

Historic New Bridge Landing Annual Report

2020



Respectfully submitted to the Governor and Legislature of the State of New Jersey

Dear Governor Murphy and Legislators:

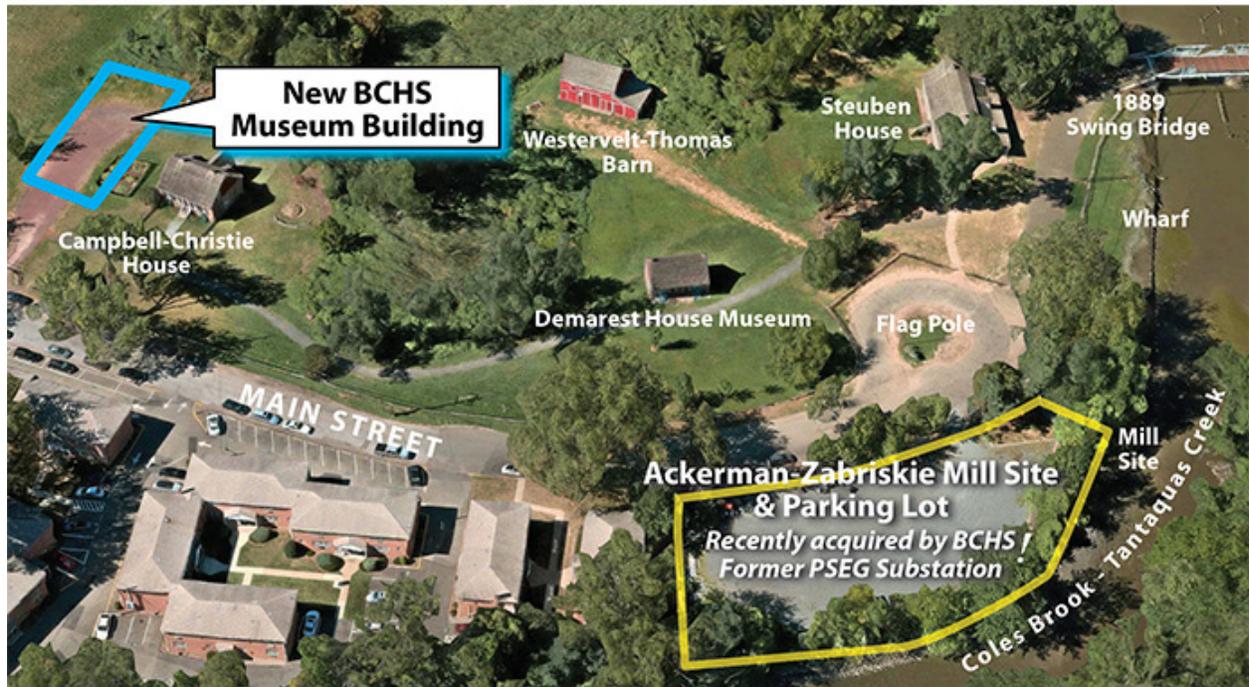
Pursuant to our responsibilities under Public Law 2009, Chapter 45, the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission submits this annual report for 2020. 2020 was a challenging year for most as you are all aware and historic sites are no different. However, as the Covid 19 pandemic hit in March, Historic New Bridge Landing not only pivoting through the Bergen County Historical Society, by offering virtual programming but, like many parks through the State, saw a large uptick in visitors throughout the year. The key to our success is consistently exciting and innovative programming that not only attracts new audiences, but repeat visitors as well. We also offer a unique green oasis just a few miles from Manhattan.

We succeed because we understand quality programming depends not only upon having an interesting and engaging story to tell, but also on coordinating the talents of highly motivated and well educated volunteers from a variety of professions, who generously share their enthusiasm with guests, and, most importantly, who create a pervasive culture of hospitality, respect for the lessons of our history and a commitment to stewardship over a significant American Revolutionary War battleground, which gave life to our nation.

The Bergen County Historical Society presently creates, funds and staffs all programming at Historic New Bridge Landing, both on its own property and on adjacent state parkland, including at the landmark Steuben House. The Historical Society, an all volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3) historical association, founded in 1902, does not apply for or receive public operating support or other governmental grants, funding the maintenance of its own property at Historic New Bridge Landing and its various activities and operations through membership dues, donations, fundraising and event income.

The park commissioners not only represent local stakeholders— representation on the commission reflecting their respective land holdings within the park—, who know what is best for their communities, but they also provide private professional oversight without compensation from the state treasury. This is a win-win situation for all involved. We are thrilled that the Commission has received funds to begin to operate effectively and make long awaited repairs and updates to the site. Items lists have been created on where to best apply these funds to better facilitate the growth of Historic New Bridge Landing in a responsible manner. 2020 has seen those funds begin to be put to use.

Finally, the year ended on a positive note when it was officially announced that Historic New Bridge Landing had officially expanded. The Bergen County Historical Society has purchased the former PSE&G sub-station property, adjacent to the site. In doing so, it has protected the historic core of the site and preserving the area of the Ackerman-Zabriskie Tide Mill. It offers much potential to transform the area to closer resemble the 18th century landscape.



Property Acquisition

Respectfully submitted,

James Smith, Chairman,

Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission

The Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission December 2020

Larry Bauer (Teaneck)

Richard Karp (Teaneck)

James Bellis Jr. (Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation)

Mary Donohue (River Edge), Vice-Chairwoman

Eric Pain, DEP Commissioner's Designee and Superintendent, Ringwood State Park

Deborah Powell (Bergen County Historical Society), Secretary

Michael Putrino (New Milford)

James Smith (Bergen County Historical Society), Chairman

Adam Strobel (County of Bergen)

John Heffernan (Alternate for the Blauvelt Demarest Foundation).

Historic New Bridge Landing

Battleground in the American Revolution



Who was Steuben?
Major General Baron von Steuben is best remembered for organizing and training the Continental troops at Valley Forge. The State of New Jersey gifts the confiscated Zabriskie (Steuben) House to him in 1783. Steuben restores the war damaged house.

11 Engagements took place here.

The map shows the Hackensack River and surrounding area with 11 numbered sites: 1. Steuben House (Exhibits & Lectures), 2. New Bridge Landing (c. 1744, c. 1889), 3. Site of Ackerman/Zabriskie Tide Mill (c. 1710-1852), 4. Hackensack River, 5. Demarest House Museum (c. 1794), 6. Campbell-Christie House (c. 1774), 7. Westervelt-Thomas Barn (c. 1889), 8. Outkitchen (Cooking Demonstrations), 9. Brett Park (Spotted Here, 6 Eagles One Day; Egrets Roosting in Willow Trees Another Day), 10. The Meadow, 11. Wright Museum (Exhibits, Meeting Area, Restrooms). Other features include the 1776 Retreat Route, Stage Coach Route, and various landmarks like the 'Bridge That Saved a Nation' and 'Remains of the Sloop Kate Lawrence'.

Who was Paine?
Thomas Paine "Our first object was to secure the bridge over the Hackensack, which laid up the river between the enemy and us..." *The American Crisis*, 1776
November 20, 1776

Headquarters of the Bergen County Historical Society

The Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission was established in 1995 by New Jersey State law N.J.S.A. 13:15B-1-5 to tie together the stakeholders, **(Bergen County Historical Society, Blauvelt Demarest Foundation, Borough of River Edge, Borough of New Milford, Teaneck Township, County of Bergen, and the NJDEP)**, to act in good faith, for the purpose of coordinating and implementing all federal, State, county, municipal, and private development policies and other activities relating to the historic preservation and recreational use of the property under the commission's jurisdiction.

And yes, all of these people and more were at New Bridge



Audit and Financial Statement

Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission Year End Financial Statement –

Request #	Date Received	Vendor Name	Project Description	Amount	Balance Remaining
					100,000.00
1	10/12/2018	MAIO Construction	Removal & Replacement of Walkway at Steuben House	\$ 2,875.00	97,125.00
2	10/12/2018	MAIO Construction	Back Porch Renovation at Steuben House	\$ 3,275.00	93,850.00
3	12/5/2018	Home Depot-Via P-Card	Flood Barriers and Sand Bags for Steuben House	\$ 611.59	93,238.41
4	4/4/2019	Home Depot-Via P-Card	Flood Barriers and Light Bulbs	\$ 375.05	92,863.36
5	4/16/2019	Home Depot-Via P-Card	Light Bulbs	\$ 225.65	92,637.71
6	8/9/2019	Boltzer Landscaping	Trees along Hackensack Ave	\$7,100	85,537.71
7	2/6/2019	Boltzer Landscaping	Rehabilitation of Turn Around	\$6,226	79,311.71
8	Ongoing	Chrysalis Archeology	I-A Study	\$5,000	74,311.71
9	Ongoing	Richbrook Conservation	Paint analysis	\$12,400	61,911.71
10	1/8/2020	EB Fence	Fence posts and Rails po requested	\$ 2,680.00	59,231.71
11	9/30/2020	Boltzer Landscaping	Stone Dust Path Repair po requested	\$ 2,008.57	57,223.14
12	Jul-19	Parkrite Striping	Stripe Pizza Town Lot	\$ 835.00	56,388.14
13	19-Aug	Grainger	Car Counter	\$ 1,034.56	55,353.58
14	2/4/2020	Maio Construction	SH Exterior Paint	\$ 28,975.00	26,378.58
15	Po requested	Fossil Industries	Interpretive Signage	\$ 4,140.00	22,238.58
16	10/14/2020	Maio Construction	Porch repair	\$ 937.50	21,301.08
17	10/14/2020	Maio Construction	Column repair	\$ 937.50	20,363.58
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Meeting schedule for 2021

The Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission will meet at 1201-1209 Main Street, River Edge, N. J., 07661 at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month a, namely, January 7th. The entire calendar will be publicly announced following the January meeting. Due to the Covid virus, planning for events may adapt to access and hours.

Under its General Management Plan, the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission seeks to preserve Historic New Bridge Landing for the purposes of public education and enjoyment by implementing a varied program of heritage interpretation. The setting of a museum village is used to provide visitors of different age groups and levels of interest with an authentic historical experience. The Bergen County Historical Society presently provides all interpretation and programming at Historic New Bridge Landing, relying on volunteers and admissions (usually \$12 per adult and \$7 for children). Even when the state staffed the Steuben House, there was no operating budget for programming, the primary attraction at historic sites. Despite these limitations, the public enjoys a full schedule of quality programs. Events are well attended and programs play to capacity audiences.

Year in Review Photos –

Despite the Covid – 19 pandemic, the Bergen County Historical Society, in conjunction with the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission Continued to provide programming for the public but also found ways to engage new audiences:



In July, Historic New Bridge Landing was featured as one of 11 historic sites from across the country to raise awareness of its unique history in New Jersey. The 45-minute video explores the ins and outs of the site and will be used for future educational opportunities.



Advanced registration, masks, and social distancing were a few changes to our walking tours later in the summer. Still, they became a very popular event and showed peoples interest in local history.



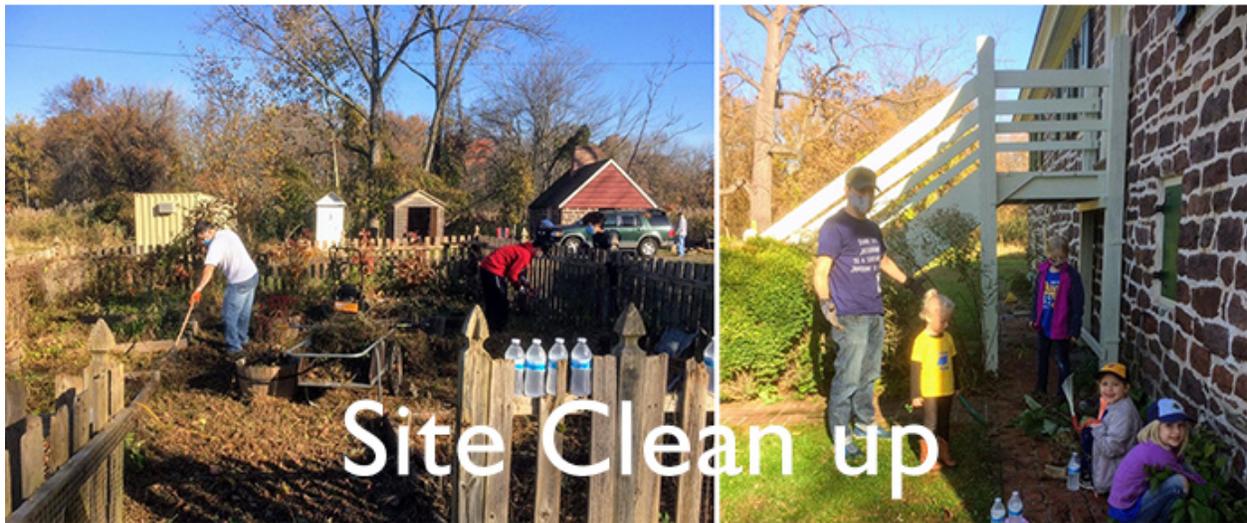
Thanks to funding for the HNBLPC, a priority was placed to paint the exterior of the Von Steuben House.



Funding was also used to analyze the interior paint, so a more accurate representation of the paint can be determined and eventually help with interior restoration of the Von Steuben House



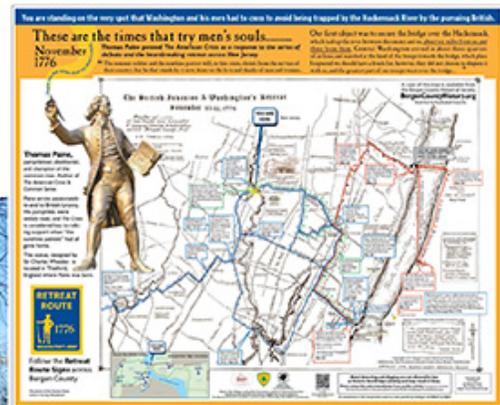
Site wide clean ups continued, albeit socially distanced.



The site is frequently used for passive recreation as well. From photo ops, to walks, or a quick rest and walk around as people are biking through. New interpretive panels were planned to be placed throughout the site to help facilitate this experience.

5 on Map - Retreat Map and Thomas Paine Quote

#5



Remove this sign and posts



As the fall rolled on, socially distanced fundraisers were conducted to help support the Museum Project.





Candlelight Tour with Linda Russell

To add to the site interpretation and demonstrate in a Covid-19 safe manner outdoors, an Eagle Scout candidate created a reproduction bread oven (one actually existed at the Von Steuben House in the 18th century so this furthers interpretation).



Scout Project - Bake Oven

The year started off with events prior to Covid – 19.

African-American History at HNBL February 9, 2020 • 1-5 PM

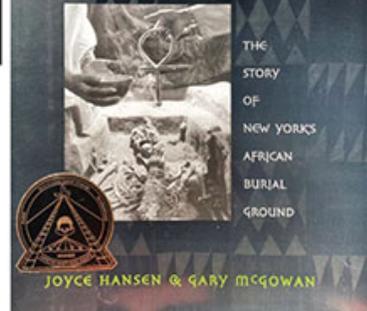
LECTURE:
1:15 PM

Exploring Ethnicity through Archaeological Investigation

A study of the African burial ground in
New York City and other archaeological sites.

Illustrated talk by **Gary McGowan**,
co-author of *Breaking Ground, Breaking Silence*

BREAKING GROUND BREAKING SILENCE



The Cost of Ending Slavery in NJ: The Gradual Abolition Act of 1804

Illustrated talk by **Dr. Evelyn McDowell**,
President of *Sons and Daughters
of the United States Middle Passage*

LECTURE:
3:00 PM

Talk focuses on the aftermath of the passage of New Jersey's Gradual Abolition Act of 1804 with particular attention to the "abandonment" clause, which threatened to bankrupt the state. The presentation features a display of actual documents related to this act and an analysis using colonial ideas of wealth distribution.



Dr. Evelyn McDowell

ACTIVITY:
3:30 PM

Children's Activity with Janelle McDowell Author & Artist

Art project takes place in the Campbell-Christie House
– New Children's book available for sale



Janelle McDowell

HISTORIC NEW BRIDGE LANDING

- **New exhibits** in the Campbell-Christie House & Steuben House.
- Tours by BCHS interpreters in all 3 Jersey-Dutch Houses.
- Children's take-away activity & Scavenger Hunt begins in the Campbell-Christie House.
- Refreshments in the Black Horse Tavern, Campbell-Christie House.
- Cooks in the Outkitchen. Warm yourself by the fire!



Bergen County Historical Society
Historic New Bridge Landing
BCHS is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization
BergenCountyHistory.org

Admission: \$12 adults; \$7 students 6-22 yrs; BCHS members free! (Take an annual membership and support preserving Jersey's past: \$20/individual, \$30/-household). Free onsite parking or take a train on the Pascack Valley Line from Secaucus via NJ Transit to the "New Bridge Landing" train stop, walk one block north & east. HNBL is only 5.6 miles from the GWB.



Join us for an Event at **Historic New Bridge Landing**

2 Talks: March To The Vote, Women's History

1:30 PM **Jonathan Friedman on George Way**

2:15 PM **Dr. Meta Janowitz - 4 Generations of Dutch Women in New Netherland**

Museum Site Open: March 22, 2020, Sunday - 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Canceled Event



**New BCHS Exhibits
from the
George Way Estate**

Painting after Jan Steen,
donated to BCHS by
The George Way Estate

Children's activity with prize!

Buildings open to tour

Visit an American Revolutionary War Battleground including **3 Jersey-Dutch Sandstone Houses**, exhibits of BCHS collections, tavern, gift shop, outkitchen & barn. \$12 adults, \$7 students, BCHS members free. (Become a member and support our efforts!, \$20 individual / \$30 household). Free parking. HNBL, 1201 Main St., River Edge, NJ. BergenCountyHistory.org

Designing and preparation continues on a new museum building which will provide much needed, modern museum space, ADA accessible bathrooms, and spacious outdoor meeting space. Your support is greatly appreciated in this project spearheaded by the Bergen County Historical Society.



Another major project completed was the addition of a backflow preventer by the County of Bergen, to the storm drain near the Von Steuben House. The tidal flap in front of the house was not functioning for years and a solution was devised to put a check valve into the pipe to prevent water from backing up and creating "sunshine flooding" but allowing water to drain properly.





Meeting Minutes for 2020

Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission

The Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission was established in 1995 by New Jersey State law N.J.S.A. 13:15B-1-5.

Next Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission, Thursday, February 6, 2020.

Meet the Steuben House House, 1209 Main St, River Edge, NJ.

Parking available in the HNBL parking lot or on Main St.

Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission

The Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission was established in 1995 by New Jersey State law N.J.S.A. 13:15B-1-5. Under the law, the Commission is charged with submitted an annual report that highlights the activities that occur at Historic New Bridge Landing.

James Smith

Chairman

Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission

Minutes of the Meeting for the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission

Thursday, January 2, 2020

I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Chairman Smith's read the Open Public Meetings Act statement at 7:04 pm. He asked that reports be sent in, thanked those who provided including images, thanked D. Powell for the minutes.

II. Attendance: James Smith, Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, John Heffernan and Michael Putrino, Adam Strobel, Richard Karp and Larry Bauer.

Mary Donohue was absent.

Public: Bob Roth

III. Review of Minutes

IV. Calendar

Jan 5, 2020 Twelfth Night BCHS Member Party. Bring a dish to share. Campbell-Christie House. 2-5 PM.

Jan 15 Wed School of Interpretation Topic:TBA.7:30 PM.

Feb 9 Sun Exploring Ethnicity through Archaeological Investigation by Conservator / author Gary McGowan, Dr Evelyn McDowell will speak on Gradual Abolition Act of 1804 in NJ. All 3 houses are

open at the museum site, 1 - 5 PM.

Feb 19 Wed School of Interpretation Topic: History & Architecture of the Campbell-Christie House with Jim Smith & Deborah Powell. Campbell-Christie House. 7:30 PM.

Feb 23 Sun Washington's Birthday 288th Anniversary - A Country Ball. This event is a favorite. The Enslows on fiddle & dulcimer and 2 dances w/ George & Martha, 1:30 to 2:30 & 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Washington Centennial Quilt on exhibit. Children's activities. Museum site open for tours, 1-5 PM.

V. Chairman's Report

Good evening everyone and Happy New Year!

It's hard to imagine that another year is past and we are also into a new decade! My apologies that I was not able to make the previous meeting but I had a family commitment that came up. I was happy to hear the news that our funding situation has been resolved on past fiscal dealings on '18. Looking back at the past year, we really made tremendous strides with allotted funding and much is planned to make 2020 a very successful year.

Ultimately there are projects that are both short term and long term that are on the horizon of progressing. I cannot stress enough the importance of the visitors experience and I appreciate the details that Mike previously reported on sign post road banners. This, along with the new interpretative panels that are in development, are a systematic, planned way to develop a brand together. When Bergen County and outside visitors drive into the area, they should know they are in "Historic New Bridge Landing."

Likewise, when they get here, the Bergen County Historical Society puts on extensive programming throughout the year, but when an event is not occurring, updated signage that is being designed by Deborah and you have seen, well help to further the story. Again, this follows the master plan and like all plans that need to be amended from time to time, I believe still provides a solid vision for the future growth. It is important that all entities are familiar with it, including Teaneck, as Brett Park plays a critical role in the story here and how we interpret it moving forward.

All changes cannot occur over night as much as I would like them too. However, through communication and follow through, we can make further progress and continue our goals to protect the resources and provide educational opportunities for residents of Bergen County and beyond.

The following dates are proposed meeting days for the 2020 year:

February 6 , March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3 , October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7th, 2020.

Thank you,

James Smith, Chairman

Historic New Bridge State Park State Park Commission

VI. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report provided. Bauer supplied by emailed Ordinance regarding protect Brett Park:

Chapter 7A

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS

Sec. 7A-1. Prohibitions. [Ord. No. 3278, 10-9-1990, § 1.]

No person may mutilate, destroy, alter or move any archaeological findings, which shall include but not be limited to relics, objects or artifacts of an historical, prehistorical, geological, archaeological or anthropological nature, which are found upon, in or around any Township park or Township owned building or property.

Sec. 7A-2. Exceptions. [Ord. No. 3278, 10-9-1990, § 2.]

This prohibition shall not include any formal archaeological excavation that has been approved, in writing, by the Township Historic Commission and the Township Council.

