

## Historic Sites Committee of Warren, NJ

March 14, 2019

**Members attending:** Rory Britt, Alan Siegel, Greg Fitzgerald, John Lindner, Debra Rebetje, Erica Sbarra, Karl Horster, Kari Quirós

**Excused absences:** Susie Boyce, Renata Maronie, Nancy Micou, Rich Disano

**Visitor:** Christy Cwynar

Minutes were read and corrected.

### Old Business:

1. 4<sup>th</sup> grade tours
  - a. The Codington House will not be open for tours due to renovations.
  - b. Rory will find out how many 8<sup>th</sup> grade docents there will be so that the HSC will have that amount of Warren A-Z books for them.
2. Grants
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> grant - Phase 2 of the Meeting House grant: \$124,000 has been requested.
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> grant - NJ Historic Trust – 80% would be covered by the grant and 20% would be paid by Warren.
3. Historic Sites registry
  - a. Margaret Westfield thinks that the Codington House can be put on the list.
    - i. The siding on the house would need to be removed.
    - ii. Most of the structure is fine – the oldest part of the house may date back to 1750.
    - iii. A Certificate of Eligibility would enable the HSC to request money from the Open Space Fund.
4. ADA Compliance
  - a. Photos of the upper floors may be provided en lieu of providing access.
5. Members Ordinance
  - a. Renata Maronie is now a member of the Committee.
  - b. The Baptist Church is fine with not having members as mandatory Committee members.
  - c. Change “quarterly reports” to “semi-annual reports”.
  - d. Members have changed from 18 to 15.

**New Business:**

1. Kirch Ford House
  - a. An outside light has been installed.
  - b. During a cleaning of the House, approximately 30 vintage posters were found from the Stony Hill Playhouse.
2. King George Inn
  - a. Soil sampling will be taken at the House on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Salvaging – Rory is going to find out if the HSC may take historical objects from the 1800's and 1900's (doors, hardware, etc.).
  - c. The bar is being kept by the owner so that it may be incorporated into the design of the new building.
  - d. It is written in the Ordinance that if anything of significance is found, demolition must be stopped and the HSC called.
  - e. A permit for demolition has not yet been received.
3. Sunshine Law
  - a. The HSC is an Advisory body.
  - b. Documents may be worked on outside of the meeting but once finished, they must be made public.
  - c. If one email is sent to Committee members that is fine but if people respond to that email (Reply All—more than 6 people) it becomes a meeting. Otherwise it looks like a closed session.
4. 250th Anniversary of Independence
  - a. A map of all of the historic sites in existence during the Revolution is going to be made.
  - b. The HSC will be asked to input data.
5. Getting speakers for programs – this should be the Historical Society, not the HSC (as per Alan Siegel).
6. New demolitions – there will be 2 demolitions but both are new houses.
7. Spreadsheet of houses in Warren
  - a. The spreadsheet should be added to the town's historic tab on the website in the future.
  - b. There can be an evolution of the spreadsheet into becoming a database which may include previous owners and photos.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Quiros, Rec. Sec.