

Marlboro Township Historic Preservation Advisory Commission Minutes of the Meeting of January 11, 2016

Attending Members: Chairman William Waple, Secretary Jack Appel, Kathleen Guth, Lynn Harold, Thomas Healy. Absent: Dorothy McCue, Patrick Pentland, Rita Scalzo.

The Commission meeting was opened in the Marlboro Town Hall at 7 P.M. by William Waple, who has been appointed by Mayor Jon Hornik to succeed Patrick Pentland as Chairman. Mr. Waple led the pledge of allegiance and conducted the roll call. Notice of the meeting had been posted at Town Hall and was on the website. The minutes of the August 10, 2015 meeting (the last formal meeting) were accepted as read. The chairman welcomed Lynn Harold and Thomas Healy as members of the Commission, succeeding Michael Timpanaro and Scott Wolf.

Old Business: Bill pointed out that the DiMeo house has been demolished. The barn is still standing, but its fate is still undecided. Township Business Administrator Jonathan Capp has asked the Commission for its recommendation. It was noted that it would take a substantial amount of money to restore the building and then it would have to be maintained. At least two companies have offered to disassemble the building with one offering to pay the town for its lumber. Following discussion, the members agreed that a recommendation be made that the barn be salvaged in a way that would benefit the Township. Thomas Healy suggested that Township residents be given one last opportunity to see the barn and its massive timbers. Chairman Waple reported that the missing historic landmark roadside sign at the Marlboro firehouse is safely in the firehouse. It will be replaced as soon as work is completed at the street corner. Regarding the Topanemus Cemetery, Kathleen Guth said she will get back to discussions with administrators at St. Peters Church, its deed holders, since heavy machinery will be needed to clean it out (downed trees and branches, etc.). The Chairman reported he had given two cleaning kits to Boy Scout Troop 86 to clean the historic roadside signs. The scouts have completed the cleanup and report that two signs are missing. Regarding the historic McCarron House, Bill said a state grant had been applied for to help restore the structure. The Commission provided information for the grant application. The roof has been repaired, however a cupola on the roof was removed and discarded. As for the adult Marlboro history book, Lynn Harold pointed out that her late husband, Barry Jay, had notes on the updates that were needed. She said she would give them to Kathleen Guth who reported that she and Dorothy are working away on the revision. Mr. Waple said money could be allocated to print the revision.

New Business: A question has been raised about the historic house at 254 Tennent Road, which has been purchased by a construction company. A Battleground Historical Association plaque on the front of the house dates the structure as circa 1834. Chairman Waple said he would write a letter to the Township Administrator. Lynn Harold noted that Barry Jay was in a group that had toured the Marlboro Psychiatric Hospital and he had taken pictures to preserve its

history. She would be happy to make them available. Chairman Waple gave Kathleen Guth a CD from Scott Wolf with an electronic copy of the Commission's database.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M. The Commission's next meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, in Room 1 at Town Hall, starting at 7 P.M. Subsequent meetings will be held on: Monday, March 14; Monday, April 11; Monday, May 9; Monday, June 13; Monday, July 11; Monday, August 8; Monday, September 12; Monday, October 17; Monday, November 14; and Monday, December 12.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Appel