Sec. 7A-3. Disposition of findings. [Ord. No. 3278, 10-9-1990, § 3.]

Any such archeological finding shall be disposed of by the Township Manager, who shall locate a suitable museum for the permanent cataloging and display of said archeological finding for the public benefit in perpetuity.

Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report provided.

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford, Representative.

M. Putrino reported he was reappointed as HNBL Commissioner by New Milford town council. He has a contact for the telephone pole banner company and measurements.

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge. Absent. No report.

D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Commissioner, and Bergen County Division of Open Space. Absent. No report.

No progress on the check valve-storm flap, painting or railing/front steps. Discussed if the County could make contacts on road signs on Rt 4, 17, Parkway.

E. DEP – Steuben House Report Eric Pain, DEP Representative. Superintendent Ringwood State Park.

1/2/20

DEP REPORT - Steuben House:

General

Steuben House Porch lights replaced

Small branches cleaned up

Wayside Exhibits for HNBLPC. Additional work required. I thought examples would be abundant...

Historic Glass. HPO/Historic Community opinion unless the glass that is in place is in considerable disrepair it is better to leave in place than remove. Removing could lead to larger problems rotting wood, dislodging glazing, lead, caulk etc.

Small Projects List

Stone Dust Path PO waiting on Budget and Finance

Stone to be placed at front of house to be considered. Columns and bases are being damaged from water hitting them. Contractor recommends stone to absorb the water.

Car Counter

Intergovernmental Agreement Projects List as submitted to Trenton. With the holidays behind us progress will resume

FY 18 projects identified to date

1. 1-A Study of the Von Steuben House - \$5000 work is underway Emailed 11/8 no response
2. Develop plan for redesign of parking lot, Sutton Lys property and entryway? \$15,000
The Commission is seeking proposals for design, I think once they can offer a detailed scope of work, something tangible, it'll be easier to move forward in getting state a/e involved.
3. *Remove brick walkway replace with stone dust \$8000 complete
4. Plant Trees along the meadow fence line \$5,000 Complete sort of...any trees that don't make it are guaranteed. Watering and bags covered by RSP. Additional trees to be planted from original PO additional trees to be requested along Main St. \$5000?
5. *Repair and paint exterior staircase. \$3,000 -\$4000 stairs complete needs paint
6. *Paint analysis of Von Steuben House - \$5,000-\$7000 PO requested 7/25 \$12,400
7. Repair and repaint plaster walls in dwelling room and rear rooms correcting deficiencies \$3000-\$5000 Awaiting results of the Paint analysis
8. Identify appropriate fixtures and remove fluorescent lighting and led candelabra bulbs \$750-\$1,000 Complete
9. Site Clean Up remove fallen branches, cutback brush-RSP Maintenance completed first "wave"
10. Interpretive Panels \$3500-\$5000 Additional information required. Design and content Fossil has been identified as a vendor that we can work with as they have completed the paperwork
11. *Fence Rails and posts \$2600 po requested 8/1
12. Doorway flood barrier and instant sandbags \$3000 Complete
13. Turn around \$6226 complete
14. Stone dust path exterior of meadow LMR submitted
15. Exterior Pain Steuben House Evaluating contractors soliciting quotes Met with initial contractor 10/9 soliciting additional bids submitted hpo application. Pb120 submitted 11/20. 1/2/20 process complete all bids received. Requesting to utilize Spectra Painting. Proceed?
16. Historic Structures Report \$150,000

Resolution to authorize \$36,500 for exterior painting of the Steuben House by Spectra Paint, Inc. E.Pain First, L.Bauer, Second, Motion Passed. RFP?

Agreement to allow the a Scout Troop from the town to wash the ground floor of the Steuben House. Deferred whether to follow with buffing.

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan. Acting Commissioner BDF Rep
No report.

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS
BCHS had a successful sold out holiday concert series again with. The weekend before for Sinterklaus Day we our traditional open house with period decorations. Ariel Woll led a Hanukkah ceremony and Denise Piccino read a welcoming letter Washington wrote to a Rhode Island Jewish community.

I noticed the split rail fence is in bad shape including the upright posts.

I was able to create the letter and images for the ACE, but not sent out. I wanted to make sure it had the right tone. Letter as follows:

**RE: The Steuben House and Historic New Bridge Landing
Request for Federal Interest Determination**

On Oct 11, 2019 officials from the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission, members of the Bergen County Historical Society, NJDEP - Natural and Historic Resources, NJDEP Dam Safety, County of Bergen Parks Department, with US Army Corps of Engineer representatives to discuss assistance to evaluate flooding intrusion, damage and erosion of the 18th century wharf, mill site and the state-historic site, the Steuben House and restoration of the shoreline. Including the bridge, they form the core historic area of the site and are owned by different property owners, stakeholders, namely The State of New Jersey, The Bergen County Historical Society (BCHS) a volunteer 501c3 non-profit and the 1889 Bridge (County of Bergen.) Two additional sandstone houses and barn were moved to adjacent BCHS property in the 1950s and 1977.

The wharf, property and Steuben House are impacted by flooding, storm surges, nor'easters and tidal action. The Nor'easter of April 2007 and Hurricane Sandy 2012 were memorable. The 1752- 1767 Steuben House, besides at the site of eleven engagements during the American Revolution, is the only extant house that Major General Baron von Steuben owned. Steuben was Inspector General / Drill Master for the Army of the American Revolution and wrote the "Blue Book" – Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States. The Steuben House has been the BCHS headquarters since 1939.

We are asking if the State of New Jersey is willing to serve as the Non-Federal Sponsor, as the Non-Federal Partner for the project with the Corps for costs and obligations. The BCHS and the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission are interested in emergency shoreline protection and protection from flooding impacting the historic fabric of the site including the Steuben House. The HNBLPC, a state legislated commission, was formed to coordinate projects and activities of the stakeholders in 1995 and revised 2009.

We look forward to working with all interested parties to move this project forward as expeditiously as possible. When speaking with Carissa Scarpa (C, CENAN-PL-EW) she suggested a "Plan Formulator" be incorporated to determine the best project solution. We are looking for your input on how to proceed.

Please contact us with any questions by email or phone. Photo pdfs on Dropbox:
<https://www.dropbox.com/>

Sincerely,

James Smith

HNBLPC Chairman & BCHS President

Bchs1902@bergencountyhistory.org

Deborah Powell

HNBLPC Commissioner, Past President, Museum Collection Chair

contactBCHS@bergencountyhistory.org • c-551-265-5042

Eric Pain

Superintendent, Ringwood State Park, NJDEP designated HNBLPC Commissioner

eric.pain@dep.nj.gov • 973-962-2240

Park Commission members were in agreement on letter and images.

Chairman Smith is very keen to move forward on the project of Interpretive Signs. On Dec 26, I met with military historian Todd Braisted to show him and go over the Interpretive Timeline sign, and he had some valuable information to add/clarify.

I have a quote from Fossil of under \$5,000 for five signs.

I think for placement it would be advantageous to have the gravel path be extended from the Timeline at the path entrance and along the gate fence to the River Landing with gravel landing pads for firm standing areas.

VII. New Business

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VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. Public Comment.

Bob Roth asked if it was okay to hang a hook for coats in the Campbell-Christie House bathroom.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 8:29 pm. J.Heffernan First, E.Pain, Second, Motion Passed to accept dates.

XI. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission will be held at 7 PM at Historic New Bridge Landing, 1201-1209 Main Street, River Edge, New Jersey, 07661 on Thursday, February 7, 2020, meet in the Steuben House.

Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission

Mail for HNBLPC:

PO Box 55

River Edge NJ 07661-0055

2020 Commissioners

James Smith, Mary Donohue, Larry Bauer, John Heffernan, Richard Karp, Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, Michael Putrino and Adam Strobel.

Agenda

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission

Thursday, February 6, 2020

I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement

II. Attendance

III. Review of Minutes

Review of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 2, 2020

IV. Calendar

http://www.bergencountyhistory.org/pdfs/BCHS_EventSchedule2019-20.pdf

V. Chairman's Report

VI. Continuing Business

A. Brett Park Clear dead trees, brush, camouflage the sand shelter at the DPW yard.

B. New Milford

C. River Edge

D. County of Bergen

E. DEP – Steuben House

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation

G. Bergen County Historical Society

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Mary Donohue was absent.

Public: None

III. Review of Minutes Motion to approve First by L. Bauer, Second, J. Heffernan. A.Strobel asked that his work email be added to the distribution list.

IV. Calendar

Feb 9 Sunday: Exploring Ethnicity through Archaeological Investigation: A Study of the African Burial Ground, NYC and other Archaeological Sites including Early African Americans. Conservator / author Gary McGowan will focus on material culture of early Africans to the New World and African Americans during the colonial / post colonial period and illustrate body modification as seen through the archaeological skeletal remains. All 3 houses are open at the museum site, 1 - 5 PM. Chairman Smith said it's a really help cover that sad chapter in a country and state in Bergen County history.

Feb 19 Wednesday: School of Interpretation Topic: History & Architecture of the Campbell-Christie House with Jim Smith & Deborah Powell. Campbell-Christie House. 7:30 PM. Chairman Smith said there there's still plenty of mysteries to learn from that structure.

Feb 23 Sunday: Washington's Birthday 288th Anniversary - A Country Ball. This event is a favorite. The Enslows on fiddle & dulcimer and 2 dances w/ George & Martha, 1:30 to 2:30 & 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Washington Centennial Quilt on exhibit. Children's activities. Museum site open for tours, 1-5 PM. Chairman Smith said this is always an extremely popular event. "I know a few years ago I met people from as far away from Colorado that happened to be in the area and wanted to stop by. So, even people from out of the area want to visit."

V. Chairman's Report

Good evening everyone,

I want to welcome everyone to the February Commission meeting. As we get closer to spring, besides the greening of the trees and flowers that we have to look forward to, we can also look forward to many new projects getting underway here at the site.

Some smaller projects that we could also address short term are wooden bollard replacement on the west side of the bridge, a “yield to pedestrian” in street crossing sign at the jug handle, and a multiple directional sign in the meadow. Ultimately, we want to draw people to the meadow and to cross into the park at the sign. A multi directional sign post would be quite the eye catcher and highlight the importance of New Bridge. 2 Miles to Hackensack, 11 miles to NYC, 104 miles to Philadelphia, 76 miles to Trenton, 33 miles to Ringwood manor, 13 miles to Preakness, 220 miles to Boston, 3,459 miles to London. You can see that interweaving important historic sites to New Bridge we can help further an interpretive story but also provide a destination near the entrance to the meadow that will act as a draw. We can discuss this further in New Business.

I will keep my remarks short this month but I will point out that there seemed to be a high level of small liquor bottles on Society property. This is concerning as no one should be on private Society lands or any lands for that matter, unless for an event. In the future, I think it is important that it should be made clear that the park is open from sun up to sun down and that all local law enforcement is aware of it. We are a unique park, one of the few if only entity in the state that is a combination of private landownership, the BCHS, and public ownership. There is no wall or barrier that prevents individuals from accessing the site and we want to keep it that way. We also need to be aware that last year, for the first time, someone put graffiti on the Von Steuben House and we want to ensure that moving forward that there’s no activity at the site. That will be a negative detriment to society’s lands, state lands, county lands, or any River Edge, New Milford or Teaneck land.

Thank you,
James Smith, Chairman
Historic New Bridge State Park State Park Commission

VI. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report provided. Meeting with the Greenway on Saturday at Brett Park. Chairman Smith advised that I have reached out to the Greenway Friends and they would like to work on coordinating events, and we’ll be having a meeting at 10am on Saturday on the bridge to start to talk about the interpretive plan for New Bridge Landing.
Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report provided.

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford, Representative.
M. Putrino reported he was reappointed as HNBL Commissioner by New Milford town council. He provided a contact for the telephone pole banner company and measurements. “And because of your chairman's report I will ask the police chief to step up some patrols on golden bridge, just in case it's anyone from our side and across the bridge.”

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge. Absent. No report.

D. County of Bergen - Adam Strobel, Commissioner, and Bergen County Division of Open Space. Absent. No report. Hopefully you may notice that removed the one sign that was asked for repeatedly located behind the wooden gate. So, Public Works was able to get that completed.

I sent an email to Deborah and Jim about that sometime last month that I have painting estimate for the Campbell-Christie house that we got the other day. It's \$8,984 to paint the clapboard, windows, doors. I can leave this with you want to talk about it as well. I know there was like paint swatches that had been identified and the historic structures report, which will make sure that we provide to the

contractor. Includes all the windows, eight shutters front and back doors front deck, and two basement doors. So that's the scope of the area, obviously they will scrape and prime and paint those areas. I don't have a start date of course but in order to first talk to everybody about this.

The work could be done in the appropriate warm weather that maybe next month or so.

One of our staff members in the parks department was looking at the house, and noticed number of windows and sills that are in need of repair took photographs of them. He had also asked if we would want us to get price quotes from the contractor to make those improvements and get at least one window that is broken, they will repair those areas where it is considered as maintenance and would not need any approvals from the state office.

I do not have any updates unfortunately about the flap. This is just not getting any traction was but it's just indicative of the slow nature.

Chairman Smith asked about the status on some cones that are marked for the Bergen County Road Department on the society's property when they dug up manholes and when could they address removing them, they've been there almost a year. The holes may be a tripping hazard that needs to be addressed and filled.

Chairman Smith thanked A.Strobel for getting the paint approval and moving that forward. "You know one of the things that like I thought about and I guess I had to do more research on myself but, currently the upper stair that remodel section or the new section was painted red in the last 15 years. And yet, in older paintings, some of the painting or picture is actually it's white, we could consider returning it to white for interpretation, I was even curious if the white would radiate heat and keep a little bit cooler as opposed to absorbing heat with a darker color. We could have a further conversation before we can proceed on that, and I don't know how you know your office would feel but Deborah had pointed out to me a painting of a Dutch house in Albany. The Dutch houses the shutters were actually paint in multiple colors, which is very interesting. It's a very interesting look and black, red and white, When I was in the Met museum, this weekend, they actually had a Hudson Valley Dutch house with the shutters that were painted this way. It's very interesting that I feel like with interpretation that maybe that house could be interpreted to show, being that the shutters are reproductions, the upstairs is not act, it's not correct, that I think a little bit more flexibility to be able to interpret story and we have this an opportunity."

Chairman Smith pointed out the roof and porch have inaccuracies. The report did not find any period paint samples. There are no gutters on the back 1970s addition we should be thinking about adding gutters because that is where that damage to the window is coming from. Some of the window glass is cracked from a lawnmower rocks. We just want to make sure that the work is done it correctly. Not that I'm assuming that they would not but you know sometimes when you bring in somebody that is not used to working with historic windows. But it's very fantastic progress for sure, to say the least with the with the paint analysis. Chairman Smith went on to ask "Are you saying that the county would pay for this or, or we could put this to the commission and then get three bids on something like that. A.Strobel said the county owns the building, and this is an exterior project. Chairman Smith noted "We could have the commission pay for it but if the county is willing, it would be a fantastic positive for the 250th anniversary and the county is putting some skin in the game. And if there's somebody ready to go over the color updates at the next meeting we can then get that done."

D. Powell asked about the flap delay. "Should we bring this before the freeholders, at this point, since there's no progress. Should we go and make them aware of what's going on at the site, we thought we

had some made progress and now we're stalled again." She asked M. Putrino if he had any perspective on it, he suggested give it another month. A.Strobel suggested contacting the county administrator Julian Neals. A.Strobel supplied his email.

E. DEP – Steuben House Report Eric Pain, DEP Representative. Superintendent Ringwood State Park.

2/6/2020

DEP REPORT - Steuben House:

Small Projects List

Dehumidifiers-In place new unit purchased as back up

Front Porch Lights Replaced

Porch Repair TBD

Motion 1st by E. Pain to approve placement of stone in front and rear of Steuben House to minimize effects of water damage. Can be removed if determined not to be beneficial. D.Powell suggested for the rocks to absorb the rainfall off the roof to use a dark colored cobblestone, not white marble like sometimes you can see used in landscaping. E.Pain said we would see if he could get samples. Seconded by J.Heffernan. Motion passed.

Intergovernmental Agreement Projects List as submitted to Trenton.

FY 18 projects identified to date

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2. Develop plan for redesign of parking lot, Sutton Lys property and entryway? \$15,000
The Commission is seeking proposals for design, I think once they can offer a detailed scope of work, something tangible, it'll be easier to move forward in getting state a/e involved.
3. Remove brick walkway replace with stone dust \$8000 complete
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5. Repair and paint exterior staircase. \$3,000 -\$4000 stairs complete needs paint
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8. Identify appropriate fixtures and remove fluorescent lighting and led candelabra bulbs \$750-\$1,000 Complete
9. Site Clean Up remove fallen branches, cutback brush-RSP Maintenance completed first "wave"
10. Interpretive Panels \$3500-\$5000 Additional information required. Design and content Need to request PO
11. Fence Rails and posts \$2600 DELIVERED!
12. Doorway flood barrier and instant sandbags \$3000 Complete
13. Turn around \$6226 complete

14. Stone dust path exterior of meadow LMR submitted. D. Powell mentioned adding short pathway between where the interpretive signs will go, to connect to them, so there's a hard surface for pedestrians or wheelchair access. E.Pain asked for an image or drawing to show.

15. Exterior Pain Steuben House Evaluating contractors soliciting quotes Met with initial contractor 10/9 soliciting additional bids submitted hpo application. Pb120 submitted 11/20. 1/2/20 process complete all bids received. Must use low bid Maio Construction. Motion to use Maio Construction, bid for \$28,975. E.Pain was happy with his previous work. First E.Pain, Second R.Karp. Motion passed.

16. Historic Structures Report \$150,000

17. Car Counter Received

Chairman Smith asked for a planner, parking lot design, if there was one on staff at the DEP. D. Powell asked about the leak, water that is coming in the house from the dormer in roof. E.Pain said he would have his staff check it. D.Powell noted we are planning a beer festival and wondering if Eric had them at Ringwood. He noted that it requires approvals through the State Police, but it can be done, you have to have the wrist band check and a security plan, the Hermitage does it. The Meadow location would have visibility.

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan. Acting Commissioner BDF Rep
No report other than Jim Bellis said he had someone look at the sump pump.

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS

We have been busy researching and rolling out exhibits of the Jersey Dutch exhibits including ones we acquired from George Way's estate. These exhibits tie into upcoming events this first half of the year including African American History and Women's history event in March, we have Dr Meta Janowitz, an archaeologist who worked in lower Manhattan in a dig, speaking. The talk includes four generations of women including Sarah Kiersted who negotiated and provided interpretation for Oratam who gave her parts of Teaneck, Bogota and Ridgefield Park. So, her grandmother, her mother, and a granddaughter, who had a trading post actually up in Mahwah. And the fellow who was the partner of George Way is opening the event, he's the one who benefited us with the artifacts. He's talking about George Way, who was this collector of 1500, 1600, 1700 Dutch New Netherland, Netherland artifacts. So I'm pretty excited about that. We have our Pinkster event too. We had a surprisingly grand turnout for the Brigid's Day event which featured a girl's band of Celtic Music, we had two full shows so that was really nice for them.

Other things on agenda: I did send out an email to the people who were at the Army Corps meeting, and I did not hear back from anybody. So, I was going to resend it but I was going to send it through our email blast system to see who's receiving it at least then at least I know they got it.

I have a couple of requests. Could our website be added to the County site, in "Discovering history, cultural, historic sites". We are not listed in the section for "Museums." Asking if somebody can review it to help drive traffic to the museum website.

I wanted to ask if Adam can check and ask if there are any ditch plans on file, the ditch that the runs through the site (BCHS property), but from the time period when it was created and how that came about. If we proceed with the Army Corps they're going to be wanting that information, too. So, the other place that came up we were looking around. During the past week, we looked at two cement caps,

25 feet back from the Steuben House where low lowest point and where that big puddle forms. When you open up one cap there's two or three pipes so where do they go?, do they tie into French drains that are at the back of the house. Do the French drains, need to be cleaned? I've never heard of anyone flushing them out. What is their function today?, and are they contributing to the water impacting the house. If they were functioning would they drain that the standing water.

E. Pain said he would see if someone could come take a look at the pipes behind the Steuben House, if they could make any sense of it and after that maybe get contractor in here with a camera.

Last thing, I made color copies, for commissioners to mark up for road signage for the site on the highways, local roads and so forth. Bring suggestions to the next meeting. I think we had volunteered Adam, may be somebody in the County's office can recommend somebody with DOT to contact.

VII. New Business

Meeting Dates for 2020: February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7th, 2021.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. Public Comment.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 8:16 pm. J. Heffernan First, E. Pain, Second, Motion Passed to accept dates, J. Heffernan First, E. Pain, Second. Motions passed.

XI. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission will be held at 7 PM at Historic New Bridge Landing, 1201-1209 Main Street, River Edge, New Jersey, 07661 on Thursday, February 7, 2020, meet in the Steuben House.

Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission

The Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission was established in 1995 by New Jersey State law N.J.S.A. 13:15B-1-5.

Due to the health concerns related to COVID-19, the public cannot attend this meeting that is being conducted remotely. Comments or questions can be submitted prior to the meeting. Please include your full name and address to hnbipc@gmail.com.

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission Thursday, March 5, 2020

I. **Open Public Meetings Act Statement**

Chairman Smith's read the Open Public Meetings Act statement at 7:10 pm. He asked that reports be sent in. Stated "This meeting has been advertised in the newspaper of record", thanked D. Powell for the minutes.

II. **Attendance:** James Smith, Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, Adam Strobel, Larry Bauer.

Mary Donohue, John Heffernan, Michael Putrino and Richard Karp were absent.
Public: Bob Roth

III. **Review of Minutes Motion to approve First by L. Bauer, Second, E.Pain.** D.Powell explained why A.Strobel was not receiving minutes to work address, that he would have to accept the invitation.

Calendar

Looking at our upcoming calendar. Today is March 5, the fifth anniversary of Boston Massacre. And on Wednesday, March 18, I will be speaking on political imagery of the revolution, primarily the Boston Massacre and the events that surrounded that and how images can be used in interpretation for events so it's another in a series of Countdown to America to 250 events, an idea that both Kevin and myself had discussed in 2015, to help begin to commemorate the events that are happening now prior to the American Revolution to raise awareness here New Bridge, as well, to encourage interest in the site. On March 22 will be our women's history event, **March to Vote**, four generations of New Amsterdam women by Dr. Meta Janowitz and Jonathan Friedman will speak on collection of a Dutch artifact donation, which you can see behind you. On March, 26, the lecture series once again returns with the Spirits and Stone, the Secrets of Megalithic America, decoding ancient cultural stone the landscape of the North East.

