

Northampton Historical Commission Meeting Minutes May 12, 2025

After members meeting at Feaster-Van Horn Cemetery to familiarize themselves with the area, the meeting was called to order in the Library Board Room at 6:45 PM.

Members Present: Greg Beatty, Chair

Melissa Foulke, Vice-Chair

Gus Gregoric

Jordan Succi

Michael Yankilevich

Absent: Eric Elbert, Johanna English, Secretary, Kristi Chase, Archivist

Guests: Jim Briggs

***April 2025 minutes were approved unanimously.**

Reports

Chair Report:

-Discussion about the usage of America 250PA grant money if approved. Money will be spent on Addisville Cemetery for repair, restoration, and signage.

If the grant is not approved, a sign/plaque will be paid for out of the Commission's annual budget.

-Discussion about type/style of sign - brown with gold lettering so as not to duplicate PA historical markers.

-Discussion about lighting the sign - solar or electric that might tie into township construction along Second Street Pike. Discussion about zoning requirements. G. Beatty to check into this.

-Crooked Billet Historic Faire was a success although it did not appear that any Northampton residents attended. G. Beatty did make contacts with other historical groups.

Archivist Report was entered into the minutes.

Member Comment:

-M. Yankilevich expressed interest in photographing the interior of the Courier Times building. K. Chase and J. English visited the location April 28, but would try to coordinate the visit to the Mill Race with M. Yankilevich.

New Business:

-Discussion about signage in Addisville Cemetery citing Henry Wynkoop and his contributions to the area and country. G. Gregoric suggested contacting the Embassy of Holland for potential donations.

-Discussion about specific signage and location for Addisville Cemetery: amended signage from the April 2025 meeting as follows: "a square sign, brown with gold lettering, 24" x 24" or larger. Similar to the Chattahoochee Hills, GA sign in the paperwork submitted by K. Chase earlier and based on the PA Historic Marker Program shape. The Northampton Township seal is at the top center.

*Motion made by G. Beatty and 2nd by M. Yankilevich. Approved unanimously.

-Pending township approval, the location is to be about 3' to the right of and flush with the carriage steps at the right of the Cemetery entrance. Height about 6' high.

-After further discussion, M. Yankilevich volunteered to begin writing the sign verbiage and to measure the Nike Plant marker for comparison.

-Discussion about donations to the Commission for specific projects. G. Beatty will check with the Township and J. Briggs will get us names to contact at Addisville Church.

-J. English will be leading a clean-up day in Addisville Cemetery with a group of home schoolchildren. They will only be clearing brush, leaves, etc., and will not be doing any marker work.

Public comment: J. Briggs commented that the plot plan for Addisville Cemetery is not accurate for purposes of plot location and signage. This will be verified as we move closer to completion.

For the good of the order:

-Discussion about summer and December meetings was delayed until the June meeting.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Recorded by Melissa Foulke, Vice-Chair