

NHTWP Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2023

7:00 Call to Order. The NTHC had a quorum.

Members Present: Steve Arty, Chairman
Jim Finegan, Vice-chairman
Dave Lauer
Jack Kay

Archivist Kristi Chase, acting as secretary, present.

Guest: Jim Briggs

Motion to approve January, 2023 Minutes. Approved 5 - 0 Vote

Chairman Report – Steve Arty

There will be no July and August 2023 meetings. There will be a September 2023 meeting prior to Northampton Day on October 1, 2023. Kristi Chase, Jim Finegan, and Steve Arty will be there. Anyone else is welcome to volunteer their time. We will have the same set up as last year with tent, 300th anniversary banners, handouts about the archives, historic house plaque program, and items for sale. Chase will provide the historic house list and the township will work on setting up electronics to have the Buck County overlay mapping available. The setup will be adjacent to the library's table.

Future project discussion includes:

- These are ideas the board can work on and present to the Board of Supervisors according to the NTHC bylaws.
- Cemeteries: the restoration of the township-owned Van Horn and Addisville cemeteries with repointing and tombstone repairs and possible signage involving their names, history, ownership, and mapping.
- Churchville: develop a written history of the area including the station and churches. Kay asked about the status of the WWI stone, which appears to have been removed from its location near Bristol/Bustleton roads (outside the township).
- Henry Wynkoop: a sign at the stone wall.
- Northampton Day: Chase worked with Assist. Manager Bill Wert and Library Director Wayne Lahr to have a screen setup at the tent to have the Bucks County overlay mapping available. Chase contacted Neibauer Press, which did the 300th anniversary banners, to see if they could produce the suggested photo cut outs that Steve borrowed from Upper Moreland last year. Last year, the township built a frame to have the historic photo cut outs stand for the public to pose in back of. Discussion involved obtaining cost estimates and payment process through the Archives.

Motion to have Chase inquire after cost estimates and then present the results to the board via email to vote remotely. Approved 5 - 0 Vote

For the Good of the Order/Miscellaneous:

Lauer brought up that the Thompson House near Tape Worm/Bustleton roads was deteriorating and suggested members talk with Mike Soloman of the Zoning Dept. to see what resources could be suggested to the homeowner. Also suggested that Chase research the property and share historical information with members.

It was suggested that meetings begin at 6:30 PM instead of 7 PM to provide more time. Finegan noted that other township boards meet at 6:30 PM, but start their official recorded meetings at 7 PM. Chase will look into the possibility of changing the time.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Approved 5 - 0 Vote

Next meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2023.