

Monthly meeting of the Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee was held at 7 p.m. on December 7, 2015, at the Municipal Building, 106 Route 94, Blairstown, New Jersey. The following members were present: Christine Beegle (Chairperson), Barbara Green, Theo Padavano, Lori Nienstedt, and Wick Mott. Township Committee Liaison Steve Lance was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting Minutes of October 5 and October 26 were approved (with change to 10/26 Minutes).

Financial report and budget request for 2016 were discussed.

Ongoing business discussion:

Event recap:

- Walking Tour very successful. Future tours, depending on number of participants, possibly break into smaller groups.

- Presentation to Presbyterian Women was well-received; group gave donation to BHPC.

- Jingle on Main, also very successful. Thank you to Dave Harvey for offering space and providing tables and chairs.

- April 5, 2016, talk by Elliott Trommald; Theo will assist with publicity info.

BHPC website development currently on hold.

1877 Stone to be moved to Municipal Building for display. Consensus was that the chairman should generate a purchase order for the pedestal to be made for the cornerstone.

Branigan shelf unit to be used for the possible display of BHPC postcard collection.

BHPC has been offered 2 display cabinets, which will be utilized in the municipal building foyer.

Storage location for *Blairstown Press* newspapers still being researched.

Troop #140 Boy Scout to work in conjunction with BHPC for a project for his merit badge.

Lori gave an overview of future events, tours, speakers, etc., to be considered over extended time frame.

Historic building demolition. BHPC will consult with NJ Historic Preservation personnel.

Research possibility of Footbridge being included on the State and National Registry of Historic Places. BHPC considering a plaque for that location.

Blairstown website statement for artifact donations (to be discussed with Township Clerk).

John Maxman installing posts for plaques at Blair Place and Blairstown Elementary School.

New business:

Motions were made and seconded for nominations for positions of Vice Chairman and Corresponding Secretary. Wick Mott was elected for position of Vice Chairman; Lori Nienstedt was elected for position of Corresponding Secretary.

*National Geographic* nomination locations: The Mill, Blair Falls, Footbridge, Yards Creek, Airport.

Next meeting: Municipal Building, 7 p.m., January 4 (after Township Committee reorganization meeting; will discuss with Township Clerk) or January 11.

Adjourn: 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Green, Secretary