

Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee  
Monthly Meeting Agenda  
Jan 5th, 2015

**Financial Report, 3 BHPC accounts:**

10517520 – Operating Budget left from 2014	\$1,365.01*
840001 – Trust Account at Hope Bank	\$5,739.16 (*60)
840240 - Grant – Encumbered (plaques, includes Firehouse)	<u>(4007.29) –</u>
	\$3,096.88* (1,671.88)

\*remaining 2014 operating budget of \$1,365.01 earmarked to be spent on a post mount plaque at Blair Place (JHM invoice #34931 of \$1,425). Balance needed of \$60 to be taken from Trust Account at Hope Bank.

BHPC monies available to spend:

Monies remaining from 2014            \$1,671.88

Monies in 2015 temporary budget    \$2,500

***Current monies available to spend    \$4,171.88***

***(this is prior to any additional requests passed to Christine Rolef. Due by 1/8/15)***

Invitations/Upcoming Events (BHPC involved are in bold) :

- Now – Jan 25, 2015 – Nova Caesarea: A Cartographic Record of the Garden State" is on exhibit at Princeton University's Firestone Library
- Awaiting reply from Jason Beck at Blair for BHPC history presentation to Blair faculty
- Economic Development / Beautification – Laura Stephan Corio – TBD in January

**Old Business:**

Plaque Status –

- Firehouse: Permission granted from Dirk Herman. Copy to be written, pictures need selecting.
- Blair Place/Store – Contacting Blair for permission. Per Lynn Peachy, only Homestead was torn down.
- Reworking (fixing) of 7 plaques – work in progress. (\$560)
- Difference in JHM invoice #20436, \$315 difference. 17,815 stated vs. \$17,500 actual. For 14 installed plaques.

Membership Drive – Accepting new members! Need 3 Blairstown residents before we can invite 1 non-resident.

**Plans for 2015**

- Reworking of 7 plaques (\$480)
- 175<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Booklet – JIB 1893 interview, Blair Family Tree, Plaques, Walking tour maps
- Ticket Booth – Interior RR write-up for printing, RR photos.
- Walking Tour Map + Brochure – Comments. Morristown example.
- Roy's Theater Horror poster
- File Cabinet for extra storage
- Proposed plaques:     Corner Store on Main St  
                                  Carhart Home on Bridge St  
                                  Swisher home on Bridge St?  
                                  Elementary School  
                                  High Street (Teal, Alaska House, Bunnell, Rosecrans);  
                                  East Ave (??)

**New Business –**

Possible Cookbook Fundraiser – Lori Ann Neinstedt Talley

Additional donations from Lester and Elizabeth Shotwell.....JOHN I. BLAIR interview 1893!!!

BHPC 175<sup>th</sup> Flags on Main – Holiday decorations mixed with 175<sup>th</sup> flags

2015 projects / to do list for BHPC committee people

BHPC participation in July 4<sup>th</sup>, Victorian Days, other.....plus guided walking tours (fund raisers)

Adjourn - **Next meeting – Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

# Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee \*\* Monthly Meeting Agenda \*\* March 2nd, 2015

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Financial Report, 3 BHPC accounts

- Overall status
- Difference in JHM invoice #20436, \$315. Advised Christine R/ John M that \$315 will be paid at completion of invoice.

## Invitations/Upcoming Events :

- Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, March 13, March 27 – 4:30 PM, Blair Academy, Bogel Hall Rm 302– Blairstown Economic Committee (includes beautification). Laura Corio, Paul Avery
- April – Ken please advise date for event
- April 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday – Chris – Blair Board of Directors, spouse tour of Main Street.
- May 31<sup>st</sup>, Sunday – Warren County Preservation Day at Rutheford Hall.
- June 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Chris - Blairstown Alumni Association Banquet.
- July 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – BHPC Tent at Footbridge Park
- November 13<sup>th</sup>, last of 3 Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> in 2015
- November 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Chris – Ladies of First Presbyterian Church
- Awaiting reply from Jason Beck at Blair for BHPC history presentation to Blair faculty
- Need to decide dates for Main Street Walking Tours in 2015 and History Open House Days
- What are Blairstown Township meeting dates that review budget requests?

