionally, should demolished properties be removed from the list.

g. Kennett Heritage Center:

Juneteenth Celebration in Kennett Square on June 17th
Town Tours and Village Walks on July 13th.

9. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn was made by Denise and seconded by Judy. Motion unanimous
The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.*

END MINUTES

Next Meeting:

July 06, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Rahme, KTHC Secretary