IV. **Chairman's Report**

Good evening everyone,

Welcome to the March HNBL Commission Meeting. While February is a short month, much activity occurred at the site as well as by members of the Commission. Earlier in the month, Commission members Deborah P, Larry B, and Rich K. met with the Hackensack River Greenway. This was a reintroduction of sorts but hopefully a step to further communication and see to the proper coordination of activities in Brett Park. Like all parts of HNBL, coordination is key to maximize all efforts.

It's ironic that we meet today, on the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Massacre. Many historians argue that it is that event that finally ignites the spark for revolution. A revolution that was fought for and died on this very ground we meet on. Since this anniversary is upon us, it makes us aware of the fact that we are only six years away from the 250th Anniversary of 1776, ultimately where the story of new bridge begins, but does not end. What we are doing today, will sow the seeds for success during that time. It also remains an important goal for us to continue to move toward. It's exciting that the funding is on track that we are able to be ahead of many projects as we reimagine this site and help to continue to preserve its future usage.

Today we'll continue to hear about some exciting projects as they move forward and we will finalize the 2019 projects. Some of these projects will also trigger future projects, which is also fantastic moving forward. I'll let those who are working on those individual projects discuss them further.

Lastly, as an update on the museum building, the Society is awaiting a final written agreement from the Steuben Arms apartments, but we are told this is forthcoming. Again, this will add new ADA accessible bathrooms to the site, access to bathrooms when the site is closed and a safe, secure location for artifacts. The Society is also in final discussions with the State concerning the usage of the parking lot, which was purchased with the intent to be used for events at New Bridge Landing and replaced the parking lot at the Steuben House, that the Society donated to the State of New Jersey. Hopefully with these projects wrapped up, we can then move forward with the next step, shovels in the ground. Again, as we move towards the 250th Anniversary, we do so together for the success of all entities involved within the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission.

Thank you,
James Smith, Chairman
Historic New Bridge State Park State Park Commission

V. Continuing Business

- A. **Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report provided.** L.Bauer had a quote from a company, Amstead, for clearing Lower Brett Park, to get rid of invasive and provide visibility. Chairman Smith pointed out we need two additional quotes. E.Pain asked if town or Park Commission expenditure. Chairman

Smith "I was going to see if we can make this potentially a commission expenditure. The one thing though I would say maybe before we make this a commission expenditure is that I do think that there are some responsibilities for Teaneck as well, that maybe Teaneck first could go into the park and conduct an assessment of the trees that it's technically it's in their purview. There are some trees that are in that park right now that are extremely dangerous. Teaneck needs to be responsible for that. Or be aware of that because then I don't want to open up the commission to, I guess, any type of responsibility with that or any type of additional cost." I was agreed on that Teaneck should make an assessment and recommendations.

E. Pain reported "Maybe it's the right time to bring it up. Deborah myself and rich, my staff, walk the property identified some trees came across a lot of trees as you just as you just mentioned that are in need of coming down. There's, there's a lot of trees in close proximity to the trail in close proximity to the open areas that that are not in good shape. So assessment is in order. The other thing I noticed is there is a fair number of ash trees in the, in both lower and prep Park, and the Emerald Ash Borer is here, and 99% of all ash trees in the world are going to be are going to to fall as a result of this, this bug, if not treated. It's not cheap to treat the trees, and you have to treat them annually, in order to try and stay ahead of the disease. And I'm not a forester, but I suspect that over time, even the trees that are treated are going to end up succumbing to this is bug. So on top of the trees that are currently in bad shape. I think the ash trees in close proximity to places where people access - are going to need to be considered for removal, regardless of their condition, to or someone is going to pay to treat them.

I would say there's probably 40 ash trees of various sizes that have to be removed.

D. Powell noted " there were there were individual trees but then there was that whole grove of saplings, basically hundreds of trees in that Grove. E.Pain confirmed "I think a wise first step is an assessment from the entity that owns the property first." D. Powell "I think that's a good idea. Do we need to provide direction though on because with this, we were not included in the communication going back and forth on what was being planned for the that site. So, you know, they could make recommendations but they've let all those invasives cover every tree, the oldest trees have been killed by letting that porcelain berry take over. Basically the property should be mowed a couple times a year to keep the growth. Chairman Smith added, "I actually I think that's a great follow up point that you know we can spend this money to assistant in the park there which I think is a worthwhile endeavor. But Teaneck also asked it and step up to the plate and continue to do what they've done in the past, because I know like in the past year they stopped moving a large section. That was never brought up to the commission. So, because that that's definitely would have been a discussion. This could really get things going in the right order but if we don't have like a follow up plan and to ensure that's going to happen, then it's just going to revert back. L.Bauer said, "Well, that was also the purpose of the meeting. Two weeks ago, was to get the two sides to communicate. Inform yeah but we have been fashion, was also discussed that part of those grounds are very soggy. That is very difficult for them to get heavy equipment. Right, so we just have to figure out what we can do to ameliorate that. D.Powell pointed out " it's in very bad shape, the whole lower Park is really been abandoned, there's other ways to mow stuff than bringing in heavy equipment. E.Pain: The trees are very poor condition, the stand-alone trees in the open areas almost every single one of them is compromised in some way by vines, or the porcelain berry or, you know, it's, it's a tough situation, but it definitely seems to be neglected. You know I don't

want to speak too harshly about it, because I have plenty of properties that are pristine, but it does appear that there's a sizable amount of work that needs to be done.”

Chairman Smith: Moving forward, Eric with quotes on landscaping, they should be addressed to the Park Commission? E.Pain: Correct. I think that's fair. I did just do a quick search on this company and it didn't show up in the system but that doesn't mean we couldn't use them. If we approached them and they agreed to fill out the paperwork we could use them, though there is a contract vendor system for tree removal and tree work. Chairman Smith: “that might tie into work on some other trees on this side [west] of the river as well. E.Pain agreed, “there's some ash here at the corner there's maybe a couple others that Jack pointed out and recommended removing in stages.”

Chairman Smith asked if Larry could reach out to the DPW or town manager to do a first step to remove the vines to be able to do the assessment and planning do an assessment.

Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report provided.

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B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford, Representative. M. Putrino Absent. No report.

2.

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge. Absent. No report. Mary had planned on coming. D.Powell advised the River Edge Historic Commission asked for information on the restoration work done on the three houses or New Bridge. I sent her the link to the annual report. She asked for a summary of the work because the report is 97 pages.

3.

D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Commissioner, and Bergen County Division of Open Space.

I'm pleased to show you that the application for the backflow preventor was delivered to SHPO I have a copy here for you and will also email it to as well. It is dated February 10. I spoke with Elaine today and I asked her, what's the general turnaround time for SHPO to review this and you may not know this already, but she warned me that they have certain windows, they have up to 45 days to reviewed to ensure that it's complete, and then it'll be another 30 days, up to another 30 days for any type of comments or actions so the earliest if I'm projecting is correctly would be an authorization from them by the third week in April. So, again, the report was held up by the Public Works folks doing minor design tweaks of the device. Nothing changes on the outside, there's no larger invasion or intrusion. It was more of how to shave off some of the cavity to put the device in. So I can give you this to you it's quite comprehensive in nature. It was developed through our hydrologic engineer, then Elaine put this together as well. And the effort obviously was to to clarify exactly what's being worked on. Be very clear that there's nothing beyond the scope of what needs to be done. Going beyond an area that's already been disturbed with the pipes that were put in the ground in the 50s. So

we're very mindful of not disturbing. There's an Alternatives Analysis in there to explain how we arrived that and how they arrived at the recommendation, the four options, you know, one of them obviously is nothing. This item, but also the other one was the first item and put a preventer device at the outside of the pipe, which were presented about a whole host of issues which I never never thought, but they codified them right well. So hopefully this will get a quick review from SHPO. And then that will authorize public works to order the device and get it installed. I do believe the installer will be Fletch Kramer. They were explaining to me, public works that they have a contract to do this type of work, small standalone projects that are beyond the capabilities of current staff within the county road operations, but they will be able to put it in very quickly and to do it according to plans. So that's all I have for this evening." Chairman Smith: "Fantastic, thank you very much Adam I think that's, again, moving the project along." D.Powell asked if he knew what the markers with pink tape are through the site. A.Strobel thought maybe for this project, that they did a topo survey. D.Powell asked if that could be sent to the Park Commission and if any records were generated that could be shared with the Park Commission. [The markers are on BCHS property]. Chairman Smith: I would note that I did meet with the fire marshal Brian Henning on Tuesday, and the Campbell Christie house is 100% passed for the, for the year, and I'll see him again in November/December. So Brian is a fantastic individual and Elaine Gold came down as well and said hello. So, just wanted to share that." Henning was pleased.

D.Powell asked if anybody marked the color area maps for road signage that she handed out at the previous meeting, asked commissioners could be prepared at the next meeting.

Regarding the exterior paint of the Campbell-Christie House, A.Strobel referenced the HSR with the paint swatches that were provided and suggested Elaine Gold could look at. Chairman Smith said he would forward images for a guide.

4.

E. DEP – Steuben House Report Eric Pain, DEP Representative. Superintendent Ringwood State Park.

3/5/2020

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- 16) Car Counter Received \$1034.56
- 17) Meadow Stone Dust Path Restoration PO Approved 2008.57
- 18 Pizza Town Lot Parking \$835.00

Discussion of stone for the front of the Steuben House porch that the column restoration contractor thinks would help with the water damage to the column bases. We don't want to use crushed stone, example maybe "Delaware River Rock."

Exterior Painting: Motion to accept the color formulas used in 2001 or 2003. First, E.Pain, Second, A. Strobel, Discussion, Motion passed. E.Pain said he would work with contractor to schedule. D.Powell asked if it was all spelled out how the work would be done with the old surfaces and the old glass? E.Pain had the info on how it was bid out.

E.Pain noted he in the process requesting the purchase order for the interpretive panels, noted paperwork issues.

I have in my hand a purchase order that was issued on June 28, 2019 and it was never given to my office, this was for the reclaiming of the stone dust path. This quote was to take the existing path, spray, remove lay down fabric, and then put stone dust back on top of it. At some point in the hiatus of the bills you had you had said well maybe we could plant trees and move the path.

Discussion on whether to or go with first option, the resurface the existing pathway and plant two more trees in line with the two new ones or second option; to delay with adding planting trees in present pathway and moving path over to nearer fence. It was agreed to go with the first option.

D.Powell asked about the plan for additional pathway around the Meadow. E.Pain: "The other pathway plan I put through the Land Management Review, we got the approval and then there's the hiatus with the billing so I had to, you basically have a period of time that you have to identify a plan of action.

They've reviewed it, and now you know you can plan out a project timeline. Well, okay, your project was approved you have X amount of days to determine what you're going to do. And basically the project timeline had expired, and we hadn't even started yet. I will resubmit. And based on timing will pursue it another time so it's to be a quick review. And then I should be able to get a few contractors out here to provide quotes, and that was for the path around the interior, I believe."

D.Powell asked, should we be adding to that a connector path from one side of the gate to the riverbank because where we want to put the two interpretive signs, it's not very long. E.Pain: "I think the best thing for that is, maybe you and I walk the property and I can get a good feel for it that way. When we do good. That way I can plot it down on the program as well as provide guidance to the contractors Okay, so I don't want you to have to take another day off of work, but don't know if I'm going to be able to get a real good look at it in the dark I don't know, I can probably make myself available on a weekend to come down to."

E.Pain: That's all I have with the projects list at this point, which is pretty good compared to what I've been coming to the table with. So I'm happy that we're able to get some more things done.

FY 19:

For FYI 19, the out kitchen, Campbell Christie house exterior painting interpretive panels, the chimney, the out kitchen and landscaping \$15,000. (The Steuben House painting will done be out of FY18)

\$15,000 was listed for landscaping, E.Pain advised to double figure with just tackling a portion of the trees and Brett Park. "\$30,000 estimate for landscaping is a good solid number."

Remove painting the Campbell-Christie has since the county is doing that.

Discussion about how many interpretive panels total for the site, agreed to leave budget for \$10,000.

We need an assessment on the Steuben House back rooms so they can be made available to the public, what the conditions are and on what needs to be done. Some of the brick work and the fireplaces are compromised [due to humidity], tile removal.

Budget: \$25,000 at that and this is an absolute guess.

This chimney cap at the Steuben House, structural integrity. Budget \$15,000

Outkitchen: New wood shingle roof, clay-brick connector path. Budget: \$15,000 & \$5,000.
That equals \$100,000

Discussed adding to FY20 looking at the French Drains along the back of the house and a cement cap with drains.

Maintenance work, furnace check and water coming in apparently through the dormer window flashing.

And between now and then if anybody has anything that they think about jotted down and bring it to the table next month.

I think that's all the items I had. Please any additional items.

Chairman Smith: Very good. Thank you very much, Eric. As always appreciate it. And you can I guess communicate for next week regarding the paint analysis. One thing I was going to ask if I if your staff is here. If somebody from your staff or anything like I was at Washington Crossing State Park one time during the summer, someone from parks came just to post photos on social media and have a video. To me, this would be, this is a big event to have somebody analyzing the paint, and it's, you know, in the process of moving the house forward that it'd be great for all stakeholders to show them. And I think that would generate a lot of interest, especially those of us who can't be.

E.Pain said he would try and reach out to get someone to come to do video/social media.

Discussion on drone activity.

Chairman Smith noted: "I did see ironically a. And we talked about this previously with LIDAR where.

the ground penetrating radar that they can put them on drones. And they were able to determine like in England, they could find they were they found like a, an underground. Like a burial spot, but by using in the past with ground penetrating radar. You have to actually go over the spot and kind of grid it out.

Whereas now they have the ability to do with drone systems. Wow, that'd be interesting to see just that we know that there was barns to the, you know, if you look at the front the house to the right of it, like,

can you could you see foundations possibly the ground penetrating radar can be difficult to access that but you can do an area like where are soldiers that are killed in the war, we don't know if they were buried here.

E.Pain brought up the Steuben House roof. Concern over some of the condition of the back portion I don't know when the roof was last time here. Determine condition.

Chairman Smith "I think it that is like the cedar roofs it's a way of them actually breathing. Which is a good. Thank you very much, Eric."

D.Powell asked if E.Pain could review the historic sites website for the Steuben House. E.Pain advised we would be in a better position to know history and said there is no administrator for the Office of Historic Sites.

The FY19 projects as discussed and finalized were.

Landscaping entire HNBL Property \$30,000

Interpretive Panels HNBL \$10,000

Steuben House Assessment and Restoration of back rooms \$25,000

Out kitchen \$15,000

Chimney evaluation restoration and caps as needed \$15,000

Red Brick Path Campbell Christie House \$5,000

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F. **Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan.** Acting Commissioner BDF Rep
No report, J.Heffernan absent.

2.

G. **Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS**

Jim said we had some great experiences with delighted visitors to the site for Washington's Birthday, I mean we had like a huge turnout, it was well over 200 people throughout the site.

We do have a proposal for this. A beer event beer and food trucks for June six and seven to take place on the society's property. So we're working with another group to help with the permitting and the insurance. So, so that is unfolding. Basically, like events we've done before here. It's just going to actually take place that. Like I said, it's a Saturday Sunday June six. I believe June 6 and 7 this other

group is looking to produce banners that acknowledge to the benefit of the Bergen County Historical Society so I guess I'm asking, do we have permission to do that, like the, the actual beer part is, as far as I know, unless we work something out you'd mentioned it may be more easier than. then thought but it would take place in our beer garden and cable Christian but it came across to us on our property.

And if, if you ended up needing space the food truck portion I mean I don't know. So you're going away to get, would you put the food trucks on the metal if you want it to save space or no. In the past, we've had events we've kept them in our parking lot over the house because it's a nice, soft surface, and that's close by.

- VI. The Meadows Chambers contacted BCHS about International Tourism so it made me think how would we go about accommodating a large bus, would they park along the back where the trees are?, we do not have it marked out. E. Pain and Chairman Smith agreed. Chairman Smith suggested when we get the parking lot redesigned we could designate a spot for tour buses. D.Powell advised she has been working on the interpretive signs and that was part of the purpose of Eric and Rich looking at Brett Park to identify the trees. Chairman Smith acknowledged we could note "Nature Trails" on the Brett Park signs.

E.Pain: How will we know what more they have planned. And at what point do we as a commission or as a group, go to them and say, you know, we recognize there's a benefit to it. However, we need to be the one I don't know I don't know how forceful we want to be but I don't think we want to continue to allow an outside group so to speak to just continue to come in and throw signs out. I don't want to speak too harshly against it but that can be dangerous because what's next, the New Jersey Entomology Society and the whatever they're going to put their signs up and next thing you know, you have four or five groups competing for using the same property." He suggested "Tell him we're trying to formalize the, the interpretive interpretation and signage, and we'd like to include you based on what you've done already well what else you're interested in. Maybe that's the way to do it." Chairman Smith said to just utilize the Greenway trail. D.Powell pointed out they've remarked the trail different than the original trail that's they did on the Google Maps, not that long ago. Chairman Smith suggested we have the Master Plan, we can have Phase Two after work is done on the park. He suggested an assessment of all the signage to determine what needs to be updated or removed. D.Powell said I guess it's part of the assessment but in the Van Buskirk Cove there's tires and cement blocks, it's a mess. E.Pain advised once the vines are removed we will get a good look at it. Some trees noticed were Asian Elm, Lace Sycamore, Black Cherry, Linden, Black Walnut, Peach, Catawba, Rich was excited to see Kentucky Coffee Tree which he said were used by Native Americans and settlers for a coffee-like drink. So we wondered if it could be original use to the property. D.Powell said she did not find the Kentucky Coffee Tree on the Torrey Botanical Society 2000 Tree Survey of the site that's in the Master Plan but maybe they just missed it. Discussion on where the third entrance sign could go.

VII. **New Business**

E.Pain noted the State fire inspector, Anthony Massero, came. We could not find the panel and he pulled the cover off the unit and pressed the button, activated the alarm so the River Edge fire department came. He advised we need emergency exit signs and lights. Deborah expressed concern about the age of the building and interest in minimizing modern intrusions. E.Pain advised it would be worked out by superiors. He noted they would have to be tied into the

electrical system, there's no battery backup emergency lights.

Chairman Smith noted "I actually did have a, since you're bringing up like fire safety, one of the things that I've been thinking about. Last week There was the fire and Worthington State Park Delaware Water Gap wildfire. And one of the things that I was thinking about here at New Bridge is having like inappropriate like fire spacing from the property, and a few years ago we did cut back around the barn so that there's kind of a fire gap. We have this area phragmites that you know we're talking about landscaping, should that be in the state work, part of that area is on state property as well. Should that be cut down so that we don't have fuel.

E.Pain said "I'm not an invasive species expert, but I've talked to some people and they said the best way to control fragment is to spray it in the fall and when the flowers purple, and it up takes the chemical and kills it, but just looking at it, it looks like the best way would be just to go in here find it off and take it away, you have to mechanically take it from the roots." E.Pain advised he would investigate removal through his contacts.

Chairman Smith said he remembered talking to a retired forester "he had mentioned it like he remembered that years ago that like in the meadowlands and having to put out little fires around here."

We got the car counter up and Bob Roth put that together and so it does work, he tested it, and Bob is going record the info in a booklet and we'll have a record at the beginning of each month. The extra unit is in the closet if Eric wants to take it. E.Pain noted they don't last that long so to keep it at the Steuben House.

D.Powell: "I think we're going to have to be able to have a pretty good accurate idea what the traffic is here. And also, I sort of volunteered Bob to count the parking lot for in the events, and our meetings.

E.Pain, "I don't know how critical it is but based on the day of the week. We have a formula in, in parks for the number of times the vehicles occupied say on a Monday, a car that visits the area would have, you know, one or two people, whereas on a weekend one car equals five people on a Saturday or Sunday. That's, and I think it's pretty standard across the board. The National Park Service uses a formula like that because they're not necessarily able to count, you know, every car that comes in."

VIII. **Old Business**

None.

IX. **Public Comment.**

X. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn 8:16 pm. J. Heffernan First, E. Pain, Second, Motion Passed to accept dates. First, E. Pain, Second. L.Bauer. Motions passed.

XI. **Next Meeting**

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Meeting Dates for 2020: February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7th, 2021.

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Thursday, April 2, 2019

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Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission

The Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission was established in 1995 by New Jersey State law N.J.S.A. 13:15B-1-5.

Due to the health concerns related to COVID-19, the public cannot attend this meeting that is being conducted remotely. Comments or questions can be submitted prior to the meeting. Please include your full name and address to hnbipc@gmail.com.

Meeting takes place Thursday, May 7, 2020, 7:00 pm

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission Minutes from Thursday, April 2, 2020

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Chairman Smith read the Open Public Meetings Act statement at 7:04 pm. He asked that reports be sent in. Stated "This meeting has been advertised in the newspaper of record", thanked D. Powell for the minutes.

Due to the virus shutdown the meeting took place via conference call where Chairman Smith emailed the invite. Details concerns related to COVID 19. Unfortunately the public cannot attend this meeting. It is being conducted remotely comments or questions were to be submitted prior to the meeting to the address, hnbipc@gmail.com. That's an email that I had created. And as of one minute ago there were no emails to that response.

I. Attendance: James Smith, Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, Larry Bauer, Michael Putrino, John Heffernan.

Mary Donohue and Adam Strobel were absent, Richard Karp joined at the end.

Public: None

II. Review of Minutes

Motion to approve, First by L. Bauer, Second, E.Pain. Motion Passed.

III. Calendar

No scheduled events in accordance with what is occurring in the state of New Jersey due to the Covid 19 virus.