## Old Business:

Appointments Confirmed, terms till Dec 31, 2017. Ken, Theo, Cynthia, Dave. Congrats!!

Plaque Status –

- Firehouse: Permission granted. Copy written and reviewed with Jerry Stoddard. Any comments?? pictures need selecting, captions need writing. Need to decide on location on building.
- Blair Place/Store – Contacting Blair for permission. Blair Librarians presented info till 1970s for Blair Store

Membership Drive – Accepting new members! Need 3 Blairstown residents before we can invite 1 non-resident.

Blairstown Website Update – Chris

George Branigan Photo – Ken

Civil War, Blairstown and Warren County Involvement – Ken

Roy's Theater Horror poster – T Shirt – Theo / Cynthia

Boy Scout's Founder, Benjamin Smyth Connection – Steve

Sussex County Freeholder - History CD - Steve

Time Capsule at Blairstown Ambulance Corps? – Wick

Blairstown Presbyterian – Scans/Copies or Pics of Blair 1839 Church Doc and Baptism Book (Shotwells) – Dave

## Projects for 2015

- Reworking of 7 plaques (\$560)
- 175<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Booklet – JIB 1893 interview, Blair Family Tree, Plaques, Walking tour maps. Need timeframes and price quote for publishing – For distro at July 4<sup>th</sup>. Advertising.
- Ticket Booth – Interior RR write-up for printing, RR photos.
- Walking Tour Map + Brochure – Comments. Morristown example.
- Caboose – Making it useful to display history.
- Proposed plaques going forward: Elementary School, Footbridge @94 entrance?, Corner Store on Main?, Diner
- Grant acquisitions.
- Capturing stories of local residents. Campaign - BOOTH, Website? Storycorps.org – recorded @ Open House days?
- BHPC Tent – Reworking to cover writing
- Cleaning out, reorganizing archive room. Set aside one week, every day. Use main conference room.

## New Business/Ideas –

Planning - BHPC participation in Rutherford Hall? July 4 Footbridge Park – set up. Mds, new display item, story booth

Princeton Trip Overview, Joy Wagner Smith Interview

Building of “**Friends of Blairstown Historic**” mailing list – Snail mail and email. Create a BHPC email address??

What projects are other historic committees doing that are successful in promoting their history?

Welcome wagon – Local history info to new residents.

Adjourn - **Next meeting – Monday, April 6th**

## Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee \*\* Monthly Meeting Agenda \*\* April 6, 2015

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Financial Report, 3 BHPC accounts

- Town Committee approved \$5,000 budget to be used toward two plaques at Elementary School and Blairstown Diner at March 6<sup>th</sup> budget meeting. Interest in Roys Hall Poster/T-Shirt as a fundraiser.
- Review of BHPC accounts.

### Invitations/Upcoming Events :

- April 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM at municipal building. Blairstown Enhancement Committee. Laura Corio, Paul Avery
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – History Expo – Chris and Ken unable to attend.
- April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 Friday, meet at Old Academy Building. – Chris + ?? Blair Board of Directors, spouse tour of Main Street.
- **May 31<sup>st</sup>, Sunday – Warren County Preservation Day at Rutheford Hall. Chris + ??**
- June 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Chris - Blairstown Alumni Association Banquet.
- July 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – BHPC Tent at Footbridge Park + Walking Tour – Chris / Ken / ??
- November 13<sup>th</sup>, last of 3 Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> in 2015 – Walking Tour date/time TBD Friday or Sat???
- November 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Chris – Ladies of First Presbyterian Church

### Old Business:

#### Plaque Status –

- Firehouse: On hold until further notice.
- Blair Place/Store – Contacting Blair for permission. Blair Librarians presented info till 1970s for Blair Store
- Elementary School – research, write, photos needed. Position on building.
- Blairstown Diner – permission needed.
- Reworking of 7 plaques.
- Rainbow Candy – review options for vertical on post, in doorway ( [redacted] ).

