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Marlboro Township Historic Preservation Advisory Commission Minutes of the Meeting of September 12, 2016

Attending Members: Interim Chairman Douglas Tilton, Vice Chairman Thom Healy, Secretary Jack Appel, Kathleen Guth, Lynn Harold. Excused: Peter Cuttone, Dorothy McCue, Rita Scalzo.

Interim Chairman Douglas Tilton opened the meeting in the Marlboro Town Hall at 7:05 P.M. The minutes of the August 8 were accepted as circulated.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman distributed information about the property at 28 Reids Hill Road, which is in the Commission's database. The original part of the house was built about 1750 and legend has it that General Clinton rested overnight in the house during the British retreat after the 1778 Battle of Monmouth. The chairman said he received an e-mail from a Gloria Nielson real estate agent who reported she was instructed by the Township's Zoning Officer, Sarah Paris, to contact him regarding the property possibly having historical value to the Township, since a prospective buyer is interested in it. Douglas said he visited the house and it is in terrible shape. Moreover, a large addition was put on over 20 years ago and all external details have been removed. An invitation was extended for the realtor and the prospective buyer to attend our meeting. Kathleen Guth noted she had also seen the house and the property drops sharply close behind the house. Following discussion, it was agreed that the house has no remaining historical value. The Chairman said he had asked Lynn Franco to find out what is happening with the Dimeo Barn. Its status still is unresolved and proposals had been made to sell the barn's lumber. The following email address should be used by people who want to contact the Commission: administration@marlboro.nj.gov. Douglas said the Town's purchasing agent informed him that the Commission had a \$1,100 budget in 2016, which it did not spend. A discussion followed about possible budget items for 2017, including possibly requesting two replacement and three new historic roadside signs.

New Business: There was a discussion about the need for an additional member to serve on the Commission. Jack Appel pointed out that the Monmouth County Archives will hold its annual Archives and History Day on Saturday, October 8 from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters Branch in Manalapan. All are invited to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. The Commission's next meeting will be held on Monday, October 17 at 7 PM in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Appel