IV. Chairman's Report

Good evening everyone,

Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures, thank you for joining in on this conference call tonight. I would ask that we keep questions direct and on topic. Good evening everyone, I hope you and your families and friends are doing well. As you are probably aware, all programming put on by the Bergen County Historical Society for the month of March was cancelled promptly as were meeting in compliance with State guidelines. Further, the Society cancelled all April programming at the site and hopefully we will revisit the topics at a later date. I definitely appreciate communication from Eric and

his staff concerning the Von Steuben House and special thanks to Deborah for posting Covid-19 details at the site. As the situation continues to remain fluid, we will provide constant updates via multiple platforms. While the site has been closed, I will say that the Society continues to offer digital programming on its Facebook page, which has been warmly received and has been a positive diversion. Speaking of positive news. The Society did receive a signed agreement for the Sewer connection for the museum building. The Society's legal side is currently reviewing documents from the State that River Edge requested and will be in touch with them shortly. I feel that it is important to be a symbol of hope as we go through this difficult time and when business resumes, business can proceed without too much delay.

Again, I hope everyone is doing well, remember to maintain your social distance and look forward to a meeting in person soon.

Thank you,

James Smith, Chairman

Historic New Bridge State Park State Park Commission

V. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report provided. Nothing to report, waiting for quotes for tree work at Brett Park.

Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report provided.

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford, Representative.

M. Putrino No report. The meetings of DPW postponed at this time.

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge.

Absent. No report.

D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Commissioner, and Bergen County Division of Open Space.

Absent. D.Powell read report.

Backflow Preventer Valve project:

1. Elaine Gold – Historic Preservation Specialist, County of Bergen, reports the following to me: The New Jersey Historic Preservation Office issued its approval regarding the Backflow Preventer Valve Project. Attached is correspondence; dated March 12, 2020, from Meghan MacWilliams Baratta, Supervising Historic Preservation Specialist, NJHPO.

2. Karen Anne Riley, Principal Engineer – Hydraulics, County of Bergen, reports the following to me: “We are proceeding asap to construction. Our design plans are finalized; the valve was ordered; Department of Planning & Engineering will be meeting with the contractor very soon; and materials will be ordered shortly”. Once we are clear of the COVID-19 pandemic, the project will advance.

March Meeting minutes revision: The name of the construction contractor is: J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.

D.Powell noted we received the letter from NJSHPO office regarding the backflow preventer. Chairman Smith noted another positive story for HNBL.

E. DEP – Steuben House Report Eric Pain, DEP Representative. Superintendent Ringwood State Park.

4/2/2020

Small Projects List

Stone-Examples from Braen Website

Shutter needs attention assigned to maintenance

Dormer

French Drain

Steuben Lawn Fill holes and seed

Intergovernmental Agreement Projects List as submitted to Trenton.

FY 18 projects identified to date

FY19 TBD

FY20 TBD Requested to think big!

- 1)1-A Study of the Von Steuben House - \$5000 work is underway Emailed 11/8 no response called and left message 3/3/2020 no response Still no response Cancel project?
- 2) Develop plan for redesign of parking lot, Sutton Lys property and entryway? \$15,000
The Commission is seeking proposals for design, I think once they can offer a detailed scope of work, something tangible, it'll be easier to move forward in getting state a/e involved.
- 3) Remove brick walkway replace with stone dust \$2875 complete
- 4) Plant Trees along the meadow fence line Complete sort of...any trees that don't make it are guaranteed. Watering and bags covered by RSP. Additional trees to be planted from original PO additional trees to be requested along Main St. \$7100?
- 5) Repair and paint exterior staircase. \$3275 stairs complete needs paint
- 6) *Paint analysis of Von Steuben House PO requested 7/25 \$12,400 APPROVED work to begin week of 3/9! Samples collected basement to attic 3/9-11 and analysis ongoing.
- 7) Repair and repaint plaster walls in dwelling room and rear rooms correcting deficiencies \$3000-\$5000
Awaiting results of the Paint analysis
- 8) Identify appropriate fixtures and remove fluorescent lighting and led candelabra bulbs \$600.70
Complete
- 9) Site Clean Up remove fallen branches, cutback brush-RSP Maintenance completed first "wave"
- 10) Interpretive Panels \$4140 Additional information required. Design and content PO request on hold awaiting final pricing
- 11) Fence Rails and posts \$2680 DELIVERED
- 12) Doorway flood barrier and instant sandbags \$611.59 Complete
- 13) Turn around \$6226 complete
- 14) Stone dust path exterior of meadow LMR submitted
- 15) Exterior Pain Steuben House Evaluating contractors soliciting quotes Met with initial contractor 10/9 soliciting additional bids submitted hpo application. Pb120 submitted 11/20. 1/2/20 process complete all bids received. Must use low bid Maio Construction. PO approved. Need to approve colors and award job! \$28975 Color schemes shared waiting on weather and contractor
- 16) Car Counter Received \$1034.56
- 17) Meadow Stone Dust Path Restoration PO Approved 2008.57 waiting on contractor

18) Pizza Town Lot Parking \$835.00

D.Powell asked what color were the backstairs going to be painted. E.Pain advised we had discussed the same color as the front columns, the cream color. Chairman Smith asked about the reseeding the backyard. E.Pain said he was going to split up the job to see how it would take. E.Pain advised his account for Ringwood was frozen but New Bridge was not on the list. He thought it was approved for 2020 but he had not seen it in writing.

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan. Acting Commissioner BDF Rep
No report, J.Heffernan absent.

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS

March was obviously a quiet month at the museum site with the ongoing health crisis.

All our plans for March and April were put canceled and it's hard to even know how to reschedule.

Earlier in the month, which seems a long time ago, met with Gary McGowan and he returned the 18th c. George Rex leather document box that he conserved for BCHS. He also examined the three objects that the Museum of the American Revolution would like to borrow for an upcoming exhibit. He prepared a condition assessment for us and we will be sending that to them soon.

Just because the buildings are closed per the Governor, doesn't mean we haven't been busy with planning. Jim closed the museum buildings by March 14th.

When I went to the park to check on status of buildings, people were taking advantage of the good weather and walking through enjoying it on March 22nd. I remeasured the existing interpretive sign kiosks and prepared a report and continuing edits to the artwork. Fossil Industries, the sign fabricator vender, requested the specs to send to the state for the purchase order. I did emailed the information to E. Pain and Chairman Smith. E.Pain said he would push along the purchase order with the specs.

There was one kind of issue that I didn't know how to proceed on was the post for the New Milford side on at the, which I made that 44 inches wide, so that you could people, you know, could stand somewhat far further away. The sign positioned where there is pavement, but I don't know what's under that. And so went back and forth, we have an option of a surface mount which still has posts that go in the ground, or in ground post which looks like goes into cement base for the pedestal, the post to go into. So that area is pretty isolated for vandalism so seems like the in-ground posts would be stronger. I don't know about tackling that. E.Pain said we would order the ground posts and go through the proper channels to how best to installing. He suggested we can return if it turns out to be cement requiring the surface mount. D.Powell suggested an alternative could be where the existing sign is (on the left side facing the bridge in Teaneck) – could use the in-ground there in dirt. It's not as attractive location.

The Face Book post about the walk through the site gained many looks, over 2,000 people viewed it, just on that one post.

I printed (home computer) and posted the pdf Covid -19 virus poster at the HNBL kiosk that Eric Pain requested.

VI. New Business

Young adults using magnets to find artifacts, update law. D.Powell stated both Jim and I separately tried to reason with them.

A cannonball found in Brett park recently. D.Powell asked about who's jurisdiction is it, Teaneck and New Milford and River Edge would be the middle of the river. E.Pain pointed out the State property is

there and it definitely needs looking into. He pointed out it could be just as detrimental as metal detecting. Chairman Smith said it seems the laws have not caught up with technology.

D.Powell said We were very busy, Washington's Birthday but I had a person who I think he said he was a former police officer. And he asked me if a cannonball had been turned over to us, that had been found fairly in Teaneck in Brett Park. It had not been turned over to us so people are doing metal detecting. It's so isolated on that side. She asked Larry if he had heard of anything being turned in, a cannonball turned into anybody? L.Baurer said he would check. D.Powell asked if signs "no parking" should be put up on the telephone poles, "no metal detecting". Chairman Smith we have two main entry points, lower Brett Park where the kiosk and upper Brett where the parking lot is, it would be helpful to post there. R.Karp came in. D.Powell said people have rationalized they can do it because it's not marked. L.Baurer said the water is the state so the penalties would be harsher, he thought. D.Powell said it could be marked on large signs in Teaneck.

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. Public Comment. None.

IX. Adjournment

Chairman Smith: Ladies and gentlemen, thank you so much for coming today. I think it's a quick meeting but still I guess I think important to keep everything going just to kind of everybody to be on the same page with everything that's going on at New Bridge again definitely a very fluid situation. And just, obviously, definitely will continue to follow all guidelines set forward as this continues to progress.

Definitely be safe be well and thank you very much for coming today. Thank you.

Motion to adjourn 7:35 pm. First, J. Heffernan, Second, L.Baurer, Motions passed.

X. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission will be held at 7 PM at by phone conference call on Thursday, May 7, 2020, contact hnbipc@gmail.com if you wish to participate.

Meeting Dates for 2020: February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7th, 2021.

AGENDA

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission

Thursday, May 7, 2020

I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Open Public Meeting Act Statement – In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, notification of this meeting has been sent to Northjersey.Com (the Record), notice has been posted on the kiosk at Historic New Bridge Landing and online via the Bergen County Historical Society website.

II. Attendance

III. Review of Minutes

Review of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 2, 2020

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V. Chairman's Report

VI. Continuing Business

A. Brett Park

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C. River Edge

D. County of Bergen

E. DEP – Steuben House

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation

G. Bergen County Historical Society

VII. New Business

VIII. Old Business

IX. Public Comment

X. Adjournment

XI. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, June 4, 2020, location to be announced.

2020 meeting dates:

February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7th, 2021.

Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission

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Due to the health concerns related to COVID-19, the public cannot attend this meeting that is being conducted remotely. Comments or questions can be submitted prior to the meeting. Please include your full name and address to hnbipc@gmail.com.

Meeting takes place Thursday, June 4, 2020, 7:00 pm

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission Minutes from Thursday, May 7, 2020

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Chairman Smith's read the Open Public Meetings Act statement at 7:05 pm. He asked that reports be sent in. Stated "This meeting has been advertised in the newspaper of record", thanked D. Powell for the minutes.

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I. Attendance: James Smith, Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, Larry Bauer, John Heffernan, Adam Strobel.

Absent: Mary Donohue, Michael Putrino and Richard Karp

Public: None

II. Review of Minutes

Motion to approve First by L. Bauer, Second, E.Pain, motion passed.

Calendar

No scheduled events in accordance with what is occurring in the state of New Jersey due to the Covid 19 virus.

III. Chairman's Report

Good evening everyone,

I hope you are all doing well. It's hard to imagine we are in May and how much things have changed. Yet, like I have said to so many, it is important that the Commission and all entities involved, continue to plan and move forward so that when we do make it through this, and we will, we are ready to go. There are quite a few projects ready to go and it's exciting to take these and the site to the next level. Historic New Bridge Landing and the Bergen County Historical Society has been 100% compliant with the governor's orders and we continue to monitor the situation.

In August, Clarke Caton Hintz/ Hunter Research / HTC Partners visited the site to evaluate readiness for the 250th of the American Revolution and start of our nation. This was done at historic sites throughout New Jersey and given specific rankings. Each site was given rankings and a report generated. I have had a chance to report the report, which I will provide for the next meeting. I'm very excited that many of the changes that they have proposed or recognized are items we are in the process of addressing, so it shows our planning and master plan is on par with the professionals. I do feel there are some issues that can be addressed immediately. Unfortunately, we received no communication on what we planned or are planning to do.

For visitor readiness we were listed as "not ready" and could be an "attraction" or a potential "attractor" if BCHS opens and staffs complex during regular posted hours (The Society is discussing some component of this. However, the Society does open up the site multiple times a month with varied program that can have 30 plus volunteers that make our events happen. The full time curator position at the Von Steuben House was removed and not replaced. Are they suggesting funding should be provided for staffing? Further the recommendations were as follows:

- make parking available and obvious to visitors (this has been discussed concerning the former Pizzatown Lot) and the reimagining of the Hackensack Gateway Project

- rather than building another museum, open these sites to the public and provide interpreted or thematic tours on a regular basis (I found this to be perplexing. The assessment of the Steuben House was 2 for bathrooms because they are on the second floor. The museum building will have bathrooms that are ADA compliant that can be opened for thematic tours and other events on a regular basis).

- Interpretation covers all aspects of the storyline at New Bridge –

The interpretative panels that have been in the works are off to the maker! More on those later but they will be transformative to telling the story and helping to help tell a true story.

- Focus on events specific Revolutionary War themes and commemorative dates

(Since 2015, the site and Society have already initiated the "Countdown to America 250" events that specifically talked about events that occurred in Bergen County and NJ 250 Years. Further, the site hosted a 240th event for Retreat Weekend and a 240th for the 1779 Raid on Paulus Hook to prepare for the 250th. We have been discussing events already for 2026, 2028, 2029, 2030 that deal with major issues in Bergen County and New Bridge, along with smaller programs too.

Other issues that were brought up including painting the Von Steuben House and barn, no parking signs and bridge closed signs, along with water on the property. As everyone knows, the interior damage to paint was done during the noreaster of 2007. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of those at the table here, this is being addressed properly, first with a paint analysis, as well updated paint on the exterior. The barn was fully restored in 2015. We did noticed in the fall of this past year bubbling on some of the paint, which is in the works to be addressed with warming weather. The County has moved the bridge closed sign and per the last meeting, Adam has reported on the progress of the valve to prevent water from backing up.

Again, I bring this up because I think it very clearly shows we are working together to recognize how we can improve the site together and how with updates that should be occurring this year, will continue to improve our visitor experience. I also believe that from the report, it shows we need to develop a strategic plan or project list for New Bridge 2030. What will the site look like in 10 years? What do we need to accomplish in that time? What are some short term goals? Long term? These are all items to think about and we can address, in correspondence with our master plan.

E.Pain commented that he had was sent a copy of the report when Chairman Smith mentioned he probably had. He thought the report was short-sited and unfair analysis on what we have to offer at HNBL. We were visited later in their process.” Chairman Smith if they had had communication they would have known that the paint analysis was in the works that the paint was going to happen, that Adam was working with the county for the valves that the bar was being restored and or was restored and, you know, we were working on what happened with the paint that bubbled right so and that's just like on the, you know, very quickly so. But again, these are all topics that you know moving forward. I think it shows that everybody here. We are all on the same page, and we are definitely everything that we're doing at New Bridge is right on point right this is a report that was prepared by professionals, and we knew and recognize what needs to be done for all our responsibilities at the park so I think that definitely says a lot for us and it's something we'll continue to look at and address over the coming months. I want to thank you all for your time today. And also I want to obviously extend all the best from my family's all of yours. It's definitely a very trying time for sure, but I hope everybody is well. And with that, that's my report. We'll move on then to Brett Park and Teaneck.

Thank you,
James Smith, Chairman
Historic New Bridge State Park State Park Commission

IV. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report provided. L. Bauer said he had not heard from the town in regard to anyone finding a cannonball but said he will follow up in case it does show up. He said contacted the township manager.

Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. Absent. No report provided.

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford, Representative. Absent. He provided a short report. The meetings of DPW postponed at this time. Chairman Smith reported “One of the issues that we encountered with this COVID crisis. We received an email from a visitor that they had encountered on the New Milford side of New Bridge Landing a hypodermic needle. And so I brought that to the attention of both Eric and Mike, and Mike said that they would also have stepped up patrols in that area just to ensure that that that there's no activity occurring that shouldn't be. Maybe Larry to that might be something that you could also reach out to Teaneck, and just that the Teaneck police department can just maybe have a little bit heightened patrols or just that's on their radar as well in that area too.” L.Bauer acknowledged he would. D.Powell asked if L.Bauer could make them also familiar with the law about metal detecting.

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner, River Edge. Absent. No report.

D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Commissioner, and Bergen County Division of Open Space. He said he doesn't have anything to report as everything is closed down, he asked if there was anything else he should be following up on. Chairman Smith noted “I did receive your email today Adam and regarding the paint and I think just for the time being, because kick it down the road for choosing

another color but I think just sticking with the color choices already there, and a recommendation I think is the way to go.

A. Strobel advised “I'll contact folks within the county general services to see if the painters where they got quotes from if they're still in operations, to see if they can give some sense of when they may be able to do the work, I presume there's nothing going on at the site that would prohibit them from painting if they are capable of painting. Correct. Okay, so I'll send an email and see what happens. And I'll communicate back with you guys.”

E. DEP – Steuben House Report Eric Pain, DEP Representative. Superintendent Ringwood State Park.

5/7/2020

E.Pain; As Adam mentioned with the county, the state is very similar. Most of our operations are shut down we have minimal staffing, limited operations right now. So I have no new progress to report on the small projects list. I still have the 1-A on my on my to do list. It's just I haven't been able to get much in the way. It's still lagging I have yet to make contact with them via phone or email. I'm really not sure what what happened there, they seem very eager to get started. They visited, and then nothing. I can't explain that one, the paint analysis. I'm happy to report is still moving along, and Tina had reached out for another site visit, which I will accommodate whatever it is that she determines is good for her. We're not supposed to be engaging too many contractors but if she needs another site visit I'm not going to stand in the way I can easily provide access. With proper social distancing to allow her to do what she needs to do the interpretive panels Deborah has done an amazing job and done a lot of work with. With that, I'm afraid there's some, some stumbling blocks with the state involved as far as paperwork is concerned, but I think we are moving, you know, through those. And I'm confident at the contractor the vendor rather is will be able to do it again get get through those hurdles. So I'm hoping that is going to move forward, shortly. The exterior paint, we've kind of been waiting on the weather and also the painting contractor himself is a little concerned about the current situation in that that location. I think he lost a family member to, to, to this current pandemic, and B is kind of hesitant to to get started right now so that's understandable. But I'm confident that in time we're going to we're going to move forward with that as well. And my last item is the balance that we are owed on the tree work from bolter. He owes his two or three additional trees, as well as some work on the restoring the stone dust bath. I'm trying to reestablish contact with him. And I have every confidence that he's going to be able to do that work for us, it's just a matter of getting him back down to the site in and getting the work accomplished.

Chairman Smith; “Thank you very much, Eric and I just wanted to thank Eric for his quick response from that concern about, you know, illicit activity at the site was brought up both Eric and Mike, you know, responding promptly considering this whole situation so I greatly appreciate that. And also once the order was lifted. As far as its visitation goes I did go out to the meadow and look at some boulders, the trees that he planted. And I think nearly every tree except for to have buds on them they're ready to leaf out, and the two I just couldn't get to because I didn't have the right shoes on to see them. So, hopefully, fingers crossed with a little bit cooler spring. It doesn't stress them out that they'll be able to leaf out and really become established and again that's another major change we'll look at the site. You know how having those all those native trees planted so thank you very much.”

D. Powell asked if we could get a photo of Richmond doing the paint analysis so we could talk about what is going on at the site. E.Pain said he would try and take photos of work ongoing. D.Powell asked if

the path on the perimeter was what you were speaking of. E.Pain advised it is the restoration of the existing path between the traffic light/parking lot and the Campbell-Christie House parking lot. We're still in the planning phase of the loop around the Meadow. D.Powell; "Okay, and I'm sorry to belabor this but the the loop does that include doing that part where I suggested connecting the two walkways by the Steuben House where the new signs are going to go?"

E.Pain advise "that will be separate but I think we can accomplish that without too much trouble it's a short section. I think it's in the best interest of the site. And I think that's going to be an easy sell, if you will." He advised he would push it through. D.Powell said it's pretty exciting you can see all the interest in the parks now.

Small Projects List

Stone-Examples from Braen Website

Shutter needs attention assigned to maintenance

Dormer

French Drain

Steuben Lawn Fill holes and seed

Intergovernmental Agreement Projects List as submitted to Trenton.

FY 18 projects identified to date

FY19 TBD

FY20 TBD Requested to think big!

- 1)1-A Study of the Von Steuben House - \$5000 work is underway Emailed 11/8 no response called and left message 3/3/2020 no response Still no response Cancel project?
- 2) Develop plan for redesign of parking lot, Sutton Lys property and entryway? \$15,000
The Commission is seeking proposals for design, I think once they can offer a detailed scope of work, something tangible, it'll be easier to move forward in getting state a/e involved.
- 3) Remove brick walkway replace with stone dust \$2875 complete
- 4) Plant Trees along the meadow fence line Complete sort of...any trees that don't make it are guaranteed. Watering and bags covered by RSP. Additional trees to be planted from original PO additional trees to be requested along Main St. \$7100?
- 5) Repair and paint exterior staircase. \$3275 stairs complete needs paint
- 6) *Paint analysis of Von Steuben House PO requested 7/25 \$12,400 APPROVED work to begin week of 3/9! Samples collected basement to attic 3/9-11 and analysis ongoing.
- 7) Repair and repaint plaster walls in dwelling room and rear rooms correcting deficiencies \$3000-\$5000 Awaiting results of the Paint analysis
- 8) Identify appropriate fixtures and remove fluorescent lighting and led candelabra bulbs \$600.70 Complete
- 9) Site Clean Up remove fallen branches, cutback brush-RSP Maintenance completed first "wave"
- 10) Interpretive Panels \$4140 Additional information required. Design and content PO request on hold awaiting final pricing
- 11) Fence Rails and posts \$2680 DELIVERED
- 12) Doorway flood barrier and instant sandbags \$611.59 Complete

13) Turn around \$6226 complete

14) Stone dust path exterior of meadow LMR submitted

15) Exterior Pain Steuben House Evaluating contractors soliciting quotes Met with initial contractor 10/9 soliciting additional bids submitted hpo application. Pb120 submitted 11/20. 1/2/20 process complete all bids received. Must use low bid Maio Construction. PO approved. Need to approve colors and award job! \$28975 Color schemes shared waiting on weather and contractor

16) Car Counter Received \$1034.56

17) Meadow Stone Dust Path Restoration PO Approved 2008.57 waiting on contractor

18) Pizza Town Lot Parking \$835.00

D.Powell asked what color were the backstairs going to be painted. E.Pain advised we had discussed the same color as the front columns, the cream color. Chairman Smith asked about the reseeding the backyard. E.Pain said he was going to split up the job to see how it would take. E.Pain advised his account for Ringwood was frozen but New Bridge was not on the list. He thought it was approved for 2020 but he had not seen it in writing.

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan. Acting Commissioner Blauvelt Demarest Foundation

No report, J.Heffernan.