#### Blairstown Website Update – Chris

#### George Branigan Photo – Ken

#### Civil War, Blairstown and Warren County Involvement – Ken

#### Roy's Theater Horror poster – T Shirt – Theo / Cynthia – Fundraiser. Comments from Blairstown Committee.

#### Boy Scout's Founder, Benjamin Smyth Connection – Steve

#### Sussex County Freeholder - History CD - Steve

#### Time Capsule at Blairstown Ambulance Corps? – Wick

#### Blairstown Presbyterian – Scans/Copies or Pics of Blair 1839 Church Doc and Baptism Book (Shotwells) – Dave

### Possible projects for 2015

- Budget – projects in which to go forward? 175<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Booklet, Ticket Booth, Website, Tent.
- Walking Tour Map + Brochure – Comments. Morristown example. [redacted]. Produced by June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Caboose – On hold. Possible to sell.
- Capturing stories of local residents. Campaign - BOOTH, Website? **Storycorps.org – recorded @ Open House days?**
- Planning - BHPC participation in Rutherford Hall? July 4 Footbridge Park – set up. Mds, new display item, story
- BHPC Tent – Reworking to cover writing – [redacted] Chris, + ?? – Set date.
- Cleaning out, reorganizing archive room. Set aside one week, every day. Use main conference room. Chris, Cynthia, Barbara.
- Blairstown Press preservation – Need grant. National Archives??

### New Business/Ideas –

Building of “**Friends of Blairstown Historic**” mailing list – Snail mail and email. Create a BHPC email address??

What projects are other historic committees doing that are successful in promoting their history?

Adjourn - **Next meeting – Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30**

## Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee \*\* Monthly Meeting Agenda \*\* May 4, 2015

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Financial Report, 3 BHPC accounts

- CFO confirmed accurate the finance report presented April 6th.
- Review of BHPC accounts.

### Invitations/Upcoming Events :

- **May 31<sup>st</sup>, Sunday – Warren County Preservation Day at Rutheford Hall. Chris + Gloria?**
- June 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Chris - Blairstown Alumni Association Banquet.
- **July 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – BHPC Tent at Footbridge Park + Walking Tour – Chris / Ken / ??**
- **November 13<sup>th</sup>, last of 3 Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> in 2015 – Walking Tour date/time TBD Friday or Sat???**
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Blairstown Website Update – Chris

George Branigan Photo – Ken

Civil War, Blairstown and Warren County Involvement – Ken

*Roy's Theater Horror poster – T Shirt – Theo / Cynthia – Fundraiser. Comments from Blairstown Committee.*

Boy Scout's Founder, Benjamin Smyth Connection – Steve

Sussex County Freeholder - History CD - Steve

Blairstown Presbyterian – Scans/Copies or Pics of Blair 1839 Church Doc and Baptism Book (Shotwells) – Dave

### Projects for 2015

- Website design and construction
- Blairstown Press - Newspaper Preservation – CCAHA communications
- Walking Tour Map + Brochure – Comments. Morristown example. [redacted]. Produced by June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Caboose – On hold. Possible to sell.
- Capturing stories of local residents. Campaign - BOOTH, Website? [Storycorps.org](http://Storycorps.org) – recorded @ Open House days?
- Planning - BHPC participation in Rutherford Hall? July 4 Footbridge Park – set up. Mds, new display item, story
- BHPC Tent – Reworking to cover writing – [redacted] Chris, + ?? – Set date.
- Cleaning out, reorganizing archive room. Set aside one week, every day. Use main conference room. Chris, Cynthia, Barbara. Date set for July 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Building of “**Friends of Blairstown Historic**” mailing list – Snail mail and email. Create a BHPC email address??
- Need everyone's birthdays please. Month & date.

Adjourn - **Next meeting – Monday, June 1st 7:00 – meet in kitchen due to primary elections.**

# Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee \*\* Monthly Meeting Agenda \*\* June 1, 2015

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Financial Report, 3 BHPC accounts

- April 6<sup>th</sup> financial report still accurate. No activity.
- Review of BHPC accounts.

