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Marlboro Township Historic Preservation Advisory Commission Minutes of the Meeting of November 14, 2016

Attending Members: Interim Chairman Douglas Tilton, Vice Chairman Thom Healy, Secretary Jack Appel, Kathleen Guth, Lynn Harold, Dorothy McCue. Excused: Peter Cuttone. Guest: William Waple.

Interim Chairman Douglas Tilton opened the meeting in the Marlboro Town Hall at 7:05 P.M. The minutes of the September 12 meeting were accepted as circulated. There was a moment of silence in memory of Rita Scalzo who passed away on October 15.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman reported that Mel Kenduck had called him again to express concern about the historic landmark sign at Town Hall not giving detailed information on how Marlboro acquired the property. He said he pointed out to Mr. Kenduck that there will be more information on that subject in the revised history book. Chairman Tilton said Mr. Kenduck then told Lynn Franco that the Historic Commission agrees with him. This is not so. A newspaper article posted on the Marlboro Facebook page has a full history on the property acquisition. Following a discussion, it was agreed unanimously that the wording on the historical sign would not be changed. Further, in light of recent research, the information would be included in the updated history book. The Chairman then distributed sheets showing the Commission's authorized 2016 budget as well as the budget he had submitted for 2017.

Old Business: William Waple pointed out that there have been discussions about the Dimeo barn and its possible purchase by a company that would reuse the barn's lumber. Kathleen Guth reported that work to update the history book is moving along. She said she is looking for another copy of the first edition which Rita Scalzo had with revised copy that Rita had prepared. Kathleen noted that she will work with Dorothy McCue on the project. A discussion followed on ways to have the book published.

New Business: Kathleen Guth reported that some work was being done on a barn at 251 Tennant Road, near Crine Road, that is possibly historic. The 1915 house on the property is for sale. Chairman Tilton said he has friends who have 1930 movies of Marlboro and its farms. The films have been put on DVD discs and VHS tapes, and he is trying to get copies. Douglas added that he and Lynn Harold have been discussing the possibility of organizing a bike or hiking tour of the Henry Hudson Trail in Marlboro, pointing out the location of different historical points of interest that could have been seen from the railroad right-of-way. The trail follows the right-of-way of the century old Jersey Central Railroad route from Freehold to Matawan.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M. The Commission's next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, December 12 at 7 PM in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Appel