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner, Bergen County Historical Society

I think that they're the first event we've talking about doing is July 2 with Jim's lantern Tour, which is outside, so we'll have to see what the rules are by the time we get there, but theoretically you could have people spaced out enough to comply with social distancing. Then the rest of our calendar, we're talking about some walking tours in July and August, and beginning of September September 6 thing. So, what like I said we'll have to see how things are going by that time, but I have been making good use of my time with less meetings. I've also been working on two big projects for the society, and one of them I will talk about next month. But the, which I'm almost done with. But the, the other one that I got off to the printer Actually, today we went back and forth on these signs. and I can share them. If you want to see them.

Presentation covered the 5 signs: These are the interpretive signs, and it shows the map that we've used, an overview that I sort of broke it into areas of possible interest that people could gravitate to; Native American, Enslaved and Indentured Americans, Jersey Dutch, Rev War, saving the site. I did include QR codes for some of the different signs so this one has a QR code center bottom to go to the web site, so people can find out more information about, you know, the events and, and all. We decided to leave the existing kiosk, even though it's somewhat has the same information but it's a nonlinear entry to the site so you don't know where they're going to come into the site. There is a lot of text on it but I was looking at it, that it really is impactful in showing how much occurred at this site throughout the Revolution all the type in yellow were things that happened at New Bridge, and the white type is things that are more well defined dates that like the beginning of the war. Then the Steenrapie Encampment where they had a Council of War, at the site is sort of pulls everybody into the center there. So, I think it's going be really useful for schoolchildren that are studying the war, and on the lower right you can see that overview map that's about five inches big I think on the sign. So that shows where the other signs are so it creates sort of a walking path, a destination where people can head for what they see on the, on the side. And then again it has a QR code but this one takes you to the

Rev War page of the website. And then this one is a short distance away and it's that path that I was mentioning, needing to connect to because I'm right now it's grass. So this one gives sort of a brief overview about the bridge, the wharf, the store, and again there's a QR code that could take you to the website that has a full listing of the inventory there and explains John Zabriskie Jr's death after the war, and he died so they made an inventory so it's very interesting. When you start looking at what they were bringing in to sell at the store site there. And then of course about the tide mill on the right and another QR code to take you to the Steuben House page. And another map showing where you are. And here we're at the east side of the bridge. Looking at the looking toward the bridge, and you know it has this map was just installed the society just paid for a interpretive panel on the Alpine rest off on the Palisades interstate Parkway. Using this map that I created based on a map that Claire Tholl and committee did back in the 70s, but I colored you know colored it and shows the timing of when things happen throughout. Really throughout Bergen County. But of course, you know, featuring New Bridge. And I grabbed this image of a statue of Thomas Paine at his birth place from a photographer and credit him here. And supply Paine's quotes about New Bridge. And another QR code to the rev war page, history.

A.Strobel said this is his favorite sign, "giving everybody a greater appreciation of the connection of where everything happened and it puts it on to board where people can really understand "Hey, I know the area."

D.Powell "I think it's it's really impactful and you can see how close it was for them. And so I actually in the lower right I added a box, about Washington's army suffered a tremendous casualties and is on the brink of total defeat after the Battle of Long Island and other campaign actions, including the battles of Kips Bay, Brooklyn Heights and Fort Washington August 22 through November 1776. So that's what he's leading into this, and then Paine's quote, you know, "our first object was to secure the bridge over the Hackensack which laid up the river between the enemy and us about six miles from us, three from them." So the British had the advantage, in hindsight of course, we know they got away but at the time, of course, they didn't know how it was going to go.

I was glad to be able to show this map off again. and I did repeat throughout them, because of the evidence, we're seeing a metal detecting metal detecting and digging are not allowed by law at historic New Bridge lending and may result in fines, please contact the police immediately if you see this activity. That's what I think the police should be aware of. You know what the law is we've, I think, Jim, you said you saw more activity of metal detecting - magnet fishing. So it's really quite worrisome you know. Eric and Rich Flynn came to do tree survey, it's giving an overview, a show picture of Brett Park, show Andre's map, which is really an interesting map because it shows all you know it shows the Steuben House in that yellow circle and shows the tide mill. It shows the two forts on the hill above us Cherry Hill that reportedly were not up very long, which is puzzling because they actually appear on two period maps.

6000 British soldiers are camped across Bergen County from Englewood, over to New Bridge. And then I was able to find this really high res image of a tavern with a stagecoach. So that, that's pretty neat. and then the Native American castle there. Todd Braisted supplied text for the about Van Buskirk up there in that orange box. And then, wrote or cobbled together some things here on the, on the right with the

included that that drawing by David DeVries had drawn, of the Native people that he met as a resident of Jersey City and New Amsterdam and, in the earliest times, and he settled ended up trying to start a colony in Edgewater. E.Pain and Chairman Smith thanked D.Powell for all her work. Chairman Smith pointed out how it creates a destination throughout the park and ties it all in. D.Powell said it would be an advantage to mount the Eastside Retreat sign to the right so it doesn't block the view of the bridge and the house but there is pavement there so not sure how that will go. She also asked who could remove the big old brown sign. Discussion they could be removed by pulling them out, that not set in concrete.

D.Powell asked if E.Pain knew what we could do at the site in coming months. He said we are in the orange phase, passive, yellow is coming - additional activities including bathrooms. She asked about having buildings open. Chairman Smith said we've been completely supportive of the rules and have been using social media including educational materials.

V. New Business

L.Bauer said he sent something yesterday about promoting Pride Month, he's chair for a group. Chairman Smith said he briefly got a chance to look at it. We've talked about from the Society's perspective to have someone come to the site and Steuben, he wondered if we could have a zoom meeting. L.Bauer said a connection to the community. Chairman Smith said we're going to try and do a zoom meeting in a couple of weeks and also research some of these historians. L.Bauer thought he could get one of the high school teachers to tie in, could come up with a presentation for approval. D.Powell asked if suitable for children. L.Bauer said the high school has a program called Spectrum. Chairman Smith said BCHS is noted for research, like in the 1970s John Spring dispelled the Cornwallis House, it was controversial at the time.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. Public Comment. By 6:56 pm, no email comments for the commission. Discussion on online meeting verses meeting in person. Chairman Smith suggested alternating months. E.Pain noted how much more wildlife is present now including an eagle, fox, trout. Noted how visible the NY skyline is now from Skyline Drive. E.Pain hoped we would be more patient with each other as a nation.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairman Smith: be safe be well and thank you very much for coming today. Thank you.
Motion to adjourn 8:04 pm. First, D.Powell, Second, L.Bauer. Motion passed.

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AGENDA

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission
Thursday, June 4, 2020

I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement

II. Attendance

III. Review of Minutes

Review of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 7, 2020

IV. Calendar

V. Chairman's Report

VI. Continuing Business

A. Brett Park

B. New Milford

C. River Edge

D. County of Bergen

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Meeting takes place Thursday, July 2, 2020, 7:00 pm

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission Minutes from Thursday, June 4, 2020

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

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I. Attendance: James Smith, Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, Larry Bauer, John Heffernan, Adam Strobel, Richard Karp and Michael Putrino.

Mary Donohue was absent.

Public: None

II. Review of Minutes

Motion to approve First by L. Bauer, Second, Richard Karp, motion passed.

III. Calendar

No scheduled events in accordance with what is occurring in the state of New Jersey due to the Covid 19 virus.

IV. Chairman's Report

Good evening everyone,

Just looking at the calendar, there are no events scheduled for the month of June, in accordance with what's occurring in the state of New Jersey due to the COVID-19 virus. So, again, good afternoon, everyone. I'm gonna keep this very short. Thank you for attending the zoom meeting tonight. Due to the current situation in order some trend no events have taken place during the month of May, and nothing is scheduled for the month of June. However, the Historical Society continues to explore new ways to bring the site to more people. We have conducted virtual live tours at the site as well as in other areas. postings on social media on different topics to continue to engage. Citizens of Bergen County, New Jersey and beyond. Some fence repairs were made by Bergen County store society volunteers from the meadow all the way down to To the Campbell Christie house. Thank you, Deborah for taking that on. Fence rails make great social distancing tools, as fence rails are about 11 feet in length. So that's a great way to look at it. And it's definitely goes a long way with you know, the grounds continued to be maintained and, you know, are looking fantastic all that we I was on at the site on Sunday, and there's actually a lot of visitors walking around, and the site really is looking great. And so far seems people have been very respectful with items not being left behind, which is fantastic. And I think that goes a long way because, you know, in these uncertain times, with obviously everything, that is going on with closings, I think it's important that you know that the rails got repaired and the grass looks great and you know, because whether it's new bridge or a site somewhere else in New Jersey, we want to make sure that you know, these sites continue to look cared for. And you know that that goes a long way. So great job to everybody that's been involved in that process. And thank you to our landscapers as well. Ultimately, the commission was created to coordinate between the different entities here at the park. It's one of the New York more unique setups, as you all know, in the state that has worked and will work when we continue to work together as really a team.

Thank you very much, everybody.

Jim Smith, HNBLPC Chairman

V. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report.

Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. Absent. No report.

Chairman Smith: I didn't have a chance to go through those yet. But I did see that. You're able to get a couple more quotes from first Brett Park. So we'll have to, you know, circle back around with that. Make sure to forward that along over to Eric to make sure that we're complying with everything and, you know, hopefully for July then get that final, you know, get that finalized to get that moving for sure. One of the things that I you know, and I guess it just could have been when I happened to be at the park. When I was at Brett on Sunday, the grass was looking a little bit high. So I don't know if, you know, also to the week before it rained a lot. So, I mean, even at New Bridge, or on the on the historical size property, the grass was cut, and then like a week and a half later didn't even look that way. So it could be that's the case and Brett, but I would just ask that maybe you were Larry, you guys could just keep an eye on that. And, you know, as you know, to next week or even to touch base with a DPW just to make sure that that is maintained as well. Okay. Great. Thank you very much.

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford, Representative.

Status Quo. D. Powell said she started to look at flags/banners for the Park. Said she was looking for sizes, it depends on the pole they are going on. She asked where exactly would they go. Suggested we need a survey of where it makes sense to put them. M. Putrino said we have the light post on the New Milford side that are a standardized size. He said the width stays same and the length can vary. He offered to send the email again with sizes. Chairman Smith agreed we need a survey of light poles on how many we need. He said we could look at doing for Main Street and New Bridge Road additionally. Chairman Smith thanked Mike and New Milford PD stepped up patrols for issue near the bridge.

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge.

Absent. No report.

D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Commissioner, and Bergen County Division of Open Space.

So, what I have this evening to talk about his plans for the drainage improvements obviously the valve on earlier this week since as you may recall I indicated that Joseph Sanzari was given the contract to do the work sends every sense communication of the scope of work plans, which were developed by Boswell engineering to Mr. Femia, I was the county engineer and also to Mr. Christos, covetous. I can share with you through an email. I just got this today a chance to send it over to you. But the proposal work is a lump sum amount of \$15,180 to do the work, all following the plans that were developed by Boswell reviewed by Elaine approved of area “no impact” by SHPO. So, I'm happy to announce that the contractor is provided his proposal and Christos has approved. I can share screens with this for whatever else you'd like to do is to chat about this if you want to take any action in our minutes just to say that we received the report. Share screen of report: mobilization remove the junction chamber top, obviously vacuum out the pipe, install the check valve reconstruct the chamber furnishing the stall the flat top 36 s 36 inch access hole centered

Second drawing

If you may recall this top, whatever it is on the top left this was was the dimensions of everything right. Are you seeing my pointer? That's the manhole cross section.

Just to give given a broad picture of it so here's the site plan right beside of the park. These colored lines represent floodway issues and other environmental items just put it on the flooring, obviously a good

resource to have. So it's a riparian zone wetland zone, many wetlands transition area, contour lines, which is always an issue that Deborah's always talked about if we have a site survey in any of the contour lines, if I remember that's the and obviously, this red line denotes the limits of the two servers, which only means work is going to be contained to this area. Obviously, the the red denotes the sill fence to keep everything in place. And obviously the round circle represents the manhole where the new check going to go.

So again, this is all developed by the engineer which was Boswell who was retained to do that work and I've provided that copies before this. Right so this is the final construction plan. This is what which was given to Sanzari. They developed the scope of work, which was the other document that I showed. And obviously the cost involved. Christo sent back an email question. Okay. What's the timeframe? Which is always the natural question? Oh, hopefully when I, when he gets a response, obviously communicate that to Jim. You can share with everybody as well. But I believe at this point in time, obviously, if they put the proposal together, it's dated June 1st. They should have this queued up in their activities. It's probably good that we're in COVID. I don't know how much construction activity is going on. But this obviously is work for them. And it's obviously it's quite straightforward. Nothing really complicated or far off.

Chairman Smith: So, it's definitely, I mean, looks fantastic. And, you know, we'll definitely, it hopefully begins to address, you know, some of those issues that we've been talking about for a long time. So it's definitely really appreciated for sure. When work starts, will the state have a representative while work is at least beginning, Or, or the society can have representative or just to observe?" A. Strobel said okay.

A.Strobel said "obviously, everything's going be restored to what was there before then put down top seed, soil, seed, top soil."

D. Powell: So will that whole area be dug up that's read or just where the manhole is?

A.Strobel confirmed: Not nothing's been dug up. It's just just this all the small area, what is there now is going to be removed right? So remove junction chamber top. Obviously, you vacuum the water out. Put the valve into the manhole we used to construct the junction chamber which is that the box that's around it, that's all underground. It's all in the same area. The manhole itself, the outside of the lip of the manhole Cover was just a couple of inches more. So that's where you get the 36 and 48 inches. This is going to be six, six inches. One and a half inch. I'm not certain. Oh, that's, that's what the height of the manhole cover is. Great grading so the grading is going run flush with the top of the manhole cover.

Yeah, I think at this point, the Commission has supported this, but I would definitely, you know, entertain a vote to approve the final construction to begin. First: M.Putrino
L.Bauer, 2nd, motion passed.

Chairman Smith thanked Adam Strobel, D.Powell also thanked him on the hard work on project.

E. DEP – Steuben House Report Eric Pain, DEP Representative. Superintendent Ringwood State Park.

6/4/2020

DEP REPORT - Steuben House:

Small Projects List (No Movement on list)
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With the current COVID situation I have not been able to move on the small projects this so I have no movement report on that the the one a I still yet to make any contact whatsoever with that I think it's just wasting our time unless somebody has a creative way of doing this that reestablish contacts. I'm thinking this project dissolve but off the table at this point. I don't understand what happened. It's a shame that was a that was an important piece of the puzzle so to speak. Do we want to formally consider that you want to table it?" D. Powell asked if we could give it one more month, that she did reach out to Gary McGowan, and he was puzzled by lack of response himself. She would try again. Chairman Smith said they were hiring a bunch of people on a large project in a cemetery in NY. E.Pain said okay, one more month. "Speaking of reestablishing contact, I was able to get back in touch with Bolter Landscaping. Jim was kind enough to visit the metal place a few flags. And I think we are on our way to getting to two of the three remaining trees that were owed planted. And I do believe he's going to size up the rehabilitation of the path while he's down there in finished. So that's the that's the information I have on Bolter landscaping. The paint analysis is ongoing, there was some interest in having another site visit conducted. I'm going to work with the vendor to get another site visit accomplished. I submitted a report to Deborah in June And I still haven't had a chance to digest all the information that was contained in it. But it looks very thorough and very extensive. And as Jim mentioned, it was enough material that a lecture or a lecture series could be done on just the work that was completed up to this point. So I was very impressed with the work that was conducted up to this point. The interpretive panels, Deborah has been working very hard with fossil. And I'm pretty certain that we've gotten to where we need to be and it's, it's a small miracle, with all the paperwork and the challenges that has been faced back and forth. I believe the purchase order request was submitted today. Finally, and I'm hoping that we're able to move forward relatively quickly on that.

The next item is the exterior painting. I do believe the vendor has the color schemes that we want. I think he still has some, some significant concerns about the COVID situation and he's not real thrilled about getting started at the time. But he is he is still looking to be the one to do the job. I think he's just asking for a little more time at this point." He asked for questions.

Chairman Smith Yeah, I mean, air, as Eric mentioned that the paint analysis was just, it's it's so amazing what, you know, as Eric said, again, it's it's thorough but and as Deborah P. pointed out with the paint that was confirmed, there's paint samples, at least to 1752. So it's never said that matches up with the date stone on the side of the house. Right. And even the colors are a little bit different as well, which will eventually help us with interpretation. You know, some of those areas may you know, just because of access, they may only be available virtually maybe in the future or like that you would open the windows and people might be able to look into see some of those areas. But it's you know, definitely opens up a lot of potential for bringing the house back to an earlier time and looking at all the different inhabitants were here. So it's pretty amazing that that project was able to get accomplished." D.Powell said it was interesting there was no green (what the current downstairs color is) which was based on the Milner report.

Chairman Smith: "Thank you very much, Eric. And positive with the landscaper and good discussions going back and forth on them as well." He added "It does look like one of the London planetrees didn't make it, another one has died." Eric said he would reach out to him. Chairman Smith thanked Eric for working on it.

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan. Acting Commissioner BDF Rep

No report, J.Heffernan. J.Heffernan acknowledged the lawn had been cut.

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS

A project we were able to focus on with the cancellation of meetings and events was a total redo of the BCHS website. I first created in 1996, it was overdue for a makeover. I continue to populate with histories, video, articles and other contributions by members. She asked if the part on the Park Commission need to be updated. Chairman Smith described the page as having the masterplan, annual reports, enabling legislation and interpretive plans as a great resource.

BCHS members replaced fence rails and continue to pick up garbage at the site.

We met last night via zoom on event planning, discussing what we can plan to do this summer. Unfortunately, our celebrations of 100 years of Women obtaining the vote and women's history and our annual dinner had to be canceled.

D.Powell went on to say "Fun thing to report, I did find two neat images I posted on Facebook yesterday. One was I was going through some files and back in 1982 I went to the Johnson Library and with the lead on finding the movie that was made in 1915 of Mill the Floss and they use the Steuben House as a setting, 1915 film! So we I rented it and the society had a screening of it and then I returned it...and now it's apparently gone or lost, anyway, I am trying to still trying to track it down. But I was going through some files and somehow we had five photos of taken from the film. I posted one that has an unusual view because it shows down the porch toward the back of the house, that that porch is actually no longer there. But it's not like a view you would normally take." She shared image from phone. D.Powell you know, the house had a whitewash there. So, as Jim noted, it makes it interesting, how early does that go back, the whitewash. I think they were trying to create like a Greek temple look.

Chairman Smith, When I talked to Tina, it was a topic I brought up. Unlikely to date it, that it's outside and exposed to elements, you would have a very difficult time trying to actually date that the whitewash. I think I know about at least one house in Bergen County that still has kind of a whitewash but I don't know if it's a whitewash or actually was just stucco.

D.Powell And the image I had never seen was the Society's plans for a new museum from 1967, it was very elaborate plans, large building and drive through site, a fascination with the automobile to drive everywhere. A.Strobel added early engineering plans he had come across had a big loop, jug handle to cut through the property for reverse jug handle to get onto Main Street towards Route 4 which never came about. And that's, you know, actually that kind of ties into the society donating its land to the state for parking literally, to have drive up parking for the stupid house that you would park just a few feet away, get out of your car or walk to it.

Chairman Smith: Since you mentioned the museum, just like as an update on our on the museum building. We're currently waiting for the final approval from the state, which has been ongoing process as far as for the parking lot.

It's really a situation that something that when you look at what the building is going to do. I you know, I can't stress enough that it provides ADA accessibility bathrooms, which the Steuben House can't, it'll

allow the Steuben House to be restored. It's going to complement every other building on the site. And it's being self-funded. So it's surprising that it's, it's take as long but we're continuing to work with our legal team and the state's legal team. And hopefully we can get it resolved quickly. Because ultimately, we want to, you know, benefit the site. That's the whole point of of it. And it's very interesting, because I had this conversation with somebody as well. You know, when you look at the museum building moving forward, you know, in this COVID era, one of the things that we're thinking about with, you know, opening up for events, even in the short term is, you know, social distancing. How can you social distance in the Steuben House, and yet, when you look at the museum building, it has a beautiful porch, with stairs that we talked about like that, that people could sit While somebody standing at the bottom and it creates an amphitheater effect, reminded me of almost like Seneca Falls a couple years ago, when I went up there and visited that site, they had like an outdoor mini amphitheater type of thing. And it was really neat, kind of blended in. So this building is going to have that even before you know, COVID is, you know, came into our, our vocabulary. So, you know, we continue to move forward. But we are delayed on that. But hopefully once we get past that we can go forward from that.

A. Strobel asked, "I have a question. Can you tell me who are you working with?"

Chairman Smith: So this is a dedicated parking issue, with Marlon Dooley. She's the Office of the Assistant Commissioner of Natural and Historic Resources. You know, we had provided the document or what we needed from the River Edge planning board in August. It was endeavor, Deborah, correct me if I'm wrong in February, we received the final paperwork from Marlon. And, you know, when you look at what the society look, you know, with the response, you know, there is overlap with the commission. So one of one of the requests was that the society provides a report by the February for its usage, or and I have no problem with saying, you know, speaking from the society, you know, doing that, but we do every December with the annual HNBL Park commission report that includes all of that information. So that was one thing that our legal team brought up that we could, you know, just change that language that instead of it saying the society submits the report, the information is included in the park commission document. So, but that's where we're at. That's where our legal team is working at. But I did want to keep everybody just in the loop on the commission as well. So that once we do get that information, and I'm sure we'll be able to work it out. That you know, that we can move forward and get some gold shovels and some helmets socially distance dig, dig. So were there any other questions?"

A.Strobel: I'm sorry, just a follow up question, but it's a dedicated parking lot that the commissioner's office is looking for and where would that be?

Chairman Smith: The the River Edge planning board had requested want to know how to park and how would it work for events at HNBL. So prior to August commission meeting, we actually passed a resolution date for the commission that yes, you know, the parking lot is utilized for events, right, because there was no text for that. And we provided that into the River Edge planning board. A. Strobel: The pizza town?

Chairman Smith: Yes, I'm sorry, the pizza town property. That's correct. The that's what we've been using. It's part of the site. It was purchased for the site. And the planning board then requested a document from the owner itself, the statement, you know, the state and that's what we're in the process of approval. A. Strobel: thanks for the clarification.

VI. Old Business

E. Pain: I was curious with the replacement of or the placement of the new rails, if there are additional rails that were needed to replace what was used for. There's still some left.

