

EFHC
Minutes
January 2008
Approved by board on Feb. 13, 2008

Present: Fred Bissinger, Lee Schlingmann, and Paula Coyne, and Jane Dorchester.

Guests: Don Cochran and Sally Green.

Paula detailed the projects that are under consideration for the coming year:

1. Complete the historic inventory as per the new county guidelines.
(On hold because loss of funding for consultant Jane Dorchester)
2. Peg Young's files which were on loan to the township by the Monaghans, and were kept in large filing cabinet have been removed by Sue Monaghan for inventory and safe keeping. We will not have to organize or archive the contents of filing cabinets for now.
3. The town tour proposed for Echidoun has been postponed from this year because of budgetary constraints in the township. Modena is hosting a tour this year and it puts two tours too close to each other. We hope to participate again in the future.
4. Buildings at Risk: Fred will look in to the CDC in Lower Merion Twp. for some ideas for a CDC in Chester County. There are historic buildings suffering neglect because of legitimate financial constraints not just in this township but through out the county. We want to contact landowners of said buildings in East Fallowfield for permission to photographically document the exterior of the structure before any more deterioration occurs.
5. Our historic inventory includes approximately 400 buildings, including those 50 years or older as per the National Park Service standards. The original survey was conducted by Jane Davidson and Peggy Young and their volunteers in the early 80's. It concentrated mostly on 18th and early 19th century buildings. This is an ongoing process as more buildings become eligible. So we have more to classify and include.

Don Corkran was seeking information about his property which is adjacent to the Speakman Covered Bridge. It is the original Speakman grist mill. Suggestions included Hagley Museum Library, Mrs. Hannum, and Don

Silknitter of Rokeby Dam as sources of old photographs. He had already contacted the Chester County Historical society.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Coyne, Chairman