

Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee – Meeting Agenda – Monday Feb 6, 2017

Pledge of Allegiance

Sunshine Statement - Notice of this meeting has been sent to two newspapers of general circulation in which notice was given of the date, time, place and general agenda in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act

Meeting Minutes – Barbara

Reorganization – vote Chairperson, V Chairperson, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary

Social Media and Correspondence – Lori/Chris (BHS Questionnaire – 18 submits) (FB 902, up 28) (284 email)

Lori – Thank you letter: Model school house donation – Wise Owl.

Chris – Thank you letter to 10-31 for safe + picture

Financial Report, BHPC Operating Budget – Chris

- BHPC 2016 – Table overlay (\$300) – looking for business with NJ Business Certificate
- BHPC 2017 – Budget request \$5,910

Upcoming Events and preparations:

- February 21, Tues – Chris to speak at Blair Womans Club meeting – Origins of Blairstown/Smith's Mills
- April 22, Saturday - Appalachian Trail – Community Day – Request to lead a walking tour of Main Street.
- May 21, Sunday – Warren County Preservation Day at Van Nest Hoff Vanetta Homestead – 10-4
- June 24, Saturday – Blairstown High School Alumni banquet – Chris to speak
- July 4th, Tues – Footbridge Park
- Aug EMS day – date TBD
- October 13th, Fri – Friday the 13th
- October 28th, Saturday – BHPC Fall walking tour
- December Jingle on Main – date TBD

Ongoing Business:

- 10-31 pedestal work complete and delivered. Cornerstone now on display!
- Branigan Shelving Unit – to be restored for utilitarian purpose. *Need sub committee.*
- Fireproof safe donation update – supply purchase – Wick
- Carter wedding dress – researching textile restoration – Theo any recommendations. NJ based business?
- Archive computer program update and costs – Wick, Chris – Appointment 2/8 at MCHS
- Blairstown Press Newspaper restoration – Meeting with company that Pat Kolb recommended in March
- Walking tour brochure holder – affix BHPC ID and distro – group distro in Feb / March.
- Heavy dump truck and passenger bus traffic on Main Street – Township Subcommittee

New Business from Committee

- BHPC attendance policy – 8 out of 12 meetings per year. This is as previous BHPC had established.
- BHPC membership number – currently 25.
- BHPC recommendations for Blairstown Township grant writers – Newspapers, Lime Kiln, Footbridge, Signage, Gravel Hill Cemetery, Repository.

Comments from the public

Tabled business for future review (no new updates):

- Press book/binder – organization, record keeping
 - Land Use Board collaboration – Barbara, Wick, Chris
 - Ticket Booth at Footbridge – display narrative, pictures, layout – to be done.
 - Boy Scout – BHPC to mentor a troop #140 boy scout for Eagle Scout merit. Chris
 - Boy Scout – Blair student to achieve Eagle Scout merit via BHPC project
 - Theo – New Flyers - 4 fold walking tour. Two-sided glossy
 - Footbridge to be put on State and National Registry of historic places.
 - Historic building demo - Demolition Review - Establish criteria, survey of historic homes in township and propose establishment of demolition review period. *Construction – Permit process.*
 - How to help historic district property owners maintain historic properties.

Current Research and Update for plaque project:

- Blair Place Plaque – Location confirmed. Draft being edited.
- Blairstown Elementary – Permission granted and location confirmed. Post mount. Draft in process.
- Blairstown Diner – Contacting for permission.
- Footbridge Park – Post mount, draft in process. Location to be at 94 entrance.
- Old Mill Rework: Draft in process

Next meeting Monday, March 6, 2017 –

Adjourn