West Amwell Historic Preservation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 Time: 7:00 p.m. West Amwell Municipal Building

Minutes

Attendees: Peter Buchsbaum, Paul Cronce, Betty Jane Hunt, Martha Shea, John Thompson, Linda Weber, Lucas Lyons (Township Committee Liaison)

- 1. Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2021 meeting m/s approved abstained- John
- 2. Oath of Office Peter Buchsbaum and Paul Cronce
- 3. Correspondence none
- 4. HPC Resolution and new committee members update Lucas asked Linda to email him the Historic Preservation Committee resolution that provides for five regular members and two alternates. He said he'll take it back to the Township Committee for their consideration.
- 5. Old Photo Identification update

Martha shared with the committee her photo of the old Mt Airy Railroad Station. Peter said he had walked the area and that there was nothing remaining of the old site.

The Committee discussed the type of photos that could be displayed on the website. Betty Jane suggested we could start off with a dozen photos representative of places across the Township along with descriptions. She will work with Martha on it. They will also give a copy of the CD titled "A Look Back at West Amwell History" to Heidi Tomenchok for posting on the website, if it's possible.

Lucas confirmed that designated persons from committees are being trained to post items on the website. Postings require approval from the Township Committee. Linda will reach out to Heidi to find out more the training.

- 6. WW II Veterans Memorial Sign and Re-Dedication update Everyone thanked Martha and Paul for putting together the interpretative sign. It looks very nice.
- 7. 175th Township Anniversary Celebration update
 Betty Jane will put the rededication of the WWII Veterans Memorial Sign on the agenda for Saturday's 175th Anniversary committee meeting.
 Martha suggested putting photos of the WWII veterans on the website.

The Anniversary Committee will be meeting Saturday to further discuss the self-guided tour, docent-led tours and a celebratory event on September 25, 2020. Betty Jane had received a letter of interest from East Amwell to celebrate the 175th Anniversary together. (They were replying to an email that Linda had sent them in January.) The Anniversary Committee will get back to East Amwell after the Saturday meeting.

8. Other business (open agenda item)

The committee talked about continuing to collect photos and articles on the Mt Airy Station and other local rail stations and then putting them on the website.

Lucas suggested we talk to Heidi Tomenchok about how often we can upload photos to the website, whether we can upload them ourselves, and whether there is a cost involved.

9. Next meeting date – June 8, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.