

Historic Sites Committee of Warren, NJ

October 13, 2022

Members attending: Kari Quirós, Michael François, Leslie Ellerbusch, John Lindner, Greg Fitzgerald, Rory Britt, Rich Disano, Erica Sbarra, Alan Siegel

Members Excused: Christy Cwynar, Karl Horster, Susie Boyce

Minutes were read and corrected.

New Business:

A. Signs

a. King George Inn Sign

- i. The Town approved for the Historic Sites Committee to have a bronze sign (20" x 30") with verbiage on both sides.
- ii. The sign will be located on the corner where people waiting for the light will be able to read it.

b. Warren Historic Cemetery Signs

- i. Signs will be made by Fast Signs.

B. Baptist Meeting House Cemetery

- a. Make sure that the Town is well-insured as there are sinking areas in the cemetery
- b. Some gravestones are being held up by other gravestones.
- c. Work needed:
 - i. Fill in holes, straighten stones, clean up shrubs, have monuments reset by monument companies as these can weigh ~200 lbs.

C. Grants

- a. County grant (March/April) – the money arrives in September/October
- b. 2 state funds
- c. Emergency funds from the State (no more than \$50,000)

D. Kirch Ford House

- a. DPW has fixed the loose floorboard.
- b. Rich Disano's son's cleaning company cleaned the buildings for the Weekend Journey through the Past.

- c. All of the ash trees surrounding the house are dying.
 - d. The HSC needs to add landscaping to the budget for next year.
- E. Archives
 - a. Waiting to hear from Doug Buro about plans.
- F. Video Footage
 - a. The Committee needs to ask for the raw footage so that it may be copied to a hard drive.
 - b. John Lindner will write an email asking John George to return the footage.
- G. Hoffheimer House
 - a. Michael and Christy did a fantastic job with the presentation.
 - i. The Township Committee reacted favorably.
 - b. John Lindner thanked Mick Marion for his help.
 - c. Margaret Westfield said that if the HSC states that it would like to keep the building because of the family, the HSC would have to bring it back to the time period of that family's residence.
 - d. Rory resubmitted for the grant – there is a 30-60 day wait.
 - e. Work on stabilization and grants
 - i. HSR (Historic Structure Report) – even an adaptive reuse requires this report.
 - f. Rory is working on getting an answer about the LOE.
 - g. Michael is going to look into getting plans so that the grants process can begin.
- H. Baptist Meeting House
 - a. The retaining wall is crumbling,
 - b. The balconies need to be cleaned out.
 - c. Leslie brought photos from the 1930's with some of her ancestors posing in front of the BMH.
- I. Weekend Journey through the Past
 - a. Both of the high school docents backed out.
 - b. There was not a big turnout.
- J. List of old houses in town
 - a. The list of houses and photos are online (about 35 photos).

K. Duderstadt Barn

- a. Less than 10 of these barns are in existence.
- b. The HSC is looking for historical photos of this barn.

L. Demolition request: 45 Brookside

M. Budget Items - John Lindner needs the final list by November 1st.

- a. Grant writers will be needed.
- b. Kirch Ford House
 - i. \$8,000 is needed for landscaping (trees, planting, gravel)
 - ii. Roof repairs
 - iii. Painting
 - iv. Upstairs window: carpentry repairs needed (the frame is separating from the window)
- c. Baptist Meeting House
 - i. Roof repairs
 - ii. Cemetery stones and sinkholes
- d. Codington House
 - i. Foundation repairs
- e. Hoffheimer House
 - i. Stairs repairs
- f. Cleaning of houses 4 times a year.

N. Members up for reappointment

- a. Michael François, John Lindner, Alan Siegel, John George
- b. 1 possible member: ask Brennan to come to a meeting to see if he is interested.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Quiros, Rec. Sec