## Invitations/Upcoming Events :

- June 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Chris - Blairstown Alumni Association Banquet.
- July 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – BHPC Tent at Footbridge Park + Walking Tour – Chris / Ken /who can attend for sure??
- Need to confirm FALL WALKING TOUR DATE...October?? Or NOV 13<sup>th</sup> which is last F13
- November 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Chris – Ladies of First Presbyterian Church

## New Business:

- Welcome Martin Miller of Blair Academy
- JULY 4<sup>th</sup> PREP – Tent , self-guided walking tour brochure, Guided walking tour flyer, Roy's Theater Horror Poster duplication as fundraiser.
- Recap of current research for plaque for Blair Homestead, Store and site of original village?
- 1825 date on stone at Old Mill – has anyone seen this or have knowledge??
- Possible to reestablish a member from prior committee. Dave.

## Old Business:

- Recap of May 31<sup>st</sup>, Sunday – Warren County Preservation Day at Rutheford Hall. Chris. Invitation for tour.
- Blairstown Website Update – Chris
- George Branigan Photo – Ken
- Civil War, Blairstown and Warren County Involvement – Ken?
- Boy Scout's Founder, Benjamin Smyth Connection – Steve
- Sussex County Freeholder - History CD - Steve
- Blairstown Presbyterian – Scans/Copies or Pics of Blair 1839 Church Doc and Baptism Book – Dave

## Projects for 2015

- Website design and construction
- Blairstown Press - Newspaper Preservation – CCAHA communications
- Caboose – On hold. Possible to sell.
- Capturing stories of local residents. Campaign - BOOTH, Website? **Storycorps.org** – recorded @ **Open House days?**
- Cleaning out, reorganizing archive room. Chris, Cynthia, Barbara. Date set for July 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Building of **"Friends of Blairstown Historic"** mailing list – Snail mail and email. Create a BHPC email address??

Adjourn - **Next meeting – Monday, June 29th 7:00 – Moving the regular meeting date -prep for July 4<sup>th</sup> event.**

## Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee \*\* Monthly Meeting Agenda \*\* June 29, 2015

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Financial Report, 3 BHPC accounts

- April 6<sup>th</sup> financial report still accurate.
- Review of BHPC accounts.
- Donation by Blair Academy as thank you for walking tour. \$200

### Invitations/Upcoming Events :

- July 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday Event 11:00 to 4:00 – BHPC Tent at Footbridge Park + Walking Tour 2:00
- July 21 (Tues), 22 (Wed), 23 (Thurs)- Cleaning up, reorganizing, cataloging the archive room.
- August 7<sup>th</sup> – Blairstown Emergency Services FD, Ambulance and Police will have open house.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 – BHPC Main Street Guided - Walking Tour
- November 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Chris – Ladies of First Presbyterian Church

### Current Research for plaques, etc:

- *Was Benjamin Smith/Smyth of Walpack the person who built our two mills in town and origin of the name "Smith's Mills". Is Benjamin Smith of Walpack actually buried at the Blair Cemetery? Boy Scout documentation by Alex Mescall – July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 BHPC newsletter.*
- 1825 date on stone at Old Mill – (Snell and Rusling say 1819, in 1905 Buttz descendent says 1825) Cynthia found will of Jacob Buttz and map does not show either Hankinson's mill or Smith's mills, although other landmarks are shown. Martin is checking at Blair to find out about possible stone on mill.

### Old Business:

- Applications received for Tom Cramer and Martin Miller, will be presented at July 8<sup>th</sup> town committee meeting
- Elliot Trommald, message from Martin Miller
- Chris recap of Blairstown Alumni Association banquet.
- Recap of meeting with Craig and Kaye Evans, residents of home that was former JIB store.
- Blairstown Website Update – Chris – no change.
- George Branigan Photo – Ken
- Boy Scout's Founder, Benjamin Smyth Connection – Steve
- Sussex County Freeholder - History CD - Steve
- Blairstown Presbyterian – Scans/Copies or Pics of Blair 1839 Church Doc and Baptism Book – Dave

### JULY 4 Event at Footbridge –

8:00 meet at Municipal building for tables, etc.-Park opens to public at 10:30 - Main Street Walking Tour at 2:00.

- Tent – [redacted]
- Tables and event props/memorabilia etc. – Steve and all help in Steve's truck.
- Folding Chairs (10) – Dave
- Sign in list - "Friends of Blairstown Historic" mailing list – Snail mail and email – Chris
- American Flag – Steve
- Walking tour map
- Horror poster printing update
- Pack all items at Wed 7/1 Workshop – Chris, Cyn, Barb. Memorabilia, JIB Pins, JIB stand up, posters, donation jars, tablecloths, decorations, Christmas bulbs, etc.

