

**HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

AN ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2012  
 Meeting Number: 23  
 Meeting Location: The Commissioners' Meeting Room, 2325 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19083  
 Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:12 pm

**A. Attendees**

Board Members Present: Haverford Township Historical Committee (HTHC), all present are marked by an "X".

X	Suzanna Barucco	Vice Chairperson
X	Mary Courtney	Member
X	Stacey Mattox	Chairperson
X	Chuck Reardon	Member
X	Dick Walker	Member
X	John Marshall, AIA	Member
X	Scott Winger, AIA	Secretary
X	Matthew Mowrer	Member
X	Thomas Unkefer	Member

Commissioners Present:

X	Mario Oliva	Commissioner 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward
	Chris Connell Sr.	Commissioner 8 <sup>th</sup> Ward

Also Present:

X	Lori Hanlon-Widdop	Building & Zoning Official, Community Development, Assistant Township Manager
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**B. Agenda:** See attached agenda from Meeting Number 23

**C. Items distributed to the Haverford Township Historical Commission**

1	Agenda for Meeting number 23 is attached to these meeting notes.
2	Mitchell S. Rothman, PhD, handed out early maps of the Lansdowne Quadrangle, noting Haverford: Delaware County Historical Map: Delaware County Seventeenth and Nineteenth Century: Prehistoric Cultural-chronological traditions of the Middle Atlantic region: Delaware County Historic Mill Sites as of 1826: Photos of - Lawrence Sawmill, Haverford, Nitre Hall Powder Mill Dry House, Haverford, early plan of Terraced gardens at the Grange - 1939.
3	SM handed out - A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review.
4	MC handed out - the HTHS Newsletter, Spring 2012 and a Heritage Festival Site map.

**D. General Items**

Item	Description (Annotation, please note that N.A.R. represents No Action Required.)	Action by
1	MC informed the HTHC that Radnor Historic Society is having a meeting on HARBs on March 29 at 7:30, with a lecture by Cory Kegerise.	
	Meeting 23 Agenda items reviewed on March 19, 2012	
Agenda item 2	Guest speaker, Mitchell S. Rothman, Ph.D., Archaeologist, Professor of Anthropology at Widener University. See Section H1  Dr. Rothman began his presentation to the HTHC with a question. "What is it that you want to	NAR

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	<p>preserve"? It can't be everything. He spoke about when is it appropriate to consider having an Archaeologist present during an excavation. We learned that our region is not rich with pre-historic artifacts as the Native Americans in this region were hunters and gatherers and migrated along the rivers and creeks, although pre-colonial artifacts may be found along these areas. We learned that pre-colonial artifacts would typically be found at up to +/- 3' - 4' 0" below the surface. The artifacts of significance may be found along creeks, at noted historic structures and sites, and areas where mills were located in the Township, and that we as the Historical Commission may want to better understand where such sites of archaeological significance may be within Haverford. We also discussed how observing the shape of land may be able to provide us with information as well.</p> <p>We discussed the potential to bring local artifacts to the Heritage Festival to garner interest for Historic Resources.</p> <p>Marshal Becker of West Chester University was identified as a strong resource to identify potential Lenni Lenape Native American areas of significance within the township.</p>	
Agenda item 3	<p>Approval of Minutes from 2/21/2012 meeting.</p> <p>See Section E1</p>	NAR
Agenda item 4	<p>Discussion of 3/12/2012 Board of Commissioners meeting.</p> <p>During the appeals review of March 12, five properties were heard by the BOC.  419 &amp; 421 Earlington Road.  307 Oxford - Owner was present at BOC hearing.  721-725 Haverford Road  1-9 East Eagle Road - Owner was present at BOC hearing.</p> <p>Board of Commissions renders their decisions regarding Appeals once the appeals process has been completed.</p> <p>The next BOC hearing date is April 9, where 14 Claremont will be heard.  MM to be prepared to comment on 14 Claremont.</p>	NAR
Agenda item 5	<p><i>Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation</i> report by PHMC</p> <p>This extensive economic study was recently completed by consultants working for the PHMC and Preservation Pennsylvania. This report can be used as a useful tool to support the economic benefits of historic preservation to both individual property owners as well as surrounding neighborhoods. It substantiates both quantitatively as well as qualitatively that historic preservation has been proven to increase property values as well as provide other economic benefits including downtown revitalization, job creation, and tax revenue generation to communities who support historic preservation, in addition to aesthetics and education, environmental sustainability, and revitalization and stabilization.</p> <p>This report was forwarded as a PDF to the HTHC by SBM as well as to the BOC and LHW by MC.</p>	HTHC
Agenda item 6	<p>Discussion of Nitre Hall Powder Magazine, 045-HA-008</p> <p>DW reminded the HTHC that the Powder Magazine at Nitre Hall, which was used during the war of 1812, was succumbing to Demolition by Neglect and raised the question, "What can be done to save this structure"?</p>	HTHC
Agenda item 7	<p>NAPC Newsletter (carry forward to April meeting)</p> <p>SM to forward PDF version of newsletter to HTHC members.</p>	SM
Agenda item 8	<p>Update regarding Certified Local Government application (Mary and Matt)</p> <p>Postponed pending BOC outcome regarding appeals.  In the interim HTHC members are to forward resumes to MM</p>	MC/MM

