

## March 20, 2014

The regular meeting of the Landmark Commission of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, was held on March 20, 2014 in Conference Room B of the Township Municipal Building, Route 10 and North Jefferson Road in the said Township, convening at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Czuchnicki announced that adequate notice for the meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and by posting written notice of the meeting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building in said Township and by mailing such notice to the following newspapers: Hanover Eagle, Daily Record, and the Star Ledger.

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### ATTENDANCE:

- Present:** Chairman Czuchnicki, Vice-Chair Petrillo and Sierpowski, Members Howell, Loughlin, Polo, Blumenfeld, and Sieka,
- Absent:** Excused: Members Cohen, and Liaison Coppola
- Guest:** None
- Minutes:** Chairman Czuchnicki (aren't we formal!) drafted these as we lack a Commission Secretary.

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### CHAIR'S COMMENTS:

This list of invitees to our first program to the community is expanding. It includes representatives of the "H-T Old Families," possibly some local celebrities, and representatives of interested companies and organizations.

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January and February, 2014 minutes were both approved.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT:

No update on Liaison Coppola's comment that our 2014 Budget request of \$5,014 should be approved.

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### CORRESPONDENCE:

The entry form for the Memorial Day Parade given to Agnes for reply to them.

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**OLD BUSINESS (Working groups & agenda items / updates):**

1. Burying Ground: Vivian & Agnes
  - a. Phases / Funding Request
    - i. Spring Status: Agnes did an inspection to check for reportable damage.
    - ii. Information:
      1. Brochure distribution  
*Some 50 have been handed out. The next 100 will be placed in various venues in the next few weeks.*
      2. 2014 – Signage  
*The work is awaiting Vivian's April return (she is bringing us all some sand.)*
    - iii. Education & Community Involvement: Tours & Volunteers
      1. *Possibly, a tour on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.*
      2. *We are looking for appropriate projects for the Scouts. They may be able to clean the tombstones wearing masks and gloves.*
    - iv. Beautification – Contemplation circle, benches, plantings -- \$TBD  
*It still looks like the garden club (Ms. Cohen is a member) will provide the first bench; We need to speak with Tom Coates and need Vivian back from her winter trip*
    - v. Preservation -- \$TBD
      1. *Mark is investigating "cleaning" some stones using a fire-process called "flaring." It still looks promising. Barbara Howell volunteered a stone to practice on and so we can see a demonstration.*
      2. *More stones will be cleaned this year using the solution we experimented with last year.*
      3. *We cannot now afford fixing broken ones, but will mention this during our Library presentation.*
    - vi. Engineering: embankment, bridge, Tuttle House
      1. *No new information about Bayer's study of the Whippany River east of the Bridge, about riverbank stabilization. Mike left a message for Marylou Panzano to learn more. He will get her e-mail address from Robin Dente.*
      2. *Marc will try and meet Mrs. Spada (341 Route 10 – the Tuttle House)*
2. Education: Mike
  - a. Brochure Inventory: we have two types of HTLC brochure  
*The second (Burying Ground) brochure's distribution is underway. Next may be a similar one about the Corridor of History through the township.*
  - b. Board of Education:  
*Mike has not heard back from Liaison Gallagher regarding a meeting with the Board of Ed about HTLC talks, tours, and materials for our schools.*
  - c. Edit write-ups of our individual homework assignments  
*A future project for materials suitable for the schools*
  - d. Web-site (Greg)  
*A new township site was launched, but it is not complete.*
3. "Community" Outreach (WWW): Mark & Greg
  - a. Library Programs

- i. The "Past History's Future" presentation is scheduled for Wed, 4/2. The Township Committee has reviewed this presentation. The HTLC did so again, tonight. Attendees will include township "Old Family" representatives. We will present Commission plans as well as solicit volunteers and ideas.
    - ii. The next of our four (4) library programs is being scheduled.
    - iii. Russ Polo will deliver blueprints of the Joseph Morris tavern to Ms. Connelly
  - b. Volunteers  
*Our presentation on 4/2 may increase interest in the HTLC projects*
  - c. Bayer  
*Mike is trying to find the appropriate person in Bayer to coordinate activities with. He will ask Mary Lou Panzano for an appropriate contact.*
  - d. Articles, advertising
    - i. *Mark suggested offering a savings bond as a prize for an article about the town.*
    - ii. *Barbara B suggested Captain Kearney as the subject for our next display case*
- 4. "Professional" Outreach: Pam
  - a. *Mike met with the Open Spaces committee*
  - b. *Mike spoke with the President of the Railroad Museum to invite them to 4/2*
- 5. Plaques: Barbara B (for tonight)
  - a. *Barbara B to consolidate the various lists that exist so we know what our inventory of historic sites is. The list includes ones from Barbara B, Don K, the Heritage survey, and another that Barbara B found.*
  - b. *This consolidated list is to be included in our consolidated list of our plans*
- 6. Research: Mike for Don
  - a. Symposium about Iron Works date of 1715  
*Don Kiddoo will participate; Mike is speaking to Joe Macasek. Other speakers are needed*
- 7. Archive room: Barbara H
  - a. Mike spoke to Peg Shultz who referred him to getting a CATE report. This is done by state experts and might be useful in applying for grants. This may have been investigated by Barbara H years ago.
  - b. *Ms. Howell to think about the tasks and resources needed*
- 8. Fundraising: Russ
  - a. *No information yet on "Friends of HT History" Bank Account, Application, etc.*
  - b. *Russ to speak to the HT Township legal team (suggested by Mayor Francioli)*
- 9. Events: Agnes
  - a. *Revolutionary Week will happen in April. We have heard nothing about this.*
  - b. *Mike is scheduling a trip to the Morris Canal, inclined planes 2 & 3 east in May*
  - c. Memorial Day Parade:
    - i. *5/26, the HTLC to gather at 9:00*
    - ii. *Mike will be speaking to James Kitchell about our using his truck*
  - d. *Iron-works Symposium in the Fall*
- 10. Long-term: Mike
  - a. *Initiative Summary review / presentation to township committee will be 1/23*
    - i. Historic Trail

- ii. Celebrations
  - 1. Forge Tricentennial (early event, symposium in 2014)
  - 2. Burying Ground Tricentennial -- 2018
  - 3. Bell Labs Centennial -- 2026
- iii. Burying Ground (see above)
- iv. New Parks
  - 1. Mike spoke to Peg Shultz about State archeologist investigating the foundations behind 57 Whippany Road
- v. Bell Labs Memorial
- vi. Fordville
  - 1. Russ suggested that the township should investigate purchasing this building

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting of the Landmark Commission is scheduled for April 17, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Czuchnicki  
Chairman