Chairman Smith: I think we're good for right now. Okay. But I think once you know, down near the Steuben House, there's some rails that could maybe be adjusted as well as some center posts. Okay. I think once we get down into that area, we'll have a better understanding.

VII. New Business

So I just want to say, again, I didn't say this at the beginning. But under, you know, these these times, it's very nice to see everybody. I hope everybody's doing well. I mean, I can't imagine like what, you know, Eric, Adam, Mike, you know, with your jobs, like what you guys are going through as well, and including everybody else, you know, in different situations. So, you know, obviously, my hat's off to you. And, you know, just, I'm glad everybody's doing well. And I hope everybody's doing well. And I do look forward to eventually at some point, we'll have a meeting on site.

VIII. Public Comment. None.

IX. Adjournment

Chairman Smith: be safe be well and thank you very much for coming today. Thank you.

Motion to adjourn 7:56 pm. First, R.Karp, Second, L.Bauer. Motion passed.

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Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission
Thursday, July 2, 2020

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II. Attendance

III. Review of Minutes

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Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission Minutes from Thursday, July 2, 2020

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Chairman Smith's read the Open Public Meetings Act statement at 7:05 pm. He asked that reports be sent in. Stated "This meeting has been advertised in the newspaper of record", thanked D. Powell for the minutes.

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I. Attendance: James Smith, Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, John Heffernan, and Mary Donohue.

Adam Strobel, Richard Karp, Michael Putrino and Larry Bauer were absent.

Public: None

II. Review of Minutes

Motion to approve, First by John Heffernan, Second, Eric Pain, motion passed.

Calendar

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III. Chairman's Report

Good evening everyone,

Independence Day will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival... It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade with shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this continent to the other from this Time forward forever more," John Adams to his wife Abigail on July 3rd, referring to today, July 2nd. I hope everyone and their families are well.

As Covid19 continues its march across the country, the Historical Society continues to look at ways to bring local history to life and also begin to prepare for reopening in a safe manner for all. We appreciate all information that has been provided.

I know there are continued updates with the 1A and Paint Analysis, which is exciting news and I will let Eric speak more on that topic. Again, when we look at many of the projects that the Commission is undertaking, they are preparing the site for the future. These are building block projects. With the 1A, we can next determine archaeology, future interpretive panels as well as valuable resources for future development of the site. Other projects that we have discussed do this and will eventually prepare the park for what it will become.

The Society will be meeting with State Representatives to discuss and hopefully finalize the parking lot issue concerning the new museum building. I can't stress enough that the structure will benefit the site as a whole and allow for restoration work to occur at other areas within the park, along with providing much needed ADA bathrooms. Another added benefit is the deck area will allow for more outdoor programming, a key element as we look forward into the Covid Future.

Lastly, Live Events continue to occur via Social Media, Deborah provided a walking tour and I conducted a live event in place of our July 2nd event. The site has also been selected for a "virtual summer camp on August 1st." It truly is an honor and testament to the story we have. One other NJ site was selected, Thomas Edison, but we join the likes of Minute Man National Park, Rebecca Nurse homestead and many others. It's a chance to showcase NJ's rich history and we are looking forward to the opportunity.

Thank you,
James Smith, Chairman
Historic New Bridge State Park State Park Commission

IV. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. Absent No report.

Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. Absent. No report.

Chairman Smith reported that the park had not been mowed and concerned about the unkept impression makes on visitors.

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford, Representative. Absent No report.

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge. No report.

D. County of Bergen - Adam Strobel, Commissioner, and Bergen County Division of Open Space. Absent No report. D. Powell noted she recently saw a report by New Jersey Transit for prioritizing bike paths in 0-2 year phase in their 10 year plan and pondered if any plans were planned for a path going up Commerce Way. It could be a part of developing our HNBL parking lot.

E. **DEP** – Steuben House Report Eric Pain, DEP Representative. Superintendent Ringwood State Park.

7/2/2020

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Also asked if HNBL was included in July year budget. E.Pain said the previous money had not been impacted, he thought it had been included for the new budget but was uncertain. Chairman Smith thought the budget was only passed for the next three months. D.Powell asked how can we plan on some of these larger projects like the parking lot or Steuben House restoration.

D.Powell said she reached out to Chrysalis [as requested in previous meeting] and they responded right away. He said he would have a draft ready in a couple of weeks. And then surprisingly we received a draft today. E.Pain observed there was some repetition in their work and concerned with the amount of time it took to get a response. D.Powell asked if he has the language in the contract what we asked for. Chairman Smith brought up tree removal, for example there's a damaged redbud.

D. Powell brought up concern about access to the river bank near a very large poison ivy growth in a tree where people could brush by (by PSEG fence and wharf). Asked if this could be addressed by the state contractor for HNBL even though it is BCHS property. E.Pain thought it could addressed by the contractor or tree service and would get pricing.

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan. Acting Commissioner BDF Rep, No report, J.Heffernan.

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS
BCHS continues to make history content available on our updated website and on Face Book. We recently received items from a WWI soldier's descendant from Bergen County, the donor, an author, flew in from LA, partly to give these items to us, including a gas mask, helmet, record books.

The latest item to feature is the updated mobile app which is really a webpage designed to work best with a Smart Phone. When at the site this afternoon we saw a grandfather and grandson of about seven years old using it, it's always very endearing to see that, someone wanting to share history with the next generation. I was going to get new QR signs made up to link to it to install on the existing kiosk. She asked if that was okay with everyone. Jim was looking for children's activities for the website so we made this Steuben House cutout by historian Claire Tholl available, sized to print out on 8-1/2" x 11 for easy printing. I worked on a rules sign, it could go on the river bank mounted on the fence. See screen, does anyone have changes? She asked what rules are missing. E.Pain said possibly add "no alcohol." Should BCHS get them made or Eric's office, E.Pain said he could take care of getting them fabricated. Chairman Smith thought we could use four signs. He mentioned a tractor-trailer parking in the HNBL lot, there has not been an issue with vehicles parking.

I asked Councilwoman Kaufman about graffiti and she supplied the code NJSA 2C:17-3. E.Pain acknowledged the satellite properties have been hit by amateur graffiti "artists" and it seems like any property that doesn't have a presence it "vulnerable to it these days. ...it's unsightly and it is illegal."

D.Powell "I was hoping to bring up to Adam but we had a discussion on whether the Campbell-Christie House should have shutters for the additional four windows and whether we would be able to close them. The Steuben House shutters need review, Chairman Smith "we noticed the other day someone had propped open a shutter. E.Pain suggested to go through window by window and take an inventory of what we might need to better secure them. He also said we could do an exercise, a test with the alarm company to check the contacts. M. Donohue asked if we had an alarm company and E. Pain said yes. D.Powell shared Eric's photos of Tina of Richbrook Conservation working at the Steuben House.

V. Old Business None.

VI. New Business

D.Powell brought up her mother-in-law, Teresa Wright passed away two weeks ago, was quite something, a milestone, 93 years old, seven kids, youngest one down syndrome. Kevin's father died when he was only 19, his father was 49, pancreatic cancer [veteran of WW2]. But she held the family together, three kids in college at the time, including Kevin. Chairman Smith offered their condolences.

Chairman Smith: While we're in this COVID pandemic. I think one of the big things whether it's Historic New Bridge Landing, Ringwood Manor, Monmouth Battlefield, you can really see the value of these historic sites and green spaces, and just being able to visit them and appreciate the environment so I think it's like now more than ever, you know, we really see the value in them and we have a lot of projects going on here and we'll just continue to increase the visitors' experience. Down the road, some of the projects will have progressed so it's exciting time and definitely go out and see some of those parks, as well, including ours. So, well, there's nothing for public comment I didn't receive anything else.

VII. Public Comment. None.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairman Smith: be safe be well and thank you very much for coming today. Thank you. Motion to adjourn 7:45 pm. First, M.Donohue, Second, J.Heffernan. Motion passed.

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Meeting takes place Thursday, September 3, 2020, 7:00 pm

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission
Minutes from Tuesday, August 11, 2020 (Rescheduled due to lack of quorum)

I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement

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II. Attendance: James Smith, Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, Adam Strobel, John Heffernan, and Larry Bauer.

Absence: Richard Karp, Michael Putrino and Mary Donohue were absent.

Public: None

III. Review of Minutes

Last minutes were sent out August 3. Motion to approve: First by Eric Pain, Second, Adam Strobel, motion passed.

IV: Calendar

Walking Tour August 23, 2020. No scheduled events in accordance with what is occurring in the state of New Jersey due to the Covid 19 virus. BCHS able to reach audiences with Zoom and Face Book. Chairman Smith reported: The society's working to get things moving forward. Last month and the beginning of this month was a huge, huge success with the American Summer Road Trip and being a participant of that, and I'm sure Deborah will talk about that later. Also, just continuing to, you know, move forward in this topic. At age, there will be a Zoom lecture on Thursday. And that will be from Penny Coleman on the early suffragettes and some of the places that they went to and you'll have a chance to visit them. And then on August 16, Deborah will be conducting an outdoor architectural walk-through tour of Historic New Bridge Landing. So definitely, treading carefully as we continue to, to open up silently in a safe manner in accordance with the state of New Jersey.

V. Chairman's Report

Good evening everyone, "I hope everyone is doing wel, especially after this most recent tropical storm. I definitely want to start off by thanking Eric and his staff are ensuring that the Steuben House was ready.

I also want to thank Carol Restivo the new BCHS president and the volunteers to ensure that the rest of the site was also prepared. It's never an easy task, but all we can do is prepare and go through each step. You know, as we move forward, and I definitely think we need to look at kind of like a checklist, just as new people are involved or even likenew staff from up at Ringwood, why that might be coming down. So everybody knows like, this is what needs to happen. And I think part of that we could examine the door dams to see if they fit properly and the other doorways and that might be something to look into a future expense. You might even look into those more of those non sand sandbags that can be placed in different ways that could also move water from going into the US as well. So it's just something to look at the resiliency for the site. The site did fair, well, minus a few trends in the loss of a Red Bud. It was on society property along the pathway, this did fall. This has some damage over the winter and unfortunately, did succumb to the storm. However, with our historic reverse landing and its funding and looking at a second round of tree plantings, this tree possibly be replaced. I wanted to also thank all the society members were able to take care of the branches that fell down the property afterwards and place those branches on the curb. I did reach out to Mary Donohue representative from River Edge so that once the town is cleaned up, that they could also come down to Main Street and pick up the branches and trees placed on the curb at New Bridge. Again, we continue to plan for both virtual and socially distance events and New Bridge. We're also in excited to announce a outdoor Eagle Scout project that's in the works. And it's a bread oven. This design is based on a temporary 18th century design. So imagine like a tabletop with a earthen oven, almost like a pizza dome on top. This will allow for outdoor interpretation during these Covid times. And what also makes that so important to the site. It's not that just we're having a bread oven, or a baked oven is that there was one on the property near the Steuben House or actually on a Steuben House property. So it's a great interpretive piece, and this would go near our our allocation on society's property. Since the last meeting, we did have a meeting with the DEP, representatives of the Commission and Society, Assistant Parks Director Mark Texal, Eric Pain, Marlon Dooley and Jason Kane, Jason came the deputy attorney general on site Always productive meeting and hopefully allows for our agreement. So you may receive that agreement from the DDP that we can finally get the approval from the planning board from Mirage to proceed with museum building. I also want to thank everyone who participated or share in America Summer Road Trip, which I previously mentioned, the video content showed very well and did a great job showcasing Bergen County and ultimately, New Jersey's rich history. Moving forward. We need to build on past momentum on multiple fronts. And these are all areas that we can all work toward, especially as the fall approaches. Thank you very much. And we move on to Teaneck and Larry.

VI. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report.

Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. Absent. No report.

Chairman Smith Larry, I didn't notice it, because one of the things that we had brought up previously was that the grass was getting like really high in our breakfast. And I'm not sure if it was you or rich but somebody did. Eventually, the DP W, they did cut the rep or Brett Park. So that was a positive. I think one of the challenges now with it being cut, it's like kind of like twofold. In June of 2015, Larry, I know

you were involved with me and members of the Greenway and the society. And we cleaned out the riverbank. And the DPW was cleaning out the riverbank, and Dennis consumo group, and again, all that work is just, you know, been backtracked, and, you know, this is something that we had previously talked about, because, you know, we want to be able to involve Teaneck and in Milford on the ways that we can do that is through the, the view show, right? And the fact that you could see the Stephen house from the new virgin, that would be an 18th century view shed and by allowing the grass and weeds and a basis to grow they have it's blocked out again, which is unfortunate. So you know, maybe we can try to schedule a meeting with the DPW or a contact where we can look at that. And also to I noticed that when they're cutting the lower Brett section, the whole part is not all of our breakfast cut, just like a swath of it was cut. So even prior to the storm, that last last weekend, when I tried walking through the park, it was difficult to get from where the interpretive panel is right across the bridge, it was difficult to walk through the grass to get to the other side of that part. So you know, I don't know it's, if it's something like that we'll continue to look at and to talk about, but maybe we can come up with some other solutions so that even if they feel that you're not that one the entire section can be trimmed to a cut. But habit that you can walk through the park like getting a path like the cut. I know state parks do that, you know, you might not cut an entire field but they'll cut like a roadway if you go through that maybe that's the thing that we need to look at Brett. And then like once a spring and once in the fall, they do like a general overall cut. But I think what's happening now it's kind of a continuation from last summer where they're cutting less And I think, you know, I mentioned this last year I think it's a really bad precedent. I can't stress that enough. Like when we when we look at 2001 2002 Brett Park looked completely different. You know, people they stop cutting it and cutting it and cutting it and now half a Brett Park it's not useable.

L. Bauer: I suggested we set up a meeting with the DPW. I know I've done that with two other Park situations. And it worked extremely well you can choose a word that people that were involved in different segments of it, were able to explain what the issues were and be able to come to an understanding of what needed to be done or any remediation is that can be done.

So I would say let's give it like another week or two with we try and set something up because I know that so clearly attractor.

Chairman Smith: Absolutely that that sounds great you know, definitely I don't want to encumber Teaneck with I'm sure they do out still by storm recovery, but maybe like in two weeks, three weeks, we can towards the end of August, we can try to touch base and see if we can set the meeting.

L.Bauer: I have it on on my notes and I'll send an email sounds good. And also on their radar too, because I know that they work with the Greenway. They work with many other parks. I'm sure there's something else we don't know.

Chairman Smith Previously Fran was the head of DPW and then I met with a brand. Yeah. And he was great. I know like at one point that I actually met some of the guys are doing the maintenance and that staff changed. So maybe it's it could just be that they just aren't sure what they need to do so could just be a little fresher.

D. Powell asked to speak: If you look at from the Steuben House at Teaneck, you can see that it looks like maybe in order to mow in the past, they they tossed cement, like big blocks of cement, foundations from buildings there. They tossed them into the river but they're only like laying sort of on the river bank now, but now it looks kind of trashy. I mean, next time you're down there, take a look because I think that could be you know, should be removed to create more of a nice view from the Steuben House. Do you know what I'm talking about? Jim, those that's a matter that's lying there. Yeah. Yes. Directly across the Steuben House.

good. Any other questions for Tina? Thank you so much, Larry. Appreciate it. You Milford Mike.

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford, Representative.

Absent No report. Chairman Smith: I know he may have had a conflict. Last Thursday, we had technical technical difficulties with Zoom. He was able to make it then. Nothing too or other that at some point in the near future, we'll try to get that meeting that we've been talking about for a while for Covid.

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge. Absent.

No report.

D. County of Bergen – Adam Strobel, Commissioner, and Bergen County Division of Open Space. No report.

“I'm really happy to report that the tie flap was inserted into the man hole where it was supposed to go leading to the river. I believe Jim did a site visit the day or the day of completion of a project I visited the site the other day. All you see left behind is the ground place. But I was not given any explanation to the contrary, but it sounded like everything was installed. properly and went in without a hitch. As Jim has any other insights that I saw, I'm happy to say that it's finally completed the extraordinary long time to get to this point but it's in place. I don't know if anybody witnessed a benefit of having that in place but their most recent storm if it provided anything in my site visit of course, I saw water still remnants in the turnarounds. So I want to see if we can kind of talk about how to possibly address that because I think the pitch of the rain inlet is too high right in the surrounding area. And obviously the circle has a metal band that is actually impeding water to find way to the center of the circle itself.

But I think if low key approach shifting tests could be done or some other mechanical retrofit, grading for portions of the green, at least don't let the water when swords as it was sitting there is there's a substantial.

My other item of note is I had a conversation with the Elaine Gold preservation manager for the county parks department. She had indicated to me that records that she has for the Campbell Christi house and roof. The roof may be on a list that should be addressed for a new roof sooner rather than later. So she wanted to notify me of that, obviously We'll have further discussions and plans if that fact is the recommendation, we'll go forward. But I just wanted to spend this early opportunity just to highlight that item.

I believe that's the only two items. I have an update on if there's any other questions.'

Chairman Smith thanked Adam. He added; Again, you know, I think it's, it's one of those projects that can be talked about and unfortunately, dealing with that, you know, you have sometimes the bearer of bad news or no news, and it's just so amazing that you know, is able to be accomplished. You know, it was relatively in and out, which is great. One of the things that I have noticed, on a couple of days actually being down there that it was actually very dry. So I it'd be very interesting for us tomorrow. To that, and like you said, No, I could see like the metal banding that's around it. Maybe just that might be a simple thing to address it because your water because the way it is pitched now there's kind of a on that state property where the turnaround comes in, it's almost like a hole that that water has to fill up to get over that. So maybe that might be something to address. And that's definitely I think we're in a step in the right direction. So a couple of couple of things that I just wanted to kind of touch base on. I know now like without project on, like the next part like looking at the looking at the site and looking at the drainage is the ditch that we've talked about near the it's been the Demaret House and the Campbell-Christie house. And I was like debating on you know, what would be the, you know, I was looking into like mosquito control that maybe they might be experts that they could give us advice on Maybe even have the machinery to clear out a ditch, I'm sure they must deal with ditches and in other parts of the County are cleaning out waterways to prevent mosquito control or as a form of mosquito control. So I thought, I thought that might be something so I wasn't sure if you wanted either if you wanted to reach out to mosquito control and had them by some insight, site meeting, etc, or if you wanted myself to do so or Mary at River Edge as a local municipality as well, but I could touch base security.

Strobel: Sure. So I've had discussions with Christos, our hydraulic engineer in the past, you know, in a global perspective about the water management system on the site, obviously talking about the check valve, but also talk about the point he just raised. I can touch base with him again, but my recollection is you know that there is Yes, the mosquito control are the laborers who would do the work, but it still wouldn't be probably need to be designed, how much any change needs to be done and clearing out the ditch will probably trigger a DEP permit because you're working within a regulated area. Many of our approach with the check valve was that it was in below ground and was not anything about surface. So permits were not needed if I recall correctly. I don't know if there was any other permits that were needed. But obviously his approach minimize any regulatory when the regulatory, I don't, I'll reach out.

It is it is a rather complex system as we've talked about. fluvial nature over water that comes across the property. So maybe what may appear to be one simple task may not in fact the task to play my whole focus again with Christos and his supervisor Joe Femia in parks DPW, Director slash engineer to see what he's comfortable with. I mean, that's it.

Chairman Smith: Obviously, I think at some point we need to have a hydraulic study for the entire signing probably. But definitely, you know, I was just thinking like short term and if they had, you know, if there's a maintenance permit that might be needed or not like just to be able to cut out the vegetation, no digging and just seeing like, what happens if you clear out the vegetation, without cause a better flow.

Strobel: May I make a suggestion or a thought or if there is, it's finding that the noun be made available to us and it's almost like we're putting it together. So, it was a process in which people try whatever appropriate amount of money is to study. You know, try to find a rely upon Christos if you can tell me in amount of time, because it is the only hydraulic engineer for the County, and it's just so many places, but one one approach could be is to hire somebody to kind of look at the entire area and recommend something.

There's entities locally and beyond that could help look at the natural systems. You know, obviously the property is a part in clearly don't want to have things that look to be hard race scale type of drainage facilities and not to suggest that something was done. But we try to find the right professional, environmental, hydraulic firm, kind of look at the site and make a recommendation or an assessment that may lead to make a recommendation. I think that may go a long way to kind of achieve what is been a long standing issue for the commission for so many years. Going back to all the different floods to nor'easter of April 2015.

But I'll add that to your list for consideration, Mr. Chairman, that how we could proceed with that and then that would be my recommendation maybe approach.

Chairman Smith: I think that's totally fine. I guess then just the other thing to my apologies, but so interesting with the roof The other thing to add on that was internal. I know we talked about the painting, and also the the window sill in the back of the Campbell-Christie house. Yes. So if there's a challenge with the county right now, like with the commission, maybe that might be something that the Commission needs to take off or I don't know if you got an update on on those projects.

Adam: Nothing yet, but I'll touch base with Elaine and Cynthia Forster tomorrow or send a write an email afterwards to see if I can have a conversation with him how we could approach this. I don't think the painting issue was issue in the process. I think that also included any painting or prep work done. I'm sorry for the window sills and stuff.

D. Powell - I don't know if there's ever been a ribbon cutting for a tide flap or backflow preventor but whether you want to have one, I don't know what it would look like but it might be appropriate. I don't know if Eric noticed this but there it's interestingly dry behind the Steuben House now. So I don't know if they made any notes or if there was any report generated from when they put it in but I'm thinking that there there's some caps in the back of the Steuben House property, may connect one of them connected to to that backflow preventor. So now that that's in place, it prevented water from coming into the back of the Steuben House. Where there reports generated that we should have on file for

the commission?

Strobel: I can ask, Christos for as design plans. Although I think I did I did provide that too, but I don't know if there's anything beyond what I provided to everybody who asked me.

D. Powell: Storm drain caps were replaced over by the Demarest House and another by the headway there that Jim was referring to that needs to be cleaned out. There were two as part of this project.

Adam acknowledge he didn't know that. "Well, I believe at one point it did pull the great stuff to look in or see how the drainage pipe was here and maybe they decided best to kind of upgrade all the plates."

I don't know if they cleaned it That's what I was wondering if they somehow flushed the whole thing or what was going on?

Strobel: I know in the past, they did it. That was like one of the intro steps that was done going on. I don't know if they, but I'll ask that question. If they have any of the public works, folks, sneak out the lines, providing the latest news. And maybe they didn't do that, but he didn't tell me anything other than Then it was done is exciting. Any other questions? Well, we'll give Adams voice rest of them. Moving on.