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Agenda item 9	Update regarding 2011 HTHC Annual Report  SW to send past meeting note files to SB.	SW / SB
Agenda item 10	Pictures for HTHC/Heritage Festival Scavenger Hunt  The HTHC decided that this year's table should be located on the street opposite the HTHS table. We discussed the potential to have a large "map" of Haverford noting historic resources, of which visitors go "pin" their homes.  Additional Heritage Festival discussions were postponed to the April meeting.	HTHC
Agenda item 11	Discussion regarding Windshield Surveys  Postponed to the April meeting.	HTHC

**E. Motions**

Item	Description	Nom. by	Second	In favor	Opposed	Carried
1	Motion to adopt the HTHC meeting notes No. 22 CR abstained, as he was absent from meeting 22.	MC	SM	8	0	Yes
2	Motion to call Meeting to close at 9:29 pm	SW	MC	9	0	Yes

**F. Appeals received by HTHC in response to Haverford Township Ordinance No. 2580-2009**

Item	Description	Date Rec'd	Survey-code/ Ref	Appeal Date

**G. Appeals reviewed by the Haverford Township Historical Commission**

Item	Description	Ref No.	Action
	No appeals were heard on this date.		

**H. Presentations to the Haverford Township Historical Commission**

Item	Description	Ref No.	Action
1	Guest speaker, Mitchell S. Rothman, Ph.D., Archaeologist, Professor of Anthropology at Widener University. See section D Agenda Item 2.		

**I. Action items for the HTHC**

Item	Description	Action by
1	<b>From previous meeting.</b> <i>The HTHC discussed preliminary methods in which to add resources to the Historic Survey including:</i> a) <i>Creating an advertisement or article to inquire if a property owner is interested in having their property included in the Historic Resource Survey.</i> b) <i>Conducting a "windshield survey" noting potential resources.</i> c) <i>Self generated list.</i>	HTHC
2	<b>From previous meeting.</b> <i>Ideas for HTHC as we move forward were discussed. Items for consideration are:</i> a) <i>Review the potential for a Historic Plaque as a fund raising event.</i> b) <i>Consider an award program.</i> c) <i>Consider and event to raise public awareness about the HTHC and our mission.</i> d) <i>Include realtors in an awareness program of the HTHC goals and mission.</i> e) <i>It was noted that the Haverford Heritage Trail is now part of the comprehensive plan.</i>	HTHC

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**J. New Items**

Item	Description	Action by
A	<i>Items 1 and 2 are held over from previous meetings and as noted.</i>	
1.	<i>The HTHC had additional discussions regarding the wording of the language of the Historic Ordinance NO. 2580-2009, and how to ensure that a property of historical significance will be reviewed by the HTHC when an addition, alteration, excavation are considered. The intent is to craft wording to extend the ordinance beyond that of anti-demolition. The HTHC is to carefully review Ordinance items 1-5 and be prepared to discuss these items at the next meeting. During the December 2010 meeting, the term Blasting was suggested to be included in the revised ordinance wording.</i>	HTHC
2.	<i>The HTHC discussed the need to update the Historic Resource Survey and to begin the process of determining evaluation criteria for inclusion of future resources.</i>	HTHC
3	The April meeting date will be <b>Monday</b> , April 16, 2012	HTHC

**Post meeting notes:**

Lori Widdop informed the HTHC on April 2, 2012, that Dick Walker resigned from the HTHC.

If you have any additions or corrections, please inform the secretary prior to the next meeting date otherwise the items discussed will be considered a matter of record.

**Prepared by:**

Scott Winger, AIA, LEED AP

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Scott Winger, AIA, secretary

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Stacey Mattox, Chairperson

Encl: Items distributed at the meeting are listed under section C.

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Meeting Agenda  
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2. Guest speaker, Mitchell S. Rothman, Ph.D., Archaeologist, Professor of Anthropology at Widener University
3. Approval of Minutes from 2/21/2012 meeting
4. Discussion of 3/12/2012 Board of Commissioners meeting
5. Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation report by PHMC
6. Discussion of Nitre Hall Powder Magazine, 045-HA-008
7. NAPC Newsletter (carry forward to April meeting)
8. Update regarding Certified Local Government application (Mary and Matt)
9. Update regarding 2011 HTHC Annual Report
10. Pictures for HTHC/Heritage Festival Scavenger Hunt
11. Discussion regarding Windshield Surveys
12. Adjournment