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Frelinghuysen Township
Historical Preservation Committee
Minutes of July 17, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lance at 7:15 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE

Notice of this meeting was provided by posting notice at the Township Municipal Building in Johnsonburg, and advertising in the New Jersey Herald and Express Times, in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act. As advertised, action may be taken at this meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Lance	Debra Natyzak	Marty Connor
David Boynton, II	Jean Smolha	Tammy Beckenthal

Guest: Adam Wengryn, Restoration Technologies

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Chris Kuhn, Wendy Buttgerit, Michael Tudor, and Peter Lubrecht Sr. (ALT)

*****Meeting held at FFP North/139 Lincoln-Laurel Road**

MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ms. Beckenthal to approve the June 19, 2017 minutes seconded by Mr. Connor. All in favor, aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Boat House at Kids Camp: Adam Wengryn is known in this area for restoring historic structures. He has dismantled many barns in the Warren and Sussex County area and is an expert on restoration of buildings. Adam was asked to examine the barn structure located on the FFP north/139 Lincoln-Laurel Road property and to give his expert opinion as to the stability of the structure and its age. The following are notes from his observations:

The Barn is considered an English barn. Dated pre-Civil war 1820 or later. There were doors on both sides of barn to bring in hay by wagons. He showed where the doors were and the structure of the rafters signifying the primary use of this barn was for hay/crop storage. He also pointed out that it was a swing beam frame door which was common in these types of barns.

The present floor was raised 12 inches when the use of the barn changed to accommodate a camp. The change of use from farm to camp occurred in 1926. Most of the hand hewn beams are still intact and sturdy. Some rot is noticeable on westerly side of barn due to water damage. Overall, Adam stated that this structure is worthy of restoration since many of the English barns in this area have disappeared.

Adam explained the building structure in more detailed to the group as it pertained to the period when it was built.

Our priority is to repair/stabilize the building.

Adam suggested the following for this building's future:

Fix the Roof. In order to preserve the integrity of the structure the roof must be replaced. Holes in roof are causing major water damage and rot to the interior. Approximate cost for 18 square was \$8,000 to \$10,000. Metal shingles.

OR

If new roof could not be put on immediately, then he suggested covering roof with EDPM until funds became available to put a proper roof on it. Dismantle building and either put it in storage or relocate.

Note, Green Acres/ State of NJ owns the building. We would need to find out who is authorized to repair building. We can find stabilization funds such as emergency stabilization money from Green Acres for roof replacement.

As for the porch, Adam suggested to keep the porch structure, since it is historic to the use of the building.

Adam surveyed the outside of building and noted that support beams underneath stage area of building were taken from another part of the barn, possibly from the swing beam of the barn doors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion followed after Adam left and the group reviewed what was observed and suggested for the boathouse barn structure.

Next meeting will be on August 21, 7:00pm to walk the Dark Moon Burial Grounds. Meet at Scott's driveway 1110 Route 519 and we will car pool over to site

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

N/A; No action taken.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business, a motion was made by, Mr. Connor to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Natayzk
Vice-Chair, Historical Preservation Committee