E. DEP – Steuben House Report – Eric Pain, DEP Representative. Superintendent Ringwood State Park. 8/6/2020

Small Projects List (No Movement on list)

Shutter needs attention assigned to maintenance

Dormer

French Drain

Steuben Lawn Fill holes and seed

Use America's Road Trip Video for Girl Scouts Love State Parks?

Intergovernmental Agreement Projects List as submitted to Trenton.

FY 18 projects identified to date

FY19 TBD

FY20 TBD Requested to think big!

1)1-A Study of the Von Steuben House - \$5000 work is underway Emailed 11/8 no response called and left message 3/3/2020 no response Draft Assessment received 7/2

- 2) Develop plan for redesign of parking lot, Sutton Lys property and entryway? \$15,000
The Commission is seeking proposals for design, I think once they can offer a detailed scope of work, something tangible, it'll be easier to move forward in getting state a/e involved.
- 3) Remove brick walkway replace with stone dust \$2875 complete
- 4) Plant Trees along the meadow fence line Complete sort of...any trees that don't make it are guaranteed. Watering and bags covered by RSP. Additional trees to be planted from original PO additional trees to be requested along Main St. \$7100? 3 trees owed 2 to be planted near path other to be determined in future
- 5) Repair and paint exterior staircase. \$3275 stairs complete needs paint and treads removed
- 6) *Paint analysis of Von Steuben House PO requested 7/25 \$12,400 APPROVED work to begin week of 3/9! Samples collected basement to attic 3/9-11 and analysis ongoing. Another site visit conducted 7/1
- 7) Repair and repaint plaster walls in dwelling room and rear rooms correcting deficiencies \$3000-\$5000 Awaiting results of the Paint analysis
- 8) Identify appropriate fixtures and remove fluorescent lighting and led candelabra bulbs \$600.70 Complete
- 9) Site Clean Up remove fallen branches, cutback brush-RSP Maintenance completed first "wave"
- 10) Interpretive Panels \$4140 Additional information required. Design and content PO request on hold awaiting paperwork submittal from vendor
- 11) Fence Rails and posts \$2680 DELIVERED
- 12) Doorway flood barrier and instant sandbags \$611.59 Complete
- 13) Turn around \$6226 complete
- 14) Stone dust path exterior of meadow LMR submitted
- 15) Exterior Pain Steuben House Evaluating contractors soliciting quotes Met with initial contractor 10/9 soliciting additional bids submitted hpo application. Pb120 submitted 11/20. 1/2/20 process complete all bids received. Must use low bid Maio Construction. PO approved. Need to approve colors and award job! \$28975 Color schemes shared waiting on weather and contractor COVID concerns
- 16) Car Counter Received \$1034.56
- 17) Meadow Stone Dust Path Restoration PO Approved 2008.57 waiting on contractor Rounded 4x4 to be added?
- 18 Pizza Town Lot Parking \$835.00

E.Pain: I had an opportunity to speak to Bolter landscaping. They tell me that they sprayed the path on August 3, for preparation of the removal of the vegetation and the reclamation of the tap itself. Since we had originally contracted him, a lot of time has passed. However, he is planning to move forward quickly. He did come up with an idea of something that he saw in another location, about using four by

fours to line the sides of the path. But rounding them off, somehow he said it looks really sharp. But at this point, I don't know how much additional money it would be. And I also don't know how much longer it would take. And since we don't have any of those rounded four by fours at the other sections in the path, I don't know, we just have them complete the work that we originally requested, and maybe at a later date, pursue some upgrades, if you will. That That would be my suggestion. For now. Just have one complete what we wanted him to do, and maybe look at that in the future.

Chairman Smith agreed That sounds like a great idea.

E.Pain: Okay, so I'll get back to him and I'll probably just move ahead with that. work we had scheduled and we'll talk about, you know, maybe something down the road. The one a study I was I had almost given up but Deborah was able to give some, some action on that a draft assessment was received on July 2. So that's good news that they haven't abandoned us completely. So I have yet to be able to review it. But I am looking forward to the opportunity to do that. The trees in the meadow I don't know if he planted those or not. I'm assuming that the storm nothing new was planted yet. He still does owe us a couple. And I'm, I'm confident with him getting back on site maybe this week or next to do the path. It'll be a good time to remind him he's still carries another Painting Analysis visit was conducted on the first of July. And that, that that project is moving forward as contracted interpretive panels for some reason, states process or the vendors in inability to understand it. I'm not sure we're still unfortunately I think up a little bit, although it looks like we have a window of time that we've been told that to expect it to be completed. So I haven't given up on that. I'm hoping that that'll be able to move forward. The exterior painting of the Steuben House there was some reservations with COVID and unfortunately his father passed. So I mean, that meeting has been changed to Friday. And I think we're going to conduct that meeting here at Ringwood just to make sure we're on the same page as far as the exact colors that we want to use, and hopefully we can get that project scheduled. I think that's everything I have.

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan. Acting Commissioner BDF Rep
No report, J.Heffernan.

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS

The America summer road trip was really something to work on, Todd Braisted said gave Chairman Smith at lead on it. And so then Jim started incorporating the whole site, I mean, it happened really fast with different people that volunteer at the site speaking in it. So, you know, we were able to put it together in a very short time. So it really was interesting project to work on, we had almost 23,000 views on our Facebook page for that time period. That's a lot of reach anybody would like to have. So, that was a wonderful thing all around for Historical Society and for Historic New Bridge Landing to gain that kind of attention, it's available on their, their website now you anybody can go see it.

Chairman Smith: I can actually play the opening of the video right now. We are one of 12 historic sites. I

mean, there are some really amazing sites the associated with the project, other Revolutionary War sites like Minuteman National Park in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Underground Railroad museum it just was like such a, it was just in awe and I think it was great to be a part of it. And also to shed a light on the site that people might not be familiar with. And also, you know, Bergen County and even like the state of New Jersey as a whole, actually Thomas Edison State Park in West Orange which is a National Park and another New Jersey representative. But just the fact that you don't have to go so far away that there's so much history right here in New Jersey. We filmed it ahead of time, because. one of the challenges at the site is that you don't have Wi Fi. So, you know, connectivity is an issue. So definitely moving forward it would be amazing if there if we could get Wi Fi at the site. When you look at technology moving forward, just we're in this digital age, and even cell service can be spotty actually with the Data happening. So, this is what we came up with. I want to show the first few moments of this music though.

Okay, so, you know, I definitely will request share the website address later in the minutes. There's some other cameos from Deborah, Todd as well as our new president, Carol Restivo, and a few others, so really showcasing different buildings. And at the end, everybody was recognized in the Park Commission, so just was. very nice.

D.Powell: I do not not much other info to report. Carol Restivo was voted to become BCHS president in July. The loan of three objects in our collections to the American Revolution is proceeding, Conservator Gary McGowan came on July to do conservation of them prior to art movers coming for them this month. A Facebook post attracted the attention of archeologist R. Alan Mounier who volunteered to help with taking a boring of our dugout canoe, the lab fee is approximately \$600 to radio carbon test it. We will use it as opportunity to talk about the new museum building where it will be featured. Gary McGowan advised how very rare it is.

BCHS members moved items in anticipation of the fast moving hurricane, there was no water invasion of the site but a tree that Jim slated to come down did bust apart.

VII. Old Business

Discussion on opening the out-kitchen, bathroom and giftshop at the Campbell-Christie House for the Walking Tour.

Discussion on Projects List, determined to review it, consider Hydrology Study.

VIII. New Business

Request from Trenton as to whether the video of America's summer road trips could be used for the Girl Scouts love to see parts of it normally every year, Girl Scouts come to parts for in person activities and programming for identification, all facets of Park operations and visitation. And this year that's going to be severely reduced. Somebody had asked if it would be possible to make that shareable or viewable for them somehow important bring it into that event for the Girl Scouts.

Chairman Smith: I mean, I think it's, you know, anyway that we can continue to help out and and expose individuals to this history that is here in our state and Bergen County, I think it'd be fantastic. The link is available on the website.

IX. Public Comment. None.

X. Adjournment

Chairman Smith: be safe be well and thank you very much for coming today. Thank you.
Motion to adjourn 7:45 pm. First, A. Strobel, Second, J.Heffernan. Motion passed.

XI. Next Meeting

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AGENDA

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission

Thursday, September 3, 2020

I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement

II. Attendance

II. Review of Minutes

Review of the Minutes of the Meeting of August 11, 2020

IV. Calendar

V. Chairman's Report

VI. Continuing Business

A. Brett Park

B. New Milford

C. River Edge

D. County of Bergen

-Paint exterior of Christie House

-Repair rotting window sill on Christie House addition

-Repair / replace front porch (with it having so many problems, should we consider trex?)

- cut down two dead trees on County right of way on Hackensack Ave

-gutters for rear of house?

-Signage on local highways

E. DEP – Steuben House

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Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission

Minutes from Tuesday, September 3, 2020 (Rescheduled due to lack of quorum)

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Chairman Smith's read the Open Public Meetings Act statement at 7:05 pm. He asked that reports be sent in. Stated "This meeting has been advertised in the newspaper of record", thanked D. Powell for the minutes.

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I. Attendance: James Smith, Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, Adam Strobel, Rich Karp joined late, and Larry Bauer, Mary Donohue, Michael Putrino.

Public: None

II. Review of Minutes

Review August 6th minutes. Motion to approve: First by L. Bauer, Second, J. Heffernan, motion passed, M. Putrino abstained.

III. Calendar

I'm looking at our calendar events as storage New Bridge Landing are slowly coming on line although do following all state, and CDC guidelines. And I'm sure Deborah can report further on those. During the Bergen County Historical Society report. Moving on then to the Chairman's report.

IV. Chairman's Report

Good evening everyone,

One of the things I definitely want to, you know, thank everybody for all their preparation and everything that went into this most recent storm. Thankfully, you know everything worked out very well

all things considered and Mary, thank you very much for contacting River Edge, taking care of the downed tree branches.

Today I would like to talk a little bit about Brett in my report. Brett Park because I think that does kind of lead into a lot of discussions that we have. So I'm going to share a little report that I generated because I think it really, you know, we have these discussions and they go like kind of back and forth. And I think it's, it's good to provide a visual to see like what we're actually doing so let's see if I can share it.

So hopefully you can see my some pictures of Brett Park. So currently we when we look at Brett park the really our focus today is at the lower section of the park because this is an area, something that has been discussed over the last year. And, or so and one of the things that I really think that we look at the commission, you know some of these issues really can be handled I feel like at the grassroots level, that's one of the ideas about the commission, that we should be able to discuss any type of challenges or planning at this level with the commission. And then if we needed to go larger with something else, we could. And I think that falls into different places. And if we look at Brett Park or even looking at like the ditch that we've talked about in the past. And I think we you know we need to be looking at, you know, solving solutions first within the commission. And then, expanding there. And I think we'll look at Brett Park, it definitely is an area that is in need of revitalization, it's something that we've talked about, obviously it's an important resource to the township of Teaneck as well as plays a critical role as part of Historic New Bridge Landing. It's a passive park, and it has a series of trails that have both historic and nature walks through its grounds. Unfortunately, we'll look at Brett Park there are invasive vines that have been continuing to run rampant and are covering certain sections. And in the last year. There's even dead or dying trees that exist, which certainly pose a hazard. When we look at this first image of, Brett parks, is just taken just a few days ago. And this is actually facing, it's in Teaneck, New Milford it's on the right hand side and it's looking at the bridge. And when we're looking at this location, it's almost unwalkable. So if you want it to walk through the grass to get to New Bridge, you can, or you're definitely going and knee high grass, and I did, and it was really a change, and this kind of got in gets into the whole idea of, you know, maintenance and how it's maintained. And we're going to take a look at that and then this proposal that I put forward, because I think it'll help everybody to kind of, hopefully you know we can talk in the same page, and then we can go and reach out to Teaneck, you know, talk to the DPW, talk to the managers, you know, talk to the Greenway, you know, different entities and say this is what the commission envisions for this.

So, you know, just when we went back and looked at the Steuben House not even being visible. I did from just a few days ago. And when we go back, just a few years, we can see how the DPW Teaneck was clearing almost up to the riverbank. Right. And by having this consistent maintenance, it was actually keeping back in bases and opened up that historic view shed for people in New Milford and Teaneck that they could see the Steuben House, you have to put into context the way New Bridge was set up in the 18th century, Brett Park and in that area where the bridge in was, they all those houses would have been in I shot at each other and having invasives like this. You know definitely takes away from that. Here's another view of Brett Park when we're scrolling down. This is also I think from 2015 2016 so this is not that long ago and we can see how the grass is clearly cut today when walking and Brett Park. This is half of this has been cut.

Another image of the Steuben House from the fall, a few years ago, we can see how work along the riverbank again allows the opening of that view-shed. We do see on the left hand side of that

porcelainberry vine which is taken over that certain areas. And if we do nothing and I really think this is important that the rest of the park will look like this too. And I have evidence that shows that it's already happening. So again, the purpose of this document is to identify where the immediate challenges facing the lower section of Brett. Obviously, I'm a volunteer, we're volunteering here on the commission, I want to see results just like everybody wants to see results. And so, you know, we're not just here to like wring our hands at things it's what can we do to solve these problems. And we can use this numerous planning master plan as our guide to tackle these challenges. So the Masterplan states to protect restore and maintain the natural and cultural landscapes, such as ornamental plantings orchards gardens fences and fields of Historic New Bridge Landing, to promote to promote river walks, and environmental education and provide visitors with opportunities to enjoy river walks and learn more from the natural and cultural history of the river.

If you go on Google Earth and Google Maps, you can see the Greenway trail that goes to park, which is a great, you know, great layout of a trail. Unfortunately, because it has not, you know, we look at maintenance has been reduced the whole trail that would take you along the riverbank which this image shows from just a few days ago, is completely overgrown. And it's not accessible. We also see some of the dead trees there also in the park, which provide a hazard. Also from the master plan we want to protect the scenic value and aesthetic qualities of the Hackensack Valley at New Bridge, so as to maintain and extend one of the few spots in the valley where visitors can enjoy unspoiled this does is minimal modern intrusions. So this is the River Landing today. Just a few days ago. It hasn't been maintained, you can see there's like a small sapling, you can see that that sapling and if we go back. Look at that sapling and how it's completely cleared.

You know this is all invasives, there's nothing positive. We can use history to identify why we need to act sooner rather than later. In the early 2000 the Steuben House was clearly visible this fall from Teaneck in the park was clear. Today, a grove of silver maples and other non native species have sprung up in area in the early 2000s it was a meadow, creating a non native environment. This is also closer to Steuben House, we can see. So this is, you know, one of the areas that that is of concern. So, the park is being half mowed. In this section, it's been kind of mowed. And over here, it's been left to be not mowed. And if we were to go further where this cursor is that would actually take you on the trail back to the other area that I pointed out, right. So, you know, it was brought to my attention that there are some thoughts of just letting it go, letting it go because it's wet, and that is just not always the case. And the idea of letting this go is dangerous. As far as land management goes and I think it's important to use terms like that dangerous because look at all these trees, they're covered in porcelainberry and these trees are now a danger of possibly coming down. Porcelainberry is non native and you're creating a 21st century environment. And so there's nothing productive happening. Here's another picture of Brett Park. And we can clearly see how clear and open it is. This is just on that Riverview Road area right and the park is dry and and open and you can just see the Steuben House in the distance.

So what do we need to do. We need to identify and and Teaneck needs to identify any dead trees that are hazards and Teaneck should tackle them very near to the interpretive sign that's across in a Steuben House in Brett Park, there's a pine tree that has no needles on it. And it's just there. So, they need to recognize, or identify and mow all lower Brett Park. There was previously locked mode when we go back and we look at this picture, we're not asking or not suggesting that this is something new that it just continues what what stopped last year. It went last year went to this approach. And it's not walkable, it's not usable for the residents of Teaneck, New Milford or any visitor to Historic New Bridge Landing.

We want to make sure that all parks are accessible to everybody. Also to mow and maintain the area on the riverbank that faces the Steuben House to the future of the park. And thank you for waiting to find us a little longer, but I think it's important to really plot this out. Again currently Brett Park is a fantastic natural resource, and it's a major component of servers landing. That historic view shed helps to tie in the core of the park and the role that Teaneck played in the evolution of our country from the first peoples to the critical role in the revolution in early settlers to recreation and ultimately a public park. It's one of the things when we look at the the interpretive panel on the, the kiosk that will go there, you know, if somebody is in New Milford and Teaneck and they come up to that kiosk. We want them to be able to look around and be able to see these different views. So maintaining the park. Again, with tackling just very simply, cutting the grass, the way it was. And then tackling some of the trees, and maybe prioritizing maybe some of the trees that are more of a danger than others. We can then institute a plan of action, the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission could hire a landscaper to go in and clean out those invasives in overgrown areas of the lower section of the park. This would help the Teaneck DPW, you know they, it's a very big town and it's a way that the park commission can help tackle this challenge.

Mowing. Once this first step has occurred mowing could shift to only twice a year. Once in the spring, and once in the fall. By doing so you're preventing large invasives and small trees from growing up in that area. You could also then encourage the growth of wildflower meadow. This is another area of Brett Park that was in that image if we look at it. You can see these might be some ash trees. And you can see how it's cut.

We look at this image. This is history. We're able to use history what happened in the past to implement what we're doing here, right. The grass has been cut and these long type of, it looks like grass, maybe to the untrained eye, that's phragmite. Right. And so, phragmite mighty stand is in the back of that image and phragmite runs its grass roots roots in it, to rhizomes underground and will pop up in other locations, and a few years if this continues to go this way, you'll not have a native area, you'll have a phragmite patch that has no native plants. So that is what is already happening today because it's not being mowed. And again, the very same area. Right. Look how, just from 2017, from Brett Park, you can clearly see the Steuben House. This is the exact same area where the phragmite I showed that is not being mowed now, and how it's starting to come up in this grass. You know yes there are times where, like I mentioned last year with heavy with heavy rains also all spring and summer and tides. But majority of time this is dry, and we have evidence. After that spring cutting so cutting the grass in the spring. We could then approach that area with a native Meadow with native plants and native seedlings. That could be spread in that area to encourage growth in a diverse meadow, a four to six-foot wide pathway could then be marked out to allow visitors to walk through the meadow via the Greenway path and allow the visitation of historic markers and vistas along the way. This is taken from Teaneck's own plan as far as parks go for in 2007, I believe, and would be a great draw. Imagine a wildflower meadow along the banks of the Hackensack river with a natural path. And what did that, what does that look like if you're not familiar with parks and what that pathway might look like. Right, I have an example, you have your meadow. And we see a pathway cut through that. And we have a second example as well another meadow. Looks like golden rod. And then a pathway cut through that so that reduces what the DPW has to cut, they're not cutting this huge park the entire time. Only then during rest of summer they're just maintaining that trail that everybody can enjoy. Again, it's important that we made that the park is maintained and it's not allowed to go wild and not managed. At some point in Brett Park, it appears a

channel was cut. I have no idea why that was done, it's clearly man-made. As a result, the original Greenway path is either not accessible, or it does get a little bit muddy there, because it is it, I almost. I don't want to misspeak but it almost seems like somebody thought it might help to drain the park, but it does the opposite. So what could be done in order to connect the park and allow the pathway to cycle around, is that it's really a 10 foot area, 15 foot max, 20, that could be that needs to just so people don't get their feet muddy, I don't mind getting my feet muddy but that's not a good trail. Right, so you there's very simple boardwalks that could be installed in another example.

So again, our master plan provides us with a management plan that protects the scenic values and aesthetic qualities the Hackensack River Valley Newbridge from modern intrusions and inappropriate uses. We are charged with protecting restoring and maintaining natural cultural landscapes. To restore and maintain a meadow and reestablish native flora and fauna were possible promote river pathways and environmental education. You know we'd want to help to have a pathway like to coordinate with the Greenway we want Bergen Audubon to be going, and using that space we want people to be enjoying Brett Park. I'm sure Eric can attest to the one of the things that has come out from this pandemic is how much people love going to parks. And I hope that they keep on, and that's one other soapbox to say for another time. But people want to be going to these parks. And we want to make it accessible to everybody. And ultimately as well which is also important to educate the public on the promote awareness and appropriate use of a site and apart. The whole idea of be creating this document is meant to get everybody on the same page. You know, we can talk about these things but to actually see the difference from photos from 2017 to 2020, you know really helps us I think put things into perspective, so that we can all like kind of work together to restore now, an important part of historical understanding that shouldn't require a lot of investment, because as we've seen the very initial stages of just cutting and maintaining was done just a couple years ago. And I think that's a great place to start. So that is my report. A little bit longer My apologies. Does anybody have any questions, comments, thoughts, very nice. We're very well done very clear that it's attainable through, you know, a cooperative effort, we can very easily attain this again. E.Pain said very nice and attainable in a cooperative endeavor.

V. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report.

Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report.

L. Bauer:

One, in that document if you can forward that to me that I can present them well. Number two, one of the big issues is communication. Hopefully that is going to get resolved by attacking, which I sort of get that feeling, was not really appropriate. Number one, this year we did have awful lot of rain. It has been kind of difficult I mean I'm going to see it here on my own property, which is partially tree laden as well as just open area. The Greenway and I was there for a cleanup I guess it was March, not sure. While we were going, the beginning of the pandemic. A few of us had gotten together to do a cleanup. You also had to change the fellow from Amstead you get three bids for cleanup, Amstead was probably the most knowledgeable and you were ready to go right away and start cleaning up and addressing all the issues that you brought up to him. With regards to the trees identifying the trees and getting cleaned up. With regard to the channel. You can say it's man made, it's possible. I could not understand why. I mean if the

township did anything I'm sure they would have let us know or who knows things that are there areas as well. So I think at this point, what we need to do is really start working together. I mean, I remember all the cleaning that we did everything did have that clear path through, but obviously there's certain things like mother nature that we really have no control over. And the fact that we did not move on to any of the three bids, or at least talk about it and try and move forward from there. I think part of what we see today is because of our inability to move forward and be sort of laid back. I think at this point and should be you all sitting down, let me know which direction with the countries that you showed me. I can present that to the township manager that he can instruct you as to what issues might be or how to move forward on that. But I know there are certain things and I believe the Greenway may have slipped up or not modifying the condition as what was being done and I think there were also instances where the commission went ahead and did things. And you didn't notify your teammates as well. So that's why I said in the onset, that most of the problems that we're having is basically communication. Also, remember probably about two years ago maybe it was even longer I had suggested that we would be different stakeholders such as the different towns post some sort of an event at on site so they can actually see what the facility is like, and have a better understanding of what it means. Talking about it is one thing but when you're physically there. They'll see it from a whole different perspective. And I did try and make efforts in that regard. The only problem was at that time, the mayor at the time, Parker had some major medical issues and subsequently she had passed away from it. But I did manage to get the other mayors, willing to want to get together and for us to sit down and be able to resolve. So efforts were being made.

