

Minutes of Kinnelon Historical Commission Meeting

Date: June 14, 2016

Members Present: Caryl K., Kevin H., Dave W., Tom K., Mary D., Paul T.

Absent: Bob R., Jill I.

Friends: Cori, Anne, Nora

Council Liaison: Carol Sventy - Absent

Reading of Open Public Meeting Act: 7:30pm

Hearing from Public: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve May 2016 minutes made by Caryl K. and seconded by Dave W. All in favor. None opposed.

Friends Report: Garage Sale was a stellar success. \$2,000.00. Total collected was \$1,951.00 balance was donated by Dave and Nora as contribution in addition to purchases. \$5.00 donation received as well from Rose (member of the Friends of the Kinnelon Library). Anne reported best success to date, closest was 2012 sale totaling \$1,724.00. Special thanks to Dave for donation of tents used during the sale and a thank you to all Commission members and Friends of the Museum for all their help in making the day a success. Formal thank you letters to go the the Deinzer family for all the donated items to the sale and the donation of display cabinet in the Main Room as well as a note to the DPW for transportation help.

Discussion from Chairman: Tom K.

Item #1 – Letter from Kinnelon Heritage Conservation Society Inc., Requesting to move the organization to L'Ecole to be more in keeping with the town wide goal. Requesting to house records in one four drawer file cabinet (KHCS to supply) and hold quarterly meetings as well as receive mail at 25 Kiel Ave. Kinnelon, NJ; still presently under review by Borough Attorney and the Mayor.

Item #2 – Review of 2015 goals and establish goals for 2016. Overall, accomplished lot of our goals, so it can be a discussion of goals for 2016/2017. To date 2016 Goals identified as follows: Focus on future development of costs for projects for continued county grants such as Landscaping Plan, involvement with the Public Schools, lectures or programming in addition to Pathways weekend. Continue Scout projects. Expand Friends membership thru emails and set up meetings of Friends. All to “Brainstorm” before next meeting.

Item #3 – Review of Long Range Plan, has been tabled since presentation in April, all to bring them to discuss in July. Needs to be reviewed by all before next meeting. Has not been updated since 2013. It gets included with every Grant application submission and must be done at next meeting.

Liaison Report/Topics: Councilman Kneely (in charge of DPW) was to attend but is absent as well as Councilwoman Liaison Carol Sventy. Report read into minutes by Chairman Tom Kline:

- DPW did stellar job in getting grounds ready for Morris County Site visit. They requested in the future to be notified more than one week in advance. As far as John Whitehead's recommendations for the grounds, he will not move forward until he has committee and council approval and funding is in place.
- Question was raised regarding the museum being including in surveillance cameras that are being considered for Library and Borough Hall. She has not received any answer back on that to date.

Grant Reports:

Morris County Historical Preservation Trust – Had final Site Visit in May and Final Presentation was June 15th at the Morris County Library. Attended by Tom Kline and Tom Connelly. A few questions were where we were at with the National Register Application. Additionally enquired about the \$10,000.00 for the ADA assess; they felt that was not in keeping with promoting historic preservation funding. Does not jeopardize the grant application itself for the siding. They also asked who maintains the building and are we following the maintenance plan provided for from Connelly and Hickey. Tom K. responded that it is a monthly discussion by us, log books are kept and committed to the maintenance of the building by the borough of Kinnelon. We need monthly discussion item of grounds and maintenance report in our agenda. Prequalification of bidders "process" is still underway. If contractors qualify they are invited to bid. At Public meeting of the Town Council qualified contractors that have picked up a bidding packet can ask questions at that time. Still have not gone out to bid yet.

We should hear about the 2016 Grant funding in July.

Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders had a meeting on May 25th in Pequannock Twp. and presented a bronze plaque to the Mayor. The Plaque reads: The Preservation of this Historic Site has been chosen and funded in part by the Morris County Freeholders and Morris County Preservation Trust. Can be mounted inside or out. All in favor of mounting inside by the front desk. Presented to Caryl K.

Morris County Heritage Commission: None

National Register Nomination: None

Reports on Old Business:

Pathways Report – Kevin H. attended Pathways Meeting in Mine Hill, invoices were handed out for printed materials. Anne was given invoice and it has been paid. Discussion of our presentation for Pathways tour to be discussed at a later date.

Scout Projects Report: Caryl K. reported that Browyn Olstein's Police project and open house on May 14th was a lovely event and it made the paper for her. It remains on display in the Main Room.

Staff Reports: Caryl K and Dave W. – Kudos to Michael for all his help with garage sale Saturday and Sunday.

Building and Grounds Report: Dave W. - Caryl K. and Nora continue to do Museum housekeeping on a weekly basis. Dave got a grounds report from Carol S. after her walk thru with DPW; handed out to all Commission members and copy placed in Minutes binder on site. Proposed future plans of DPW to be funded and determined by the Council.

Hopefully we will be getting security cameras. Dave W., will continue to stay on top of issue.

Publicity Report: Thank you to Bob R. and Anne and the library for posting garage sale advertising.

Special Programs Report: Mary D. - Lecture for "Seniors" at the Borough Hall, May 12th was held. Approximately 40 people attended. Michael has noticed increases in attendance in the museum since. They loved the old pictures of Kinnelon. They meet every 2 weeks and are always looking for speakers.

Paul T. would like to see students included in our programming again. Volunteered to speak with the Principle of Stoneybrook School. Mary D. to check on curriculum changes and see where we would be a good fit. Mary and Paul to follow up on contacting curriculum directors/coordinators and outreach to school system. Will report in July or August.

Research and Collections Report: 1941 dog tag. First ordinance in town. Found in garage sale.

Caryl K. and Michael will accession items and include them in police display. What to put in the new cabinet?

New Business: Caryl K. would like to deaccession the piano from the old Methodist Church.

Tom K. would like to formalize our deaccession process/establish one. Piano is historically significant because the church no longer exists. Not comfortable making a motion at this time. We are tasked with saving memories.

Caryl K. received donation of Kinnelon High School Yearbook 2016 from the Board of Ed.

Dave W. got small TV with DVD player. In addition CLL will be utilizing museum for meetings for organization of its book sales this spring and summer.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn by Caryl K. seconded by Mary D. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Next meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:30pm @ L'Ecole.