

Monthly meeting of the Blirstown Historic Preservation Committee was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on February 4, 2019, at the Municipal Building, 106 Route 94. The following members were present: Barbara Green, Christine Beegle, Steve Belton, Martin Miller, Lori Nienstedt and Wick Mott. Steve Lance, Liaison, was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited; Sunshine Statement was read.  
Chris reported 1,434 Facebook followers and 431 on email.

Chris introduced Adrienne Rieger-Shipps (recent purchaser of the Kishpaugh/Croucher Homestead). BHPC was able to provide much information regarding that property and will continue aiding her in her research. Adrienne invited members to contact her if interested in viewing the barn, property, etc.

Lori reported that thank-you notes have been sent for recent donations.

Lori made a motion to approve the purchase of flash drives, using the Hope Bank trust account; Wick seconded the motion; all in favor.

Discussion followed: re requesting Township Committee to issue a Proclamation honoring Anita Ardia (in perpetuity) on her birthday (February 12)

re opening the Caboose, with special displays, for Blirstown Elementary School students (date to be coordinated with the School)

re July 4 at Footbridge Park

re July 14 -- Benjamin Smith

re September -- celebrating 70 years, Blirstown Diner

re October (10/26?) Union Brick Cemetery Tour.

Wick presented plans for a solar field application submitted to the Land Use Board by Blair Academy. There was some concern as to Indian (Lenni Lenape) sites in the vicinity. Steve Belton will check his Indian site maps and advise.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Barbara Green, Recording Secretary