

Morris Township Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes for March 15, 2016 at 7:30pm

Carol Barkin called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance was Carol Barkin, Jean Rich and Sue Young.

Minutes from the February meeting will be approved next month.

Old Business:

Carol discussed the current process for the Unitarian Fellowship and the Thorne Mansion update. Carol was supposed to attend the TTC meeting with the Township engineer, lawyers and the Fellowship representatives, but was not advised of the day and time and missed the meeting. She has now written a new letter referencing what the Historic Preservation Commission suggests for the new addition and hopes that the Unitarian Fellowship will conserve the mansion's original material and follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standard. The Unitarian Fellowship will be at the Board of Adjustment meeting on Monday, March 28th at 7:30pm. Carol will have an opportunity to read the letter to the BOA. Perhaps we should engage a professional architect with historic restoration credentials to make suggestions as to the best plan for the Fellowship addition.

Carol met with Dan Caffrey, Tim Quinn, Bill Foelsch and Jim Slate. There is a slight change in the strategy for the Knox Artillery area that might include a trail. Carol is waiting for a decision from Dan Caffrey, Tim Quinn and the Township Committee and hoping we will be able to move forward and advise residents of the COE for Knox Artillery.

Puff's Tavern has been taken off the market. The asking price was \$300,000 and is on .5 acre. It is in disrepair but hopefully someone will want to buy and restore it.

New Business:

Education Project for 2016:

Discussion about developing a walking tour of the Normandy Heights area - the Thorne Mansion, Morris Museum and the Charles Armour House.

Jean Rich was elected Vice Chairperson.

Next meeting will be April 19th at 7:30pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Sue Young, secretary