

Historic Sites Committee of Warren, NJ

April 14, 2022

Members attending: Rory Britt, Christy Cwynar, Susie Boyce, Kari Quirós, Debra Rebetje, Alan Siegel, Karl Horster, Greg Fitzgerald, Michael François

Excused: John Lindner, Rich Disano, Erica Sbarra

Minutes were read and corrected.

New Business:

- A. Baptist Meeting House
 - a. Cancelled additional dendrochronology testing.
 - b. Rory and Mark Krane brought the ADA regulations list to the township lawyer.
 - i. Accommodation of these regulations is most important.
 - ii. It was agreed upon with the township's lawyer that the building is located on a dangerous corner.
- B. Warren Township's history page on website was not accurate and still showed a photo of the King George Inn.
 - a. Have a note added to the page about ADA non-compliance: due to the historic state of the buildings, please contact if special arrangements are needed.
- C. Archives (discussion with Greg, Alan, Mark Krane and Doug Burrows)
 - a. The safe in the Hoffheimer House was checked out – the layout of the safe is long and narrow but has the potential of being gutted and reconfigured.
 - b. The basement in the library is very large and was offered as an area for the Historic Sites Committee (Historic Sites and Historical Society).
 - i. A room can be built in the basement for the HSC and new filing cabinets can be purchased.
 - ii. This area would not be accessible to the public and cannot be used for displaying or having meetings.
 - iii. There are also concerns about climate control and moisture.
 - c. A young UPitt graduate student studying Library and Archival Studies is interested in going through the historical archives.

D. Hoffheimer House

- a. Need, desire, use of the house
 - i. Community, meeting, and study spaces; museum
 - ii. Future government use for office space
 - iii. Look at 2-story building plans; the 3rd floor will be mothballed
- b. Adaptive Reuse (could cost about \$200,000)
 - i. Get certificate of Eligibility (Rory already submitted for this – 90 day lead time)
 - ii. Look into Open Space Fund
 - iii. Most areas would be used for common space
 - iv. The building would need to be brought up to code (install elevator?)
- c. Can be renovated over time

E. Egg-o-Mat

- a. The space that Rory had cleared out at Wagner's has now been occupied by something else but it will open back up again.

F. Duderstadt

- a. Work has been started on the historic structural report (HSR).

Meeting adjourned at 9:23pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Quiros, Rec. Sec.