Adjourn - Next meeting – Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00, municipal building.

## Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee \*\* Monthly Meeting Agenda \*\* August 3rd, 2015

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Financial Report, 3 BHPC accounts

- Review of BHPC accounts.
- \$36 in donations from July 4<sup>th</sup> at Footbridge Park
- July 4<sup>th</sup> expenses: Horror Poster, walking tour brochure printing.
- CB expenses, [REDACTED] expenses for tent repair

### Invitations/Upcoming Events :

- August 7<sup>th</sup> – FYI Blairstown Emergency Services FD, Ambulance and Police will have open house.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 – BHPC Main Street Guided - Walking Tour – **Vote: Should we charge?**
- November 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Chris – Ladies of First Presbyterian Church
- April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Tuesday – Elliot Trommald to give talk on JIB. Location? Time? Can we charge minimal fee?

### Current Research and Update for plaques, etc:

#### Old Mill Rework:

- See attached updated draft of re-write by Chris, Barbara and Cynthia. Comments? Missing info.
- *Was Benjamin Smith/Smyth of Walpack the person who built our two mills in town and origin of the name "Smith's Mills". Is Benjamin Smith of Walpack actually buried at the Blair Cemetery? Boy Scout documentation by Alex Mescall – July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 BHPC newsletter. **Snell 1881 says "A man named Smith"***
- 1825 date on stone at Old Mill – (Snell and Rusling say 1819, in 1905 Buttz descendent says 1825)
- Cynthia found will of Jacob Buttz and map does not show either Hankinson's mill or Smith's mills, although other landmarks are shown. [REDACTED] is checking at Blair to find out about possible stone on mill.
- [REDACTED] – Arrange to see Blair Cemetery records with Susan Staats
- **Vote: should we produce Mill plaque without confirmation of Ben Smith? Rev War and Civil War use?**
- Marker at B.S. 1769 cemetery plot on hold due to uncertainty of Ben Smith info.

#### Blair Place Plaque

**Vote: Location of plaque** – Main St at base of hill or at location of Blair Store (Evans home). Either way need permission form of Blair. [REDACTED]. This plaque must be complete and installed by end of year.

Blairstown Elementary – Awaiting reply from Bruce Leal. Contacting Dirk Hermann. Need permission.

Blairstown Diner – Contacting for permission.

#### Ongoing Business:

- Martin Miller appointed at July 8<sup>th</sup> town committee meeting! Welcome and Congrats!!
  - Jeanette Iarato – new member application. Offer to use her storefront at 26 Main for BHPC temporary museum at no charge. Steve – any reason we can't use this space?
  - Lori Nienstedt Talley – Introduction and new member application.
  - Recap of July 4<sup>th</sup> – what worked, what didn't. Should we change time/date of walking tour? Conflicts with Footbridge Park activities?? [REDACTED] offered to donate book sales.
  - Blairstown Website Update - Jeanette Iarato has offered to build a separate BHPC website.
  - George Branigan Photo [REDACTED] – THANK YOU!!!!!! Great! Old photo of storefront?
  - Boy Scout's Founder, Benjamin Smyth connection to Blairstown. [REDACTED] – Boy Scout merit badge? BHPC mentor a boy scout on further research on Benjamin Smith?
  - Blairstown Presbyterian -Scans/Copies/Pics of 1839 Church Doc and Shotwell - Baptism Book – [REDACTED]
  - Blairstown Press newspapers – Need temperature sensitive location to store. Blair? [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED] – Can we establish a separate 5013c as "Friends of Blairstown Historic." For tax free donations, etc? CR comments.
  - Friends of Blairstown Historic eMailing list: current count: 8 – We need to grow this list.
  - [REDACTED] – flyer for Halloween and Elliot Trommald talk. Also, 4 fold walking tour. Two-sided glossy
  - Need to move November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to Mon, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Next meeting – Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00, municipal building. Adjourn**

## Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee \*\* Monthly Meeting Agenda \*\* October 5th, 2015

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Financial Report, 3 BHPC accounts

- Review of BHPC accounts.
- Chris expenses \$174.53 (8/6 email) , Theo \$30.36 expenses for tent repair

### Invitations/Upcoming Events :

- October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 – BHPC Main Street Guided - Walking Tour
- November 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Chris – Ladies of First Presbyterian Church
- December 10<sup>th</sup> is 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Presbyterian Church.
- April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Tuesday – Tentative - Elliot Trommald to give talk on JIB. Location? Time?

