

The regular meeting of the Pequannock Township Historic District Commission was held March 7, 2012 at the Pompton Plains Railroad Station Museum at 7 p.m. with Chairman Jay Wanczyk, Co-chairman Bob Safarik, Corresponding Sec. Christopher Lotito, Rec. Sec. Jane Costello, Anita Daniel, Lou Hebert and Ed Engelbart, Council liaison present. Dave Wisneski was absent.

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as sent by Christopher Lotito, and seconded by Anita Daniel.

N.J. Captial Need Preservation Grant List...Jay Wanczyk had filled in a grant application for our semaphore needs but dollar amount as yet.

A question was raised about a grant for feeder dam and guard dam preservation and it was stated that to get a grant you must have ownership, which we do not have.

We do want to know how the study is proceeding. Ed Engelbart will find out what council has submitted on this subject and when . We would like to add our input.

Pequannock School Response. Jay Wanczyk spoke to Dave Kohle, Pres. of the Boys and Girls Club. Dave also wants to preserve the entrances , too, but no one can get into the school at present as it is quarantined by the fire inspector because of asbestos.

Article Publication..Bob Safarik has made contact with the new magazine which took over for Panther Press. Hopefully our articles will be in the next issue and thereafter. Ed Engelbart said that the town will publish a newsletter four times a year , and will also be on the Web. We want to put our schedule and correct meeting place (station) there. We will send our articles to both.

Leisure Times is still holding our story for a photo of Lavinia Mandeville's grave.

Station Museum Update.....Cameras are up and working...We are waiting for a cable connection when the council completes the deal with the cable company.

Monthly Donations...A box of "The Illustrated American" from 1890-91 (magazine) was donated to the First Reformed Church and then to us via Ed Engelbart. John Thomas donated two framed Bill Mauldin WWII cartoons.

Christopher Lotito found some interesting bottles and a Preakness Dairy milk box.He also donated two books, George Washington and Gems of N. J. by Gordon Bishop. Jane Costello donated a Holy Spirit anniversary and 4 Days (story of JFK's assassination.)

Addition: "Christopher Lotito found some antique glass bottles at what used to be the bottle recycling center, a result of upgrades being performed at Washington Park. Lotito also found a Preakness Dairy box, located on the north end of town adjacent to rt. 287. Finally, Lotito suggested a method for

accessioning collections and informally proposed the creation of a general local history book collection, to which he has donated "Gems of New Jersey" and a George Washington biography. All items will be evaluated by the Commission prior to formal accessioning."

Memorial Day Exhibit...We will redo our displays and possible make a booklet to go along with them (a bio and picture etc. of each veteran that we have material on)

Suburban Woman's Club and Rotary garden project..Jay met with Women's Club past pres. Ginny Huresky and past pres. of Rotary Paul Darmofalski to discuss this project. The Rotary will do the heavy work...stone removal and then new soil and pink granite and the Woman's Club will do the planting.

Morris Canal Archives....Christopher Lotito requested everything from the archives where Pequannock is mentioned. The original quote was \$10,000 then the next offer was to purchase microfilm...but the final solution was a microfilm to image service unit scan for \$46.99. Great job, Chris!! Ed Engelbart and Anita Daniel footed the bill for this

Anita Daniel gave us Gail Hawthorne's disc with photos of the train station and cemetery.

Ed Engelbart gave us copies of the Girl Scout Walking tour booklet...not quite the finished product yet but very good. This was done by Melanie Daniel for her Gold Award.

We talked about making color booklets with photos etc. We will pursue this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35,.....Respectfully submitted Jane Costello