

Upper Makefield Historical Advisory Commission (HAC)

Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2011

Present: Peter Crawford, Dick Quanstrom, Cynthia Maxel , Dave Kulig and Maureen Ferrazzi

Absent: Erica Armour

1. **Minutes** – The Minutes from the 3-7-11 HAC meeting were approved via email and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

2. Following the Agenda with item **#1 Status of the Preservation Ordinance**: Supervisor Dave Kulig went over the Memorandum 4/30/2010 from Lynn Bush, Bucks County Planning Commission. The document touched on the state of Historic Properties regarding the inventory of sites. It discussed the lot size for preservation, the acreage required for any changes to a site, the outside façade changes to a property and finally the alternate use for barns and outbuildings in the attempt to protect historic villages. After the overview, Dave Kulig presented an idea that he would ask the Jointure on Thursday April 7, 2011 to form a new draft document so that the process of finalizing a preservation ordinance would get a new look and a fresh start. Mr. Kulig will also ask the Upper Makefield Twp. Supervisors to address the Ordinance to look at the problem of demolition by neglect as it refers to the (Saldo Amendment) which requires developers to identify historic buildings and their plans for them.

Maureen said that she would contact Jeff Marshall to enquire into the status of the update for Upper Makefield Twp. Historic Sites Inventory undertaken as part of the Township agreement with the Veterans Administration regarding the New Cemetery in Dolington.

3. Agenda item **#2 Sewer Problems at Historic Dolington**: Cindy presented her 2 page analysis of the problem of failing septic systems and health related concerns in Dolington. She proposes that Upper Makefield apply for grants from the Federal or State Government. She has contacted Sen. Casey and acknowledged that Lower Makefield Twp.

has used stimulus money for sewage work in Yardley. Cynthia agreed to put together a letter that the HAC would then submit to the UMT supervisors expressing the need for public sewers to protect the historic village of Dolington.

4. Dick mentioned that the house on 1130 Taylorsville Road which is on the Historic Inventory is to be sold. He said that it has termites but that we should look into its records. The owner notes that the house is being sold for the land and that the house is not salvageable.

5. Agenda item **#3 Updating the book : History of Upper Makefield** : Dick said that the **Historical Society** has many interviews with local families. This material could be useful in an update. Maureen suggested that a new update include a local agrarian family theme as the central impetus for the naming of local township roads and areas.

6. Old Business : Maureen will find out what percent of the Inventory has been finished.

7. The **Scott Farm** work has been moving along to adequately preserve the site.

8. Next Meeting of the HAC will be June 6, 2011

Respectfully submitted:

Mauren J Ferrazzi: Secretary

Approved: 5/20/2011