### Ongoing Business:

- *Lori Nienstedt Talley – Congrats and welcome to BHPC!!!*
- *Jeanette Iurato – Congrats and welcome to BHPC!!*
- Blairstown Website Update - Jeanette has secured 3 web addresses to build a separate BHPC website.
- Blairstown Museum – 26 Main Street – offer of Jeanette and husband Tony to use this space. Branigan cabinet currently at this location.
- Blairstown Press newspapers – Need temperature sensitive location to store. Blair? **Martin**
- Can BHPC apply for grants without being a commission status or 501c3?? **Benefits of a 501c3. Vote on starting a separate 501c3 to enable fundraising.**
- Boy Scout's Founder, Benjamin Smyth connection to Blairstown. Boy Scout merit badge? BHPC mentor a boy scout on further research on Benjamin Smith? **Chris**
- Blairstown Presbyterian -Scans/Copies/Pics of 1839 Church Doc and Shotwell - Baptism Book – **Dave**
- Friends of Blairstown Historic eMailing list: current count: 8 – We need to grow this list.
- **Theo** – flyer for Halloween and Elliot Trommald talk. Also, 4 fold walking tour. Two-sided glossy
- **Need to move November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to Mon, October 26. Prior to walking tour.**

### New business:

- Local history presentations to be held until after adjournment of BHPC business meeting.
- **Thomas Morgan home** – Corner of Jacksonburg Road and Route 94. How to protect this and other historic buildings going forward. Inventory of historic buildings outside of downtown district.
- **Decide on liaison to Land Use Board, per BHPC ordinance.**
- **Heavy dump truck and passenger bus traffic on Main Street. Historic stone and wood buildings at risk.**

### Current Research and Update for plaque project:

#### Old Mill Rework:

- *Documents at Sussex County Historical Society states "Benjamin Smith"*
- *Was Benjamin Smith/Smyth of Walpack the person who built our two mills in town and origin of the name "Smith's Mills". Is Benjamin Smith of Walpack actually buried at the Blair Cemetery. DAR records of 1935 do not show a Benjamin Smith or B.S. 1769 indicated in the cemetery. However, 1939 Centennial book does state BS buried at cemetery. Did Blairstown Cemetery association possibly erect the BS stone?*
- 1825 date on stone at Old Mill – (Snell and Rusling say 1819, in 1905 Buttz descendent says 1825).
- Cynthia found will of Jacob Buttz and map does not show either Hankinson's mill or Smith's mills, although other landmarks are shown. **Martin** is checking at Blair to find out about possible corner stone on mill.
- **Dave** – Arrange to see Blair Cemetery records with Susan Staats

Blair Place Plaque - Need location confirmation and permission form signed. **Martin**. This plaque must be complete and installed by end of November at latest.

Blairstown Elementary – **Permission granted by Blairstown Elementary Board of Education. Location confirmed to be at front, opposite side of the flagpole. Plaque type to be post mount.**

Blairstown Diner – Contacting for permission.

**Next meeting – Monday, October 26th, 7:00, municipal building. Adjourn**

# Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee \*\* Monthly Meeting Agenda \*\* October 26th, 2015

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Meeting Minutes 10/5

## Financial Report, BHPC accounts

Lori submit for Halloween Posters - \$148

Chris submit for Halloween Flyers - \$16.10

## Invitations/Upcoming Events :

- October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 – BHPC Main Street Guided - Walking Tour
- November 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Chris – Ladies of First Presbyterian Church
- December 10<sup>th</sup> is 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Presbyterian Church.
- April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Tuesday – Elliot Trommald to give talk on JIB.

## Ongoing Business:

- Walking Tour PREP - Magnets, Lori – see attached sheet.
- Blairstown Website
- Blairstown Museum – BTC comments on process on artifact loans.
- Branigan Cabinet – returned to shed. Theo measurements and photos. Work location? NJ Business Registration Certificate for 10-31.
- Blairstown Press newspapers – Relocation....Martin
- Boy Scout merit badge? BHPC mentor a boy scout on further research on Benjamin Smith? Chris
- Blairstown Presbyterian –Copies of 1844 baptismal book, cradle roll call, etc. THANK YOU Dave and Cyn!
- Friends of Blairstown Historic eMailing list: Opportunity at Walking Tour
- Theo – Flyers - Elliot Trommald talk - 4 fold walking tour. Two-sided glossy

## New business:

- Update BTC 10/14 meeting
- 3 Year Plan – Lori
- BHPC FB page – Lori
- Vice Chair position - per ordinance
- Establish criteria, survey of historic homes in township and propose establishment of demolition review process.
- Commercial businesses - historic building demo
- Footbridge to be put on State and National Registry of historic places. Who owns Footbridge Park?
- How to help historic district property owners maintain historic properties. Grants to regrant?
- Heavy dump truck and passenger bus traffic on Main Street. Historic stone and wood buildings at risk.
- 1877 Stone to be moved to municipal building for display – Theo?
- Process for donation intake and catalog

## Current Research and Update for plaque project:

Old Mill Rework: In process

Blair Place Plaque – Location confirmed. This plaque must be complete and installed by end of November at latest.

Blairstown Elementary – Permission granted by Blairstown Elementary Board of Education. Location confirmed to be at front, opposite side of the flagpole. Plaque type to be post mount.

Blairstown Diner – Contacting for permission.

JHM has been contacted regarding Blair Place Plaque, School, Diner.

**Next meeting – Monday, December 7th, 7:00, municipal building.**

Adjourn

## Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee \*\* Monthly Meeting Agenda \*\* December 7, 2015

### 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 10/5, 10/26 - Barbara

### Financial Report, BHPC activity and account status – Chris

Donations: Tour and Presbyterian Talk = \$251.50

Payments: Tour and Bottle = \$253.46

Yet to be paid: CB - Presbyterian Women \$21.80 and Jingle on Main supplies TBD. Other Jingle on Main submits?  
Letter from CFO regarding 2016 budget requests – Due Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Invitations/Upcoming Events :

- December 10th is 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Presbyterian Church.
- April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Tuesday – Elliot Trommald to give talk on JIB.

### Ongoing Business:

- Event Recap of Walking Tour, Presbyterian Women, Jingle on Main
- Blairstown Website
- Branigan Cabinet – Vendor estimates.
- Blairstown Press newspapers – Relocation....Martin
- Boy Scout – Confirmed, BHPC to mentor a troop #140 boy scout for Eagle Scout merit Chris
- Friends of Blairstown Historic eMailing list – walking tour list
- Theo – Flyers - Elliot Trommald talk - 4 fold walking tour. Two-sided glossy
- 3 Year Plan – Lori
- Projects Listing – Chris
- BHPC FB page – Lori
- Vice Chair position
- Historic building demo - Demolition Review - Establish criteria, survey of historic homes in township and propose establishment of demolition review period. *Construction – Permit process.*
- Footbridge to be put on State and National Registry of historic places. Application?
- How to help historic district property owners maintain historic properties. Grants to regrant?
- Heavy dump truck and passenger bus traffic on Main Street. Historic stone and wood buildings at risk.
- 1877 Stone to be moved to municipal building for display – Theo?
- Blairstown website statement for artifact donations and cataloging process. Current artifact ID update.

### New Business:

- Secretary – Recording (minutes) and corresponding
- National Geographic nomination – Deadline Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Thank yous for recent donations – monetary and artifact

### Current Research and Update for plaque project:

Old Mill Rework: In process

Blair Place Plaque – Location confirmed. Post installation. Draft in process.

Blairstown Elementary – Permission granted by Blairstown Elementary Board of Education. Location confirmed to be at front, opposite side of the flagpole. Plaque type to be post mount.

Blairstown Diner – Contacting for permission.

**Next meeting – Monday, January 4th, 7:00, municipal building. Happy Holidays!**

Adjourn