Chairman Smith: Thank you very much, Larry. Are there any questions or comments from there.

D.Powell: I think it would be really advantageous to get something done there it's kind of embarrassing really I was giving a...

L.Bauer: starting to attack yet. I, my that we communicate and we get it done and we move forward. We're not going get anywhere. I'm not attacking one sided story because I know the Greenway, they have certain things that they're doing as well. And apparently the two sides are not really communicating after this whole thing came up. I believe there has been some communication you remember we took a walk to that area. Probably. At the end of last year, the beginning of February right before pandemic. Deborah, Jim and Richard came on the walk, was there, the Carlicks. And I think at that point too, We had some meaningful conversation but at that point where that that then the whole thing just sort of ended.

D.Powell continued: I started to say that I was giving a tour recently and I would have liked to been able to direct people to go across the river to proceed, to the rest of the site, it's just unsightly. And I'm not sure what Larry was referring to that the Commission proceeded ahead on anything with Teaneck. And I can also ask that Larry's submit his report for next so I can have it for next month's report.

L.Bauer, Okay, I mean, up until now, there really wasn't anything because there wasn't much that we could do. I mean I understand the issues that they have I mean even my own backyard. I mean, it feels like I'm walking on the sponge every time I walk in a sponge.

A.Strobel: , I was going to ask, Larry. I know Teaneck is very structured with advisory committees, councils. However, they structure them I know there's obviously a Greenway committee. I think there's a parks committee. I think these committees play a role in suggesting management approaches to the

township. I don't know if that that is part of the equation that may not be making the connection. You know, so I don't, I don't know if he's familiar with the any of the advisory committees that play a role in providing guidance. Maybe that's where the disconnect is, I don't want to point right at him, because, about three weeks ago.

L.Baour, Yeah, probably about three weeks ago there were two issues that came up with regard to parks, Brett Park wasn't one of them, a separate one involved the library one involved., upgrading another Park, and I managed to get all the different stakeholders involved, and even there I saw there was an awful lot of disconnect. Okay, so again, I'm trying to lay the groundwork. So yeah, the best way to proceed, is that we actually work together. You do realize there is an issue you do see that. How do we move forward. Right, work together moving forward. I mean I even tried getting crews together from reached out to the kind of Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, some of the local groups, to be able to get together and schedule, regular cleanups.

A.Strobel: Yeah, all I'm suggesting is maybe for Jim to reach out when it communicates to the township understand what is the internal processes they may have in place to engage citizens advisory committees and making recommendations, they may be acting upon recommendations of these of the things for various groups formalized within, within the township who does not have the same approach as management, that may have been in place a couple of years ago, so maybe that's where the, where the difference of opinions.

Chairman Smith: I just to be clear, I don't have time to attack somebody. This is not an attack. Just putting that right out there. What this is, is I'm trying to help like Larry like what you said is that I want to facilitate change. We talked about this last year because you started to notice the change in the way it was maintained. And yes, you are correct, then we wound up having a meeting with the Greenway in February. And then, in March, the pandemic struck, and struck Bergen County, as everybody knows right and everybody's world got completely changed the Historical Society we've been being active digital since March, and we're probably one of the ones continue to create content we're all volunteers, we have our own families we live our own lives. And through this whole process every event that we've had that helps to support the site, and the organization was canceled. So, a meeting with the Greenway or any type of discussion on this was, you know, tabled. And as we continue to move forward. The point of creating the document is that yes, there's different entities involved and like Adam said I was just reading Teaneck Park's plan from 2007, and it clearly states that there should be communication actually with the commission for Brett Park. So Teaneck needs to be reaching out to Larry and Rich, these entities so that's what that they're reporting back to us. Right, that's the way it should be working. And it was being maintained, and I also understand like Fran had retired for the DPW and there is a shift, and that very simply, very simply, this could all be addressed. I think any notion of this being an attack or being against anybody else needs to stop. Because, I don't want to get in any way. But that's not the case. We all want what's best for Park we want what's best for the site only

L.Bauer: I quite agree, I mean even through the our Chamber of Commerce I've been promoting heritage tourism. And a lot of it revolves around Historic New Bridge Landing.

Chairman Smith: Right, absolutely, here's a picture, made me I, I run it to get to where we need to be right. And here's a picture that the Historical Society, with the commission, with the Greenway with Teaneck, there's Rich, you can see Rich right on the riverbank at the cleanup, was that, before I follow.

Yeah. But this is like what you know what we're. It's kind of great that looks. [Photo shown] And, you know, if by, you know when we did this in the past, maybe there wasn't a plan. Now, what we're trying what I want to do is let's move this forward. So now what we can talk to the township manager that we can like, talk to the Greenway, what do you think about this, this is what were we proposed to do. What do you think, right, and as opposed to just, you know, people saying one thing, other. Now, it's trying to organize thoughts and discussions that's the whole idea of, you know that.

L.Bauer: Thank you. Because somewhere there is a mission and write. And it's a matter of getting everybody on the same wavelength because, I mean, what's being done here is something that's absolutely phenomenal to have so many different entities, all working on a specific property together, but behind the scenes, there's also an awful lot going on that the individuals behind the scenes, don't even know what their partners to do right and those connections need to be connected, they need to see that they're not there alone, that when they do impact somebody else.

D.Powell: That's the point of the commission meeting.

L.Baur: thing is that we got the door open and move forward.

R.Karp:

I'm sorry that I'm late, but these things happen.

There are three entities concerned. These are the commission in New Milford, River Edge, Teaneck. The other two towns. The commission, in terms of their authorities and what they're responsible for and the town's, what is the working relationship. I went through the legislature. From June 19, 2008 and after that, my reading of it is that the Commission is responsible for all the properties that encompass the park. So they're responsible for everything on the west side of the river, that is part of the Commission. And they're responsible for everything on the east side of the river, from my reading two tenths of a mile from the bridge east is part of the Commission's property. The rest of the park is not on the condition control. But that everything that has to be gone visa v that piece of property has more or less be agreed upon by both entities. In other words, if the commission is going to do something with that piece of land has to get approval through Teaneck. If we're gonna have an event in lower Brett Teaneck, an application has to be made to Teaneck, Teaneck has to approve it. I was hoping and I believe I've spoken about this a while back could getting an annual approvals so one approval would allow us to do whatever we want to the year. At that time, the town manager and everything, it was now for each event you had to get a separate approval. So the question came up for us was exactly that there was a survey done?, did you get into that the survey, of the property from the bridge to where the authorities responsibility ends, I don't know if that's available. From what I understand from the last piece of legislation that's two tenths of a mile from the bridge, East. But from my reading of the legislation. What I'm getting is that the Commission is responsible for the maintenance of the property on part of the park.

Chairman Smith, the commission is not responsible. It's each entity like the state is responsible for their property. The society is responsible for their property, Teaneck is responsible for maintaining their park. It's Teaneck Park.

R.Karp: I couldn't find my notation here. It's one of the reasons really for us all to get together because the nation misinformation.

Chairman Smith: You know I think you brought up a good point you know that that's very least with looking at, You know, you say, if something happens there in Teaneck. It needs to be communicated to the commission, and if the commission wants to do something they need to communicate it.

So if a decision was made to not to do something differently, how the park was maintained. It was never communicated.

So we you know that's right i think that part of it is, you know that there are multiple entities that have different interests. And, you know, I understand town towns and different entities that might be challenged.

So it's a way to help out and make sure, but you know that we definitely want to make sure that that communication is on the same page and some of the stuff is very easily attainable. That was being done so you know maybe we can you know I think we're kind of, at this point, discussions kind of going around. Maybe the three of us, and if anybody else wants to join we can figure out what entities, we need to sit down with and maybe start talking with them and having like a separate discussion point and then come back to the commission.

R.Karp: The Commission really basically wants to maintain that piece of land. Have it maintained to possibly through historical events performances, etc. on a piece of property, and have the view open from the Teaneck side to the Steuben House to that piece of property. Other than that, is there anything else we want to do in that area?

Chairman Smith: You came in a little bit late so you missed that discussion, I'll have to share it with you. I detail all that. Larry has that. Yeah, I'll share that and I'll share that with the rest of the commission I mean really, when you look at the master plan for the park commission it's meant, you know, Brett Park is a great resource for environmental interpretation, natural interpretation historical interpretation. And in its current state you really can't do any of those. And so we just want to make sure that we're all on the same page and, again, nobody's blaming anybody it's type miscommunication. Nobody's attacking anybody. So that shouldn't be construed that way. We all want people in Teaneck or anybody to be able to access it and just being able to meet. Is there any other comments?

R.Karp: The only thing I have here is Section 4A of the legislation which stipulates that Historic New Bridge Planning Commission has specific power to contract, construct, reconstruct, restoration or maintenance of all lands buildings landscaping bridges docks and facilities, under its jurisdiction, including the maintenance restoration and reconstruction. And it goes into the Steuben House, the Demarest House, Campbell Christie House. And then it finishes we'll start we'll be filing commission also has the specific power to bring to indemnify and hold harmless, and a local government against claims etc.

D.Powell: Idemnify, that was taken away, recently.

R.Karp: Recently, because it really looks like the commissioners responsible for the maintenance of the land. Don't know what it is to start going back I know, going back Teaneck was maintaining the property. But according to this, I think we should be maintaining the property.

Chairman Smith: I don't think it's, it's meant in that regard I think it's meant more The intent is what we are proposing that or what we can propose in the future budget for 2020, that we could allocate funds to tackle invasives or to plant new trees, or to plant trees on state property or society property. The budget is not, we if we went that route. We spent all our money on landscaping. So, but it's definitely to look at that closer.

R.Karp: We should get together as we do together with Dean and go over all this in turn is who's doing what we're for the question also came in, signage found that both sides have to agree on what is trying to be done, or approve of it. One side should not be doing something without the other side's input. I have a question for my with your town, when something comes up on the property, and then the commission. How does the town inter relate to that.

M.Putrino: I informed the DPW what has to be done, and they go and do it.

R.Karp: Okay, that's good, that everything was all right. L. Bauer: It has to go to the manager. In this case, and then the appraiser is a manager.

Chairman Smith: Thank you very much, Richard. Any other questions or comments, I guess a good transition then to Mike.

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford, Representative.

New Milford. Right, what I was going to say was, you know, New Milford I am confident that our DPW who would would land resources and manpower to Teaneck DPW if they were going to go in and maintain it or clean it would certainly help out or do our share or do anything we needed to do to help them out. I'm really confused about who has ownership of that property, and how the Greenway interacts. The Borough Teaneck and whoever else is involved. We don't have that system in New Milford so it's a little bit confusing to me. And as I mentioned, the other piece of property. When I had mentioned to Jim Hey, we should take down this so we could actually get a view of the house. We did it. My guys came in they did it they did this they did that we fixed the we clean the street, we post. There was no there was no one else we had to discuss with. But we are willing to help. All we need is DPW you know of Teaneck to reach out. That's it. And then the other thing is, I spoke to my police chief and we are still maintaining a more of a presence, down in the area, especially with the outdoor dining and Sanzari's, so I hope all is going well.

Thank you very much, Mike and it is appreciated, you know obviously all that, you know, New Milford has done as well as, Teaneck to and, I think, yeah, we've talked about that, that meeting for a while and now you know once things kind of get a little bit further on, I think we can try to try to set that up in person, certainly know even if we do it here.

1. C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge.

Oh, good evening everybody. First of all, I want to thank, I'm very happy that the DPW Did that work with the tree that was very important. And I would suggest that the Commission write on note, the site the director so that we can report working with him. I'm very concerned about the vegetation problem. And I'm wondering whether it might be possible, or the DPW directors of each of the towns to get together and agree on a portion of each town's work to be done. And

we should also perhaps involve the county, because this is a state site. You should get the county, in the state, for the vegetation problem. But I think that we should be able to get assistance from the collaboration of New Milford, River Edge and Teaneck, and perhaps involve the county. What do you think?

Chairman Smith, well definitely Mary, I appreciate you being here today and you know Mary's referencing, as a result of the hurricane a very large tree that is in front of the Christie house, I dropped some limbs on both sides of the fence. And, as well as I'm sure in your own respective towns you guys all had to deal with, you know, trees down and there's a tree down near the substation across Main Street. And the DPW, or Historical Society members were able to make them in more manageable pieces and then the DPW came and picked all of them up. We also made sure that it was after any work, branches was done because we didn't want them to income. Anybody that might have a tree down in their house or whatever that it was like a last thing. So we definitely appreciate the DPW and Mary for getting that done. And it's a great idea about the letter I know Deborah had also said that the society will write one two so to me so I think that'd be great to come from the commission. As far as maintenance goes I mean, in the past, River Edge has also been very supportive. With cleanups. So I think maybe for the next meeting we can look at it might be a good idea to start looking at a fall cleanup, if not, this fall or the spring. Once things have calmed down a little bit so we can come up with.

M. Donohue: Like to see collaboration of New Milford, River Edge and Teaneck.

1. D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Commissioner, and Bergen County Division of Open Space. County of Bergen Report to HNBL

BC Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs will request from the 2020 Open Space Trust Fund funding round \$200,000 for roof replacement of the Campbell Christie House.

- o Some of the clapboards/windows need repair/replacing before they can be painted and the roof needs replacing outright.
- o The roof should probably be done before painting of the house.
- o Grant request will be presented to the Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee at one of the scheduled meetings: September 22nd, 29th or October 6th.

§ Expected Freeholder approval of the preliminary grant recommendations: November 10, 2020

§ Trust Fund Public Hearing: December 10, 2020

§ Freeholders final approval of grants: March 3, 2021.

Good evening everybody. Hopefully well. Good to see Mary.

Okay, my report this this month is following up on my reference last month about the Campbell Christie house. Roof Repair, actually, placement on, so my report this week which I'll send off to Deborah in a couple of minutes. The Division of Cultural Historic Affairs which sits within the Department of Parks has requested \$200,000 for roof, roof for placement of Campbell Christi house. As part of this 2020 open

space Trust Fund grant requests. Elaine Gold, managing that she noted to me that some of the clapboards need repair and replacing before the house can be painted and the roof needs to be replaced outright. She is obviously recommending that the roof, be done first before painting of the house. But part of the process, not to go into the nitty gritty, there's just a couple of procedural steps in terms of to indication presbytery advisory committee that receives recommendations from Elaine, who the Bergen County Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. This will be part of that recommendation report. Sometime later this month, either the 22nd or the 29th or as late as October 6, she'll be making a presentation to that to the board. The board makes ultimate recommendations on how to allocate the trust fund grant dollars to the municipalities and not for profits, the parks department is eligible for Park improvement grants. And because the house is owned by the county so that's why there's a grant. Moving on for that county asset. But the next steps the really the availability of money would be a final three older approval, March 3, 2021. So, once we kind of get through the first initial steps of saying you know this is general direction that Advisory Committee recommends it's generally smooth sailing that board port forward so I think once we get that approval obviously money will be available to the department's of parks in early March, so have, you know, have a lane, continue to work on whatever RFP needs to be done for the roof replacements so the roof can be done, you know as quickly as possible, obviously we'll be passing the cold, cold, and winter.

So that's my, my report for the month.

So that's what it is. Mr. Chairman,

Chairman Smith: Thank you, you know one of the things that I understand that you know the roof is like a big ticket issue but yeah we previously talked about the window sill that's rotting in the addition for the Christie house and some of those clappers do have bird bowls in them, which we have brought up before the roof was even talked about. So I kind of, you know, I feel like that those are two compromised areas and I haven't seen the roof that is compromised so it kind of seems like the, maybe, like, where the decision was made to maybe hold off on the painting and the repairing those areas. And if it's a funding issue maybe that's something that the Commission should, you know look at as a potential project to paint the Christie house and repair the windows so if it's if the county is looking to do the roof.

A. Strobel: Oh, I'll understand bring it back to the land I obviously failed to say obviously any of the repairs as we talked about the windows, that would be all, all part of the specs that would need to take place, obviously having the appropriate carpenter, hired, to be able to do this work. So all the things that needed to be done if I failed to identify all the other items that need to be looked at in terms of repairs that would be part.

Chairman Smith: I think the other concern is that, you know, with the roof. You know, what does that do to any collections in the in the house and and their protection. You know, so that that that's a big question that I would have.

D.Powell: It would really be more convenient to wait till we get the new museum building up so we can put collections there, you know and have a space to. We'd have to basically empty the whole building to do the roof.

A.Strobel: that's a fair observation. Now I know the roof was replaced several years ago, I don't recall off the top of my head what it was. What whatever processes and protocols were done, you know, obviously they would follow the same thing obviously coordinate with the Historical Society on timing of things and care of any artifacts. But I don't know when is the museum building going to be finished.

Chairman Smith: The deputy attorney general, for the state of New Jersey to have a voice, and once that is communicated. You know, we won't I most likely won't be breaking ground, I don't think this year. But then it'll be in the springtime, 2021.

A.Strobel: How long will construction will take how long?

Chairman Smith, I'd have to confirm on that but the building will take two or three weeks to go up. It's because it's timber frame construction so it's built off site first, and then they just have to come and put it, assemble it, all the walls will be insulated panels, so it's like, instead of putting sheet rock insulation and everything like that. You just take the whole wall and plug it in and it's done. So, then, should be set it should be a faster process than what we're going through right now that's a whole other thing.

A.Strobel: But you're okay I didn't want to go into the details but I just know putting up the building and all the other site preparations for that does take time. Sure. So I don't know if you had an estimation of how long you're saying two weeks I'm assuming it's going to be more than two weeks at the end of the day, right everything involved in several months by itself. So precursors to get approval from somebody from the attorney general's office I remember in the last discussion last meeting. I think it was questions about the parking lot access good sound property.

D.Powell: But then we'll have to set it up.

Chairman Smith: Right. Exactly. And, you know, just interpreting the law. You know, the deputy attorney general came up, or one of the from that office came up, we met with him, including others, and was waiting on their language to be submitted to him.

A.Strobel: Okay, but alright so the big the big picture item is, you know, accountability and funding would be in March. If you think that you want to expend resources at the outside of the Campbell Christie house where then I'll take that back to Elaine and see what she says with that. But again, her notion is to do the roof first and then the painting, I presume I guess from a from a sequencing and precautionary steps, you know she's recommending that the roof replacement be done first before the painting. So there's got to be some thought processes to why she is recommended that. But I'll deliver the message.

Chairman Smith: Definitely, yeah there's, you know, I think it's a worthwhile project, but I think just want to make sure that everybody's on the same page.

A.Strobel: Oh absolutely, yeah. Again, this is just the beginning. We haven't even had the meetings, again I'm presuming everything will sail through. But you know, assets, money is being set aside for the house, and the money will be available in early March.

1. **E. DEP – Steuben House Report Eric Pain, DEP Representative. Superintendent Ringwood State Park.**

Small Projects List (No Movement on list)

Shutter needs attention assigned to maintenance, Dormer, French Drain, Steuben Lawn Fill holes and seed, Use America's Road Trip Video for Girl Scouts Love State Parks?

Damage to Gate- RSP Maintenance responded 9/2 to assess damages, the gate was damaged, post was sheared. River Edge PD is still investigating. Case number assigned 2020-043346. Hoping to be able to repair in-house. More to come.

Meadow-requested mowing on 9/2 should be complete by 9/8.

Intergovernmental Agreement Projects List as submitted to Trenton.

FY 18 projects identified to date

FY19 TBD

FY20 TBD Requested to think big!

- 1) 1-A Study of the Von Steuben House - \$5000 work is underway Emailed 11/8 no response called and left message 3/3/2020 no response Draft Assessment received 7/2
- 2) Develop plan for redesign of parking lot, Sutton Lys property and entryway?
\$15,000 The Commission is seeking proposals for design, I think once they can offer a detailed scope of work, something tangible, it'll be easier to move forward in getting state a/e involved.
- 3) Remove brick walkway replace with stone dust \$2875 complete
- 4) Plant Trees along the meadow fence line Complete sort of...any trees that don't make it are guaranteed. Watering and bags covered by RSP. Additional trees to be planted from original PO additional trees to be requested along Main St. \$7100? 3 trees owed 2 to be planted near path other to be determined in future
- 5) Repair and paint exterior staircase. \$3275 stairs complete needs paint and treads removed
- 6) *Paint analysis of Von Steuben House PO requested 7/25 \$12,400 APPROVED work to begin week of 3/9! Samples collected basement to attic 3/9-11 and analysis ongoing. Another site visit conducted 7/1
- 7) Repair and repaint plaster walls in dwelling room and rear rooms correcting deficiencies \$3000-\$5000 Awaiting results of the Paint analysis
- 8) Identify appropriate fixtures and remove fluorescent lighting and led candelabra bulbs \$600.70 Complete
- 9) Site Clean Up remove fallen branches, cutback brush-RSP Maintenance completed first "wave"
- 10) Interpretive Panels \$4140 Additional information required. Design and content PO request being processed?!
- 11) Fence Rails and posts \$2680 DELIVERED
- 12) Doorway flood barrier and instant sandbags \$611.59 Complete

13) Turn around \$6226 complete

14) Stone dust path exterior of meadow LMR submitted

15) Exterior Pain Steuben House Evaluating contractors soliciting quotes Met with initial contractor 10/9 soliciting additional bids submitted hpo application. Pb120 submitted 11/20. 1/2/20 process complete all bids received. Must use low bid Maio Construction. PO approved. Need to approve colors and award job! \$28975 Work should be starting next week

16) Car Counter Received \$1034.56

17) Meadow Stone Dust Path Restoration PO Approved 2008.57 waiting on contractor Completed

18 Pizza Town Lot Parkrite \$835.00

Discussion: Gate to be hopefully repaired in-house. Chairman Smith thanked Eric for his attention to the projects. He advised: President Carol Restivo, and the River Edge police department did respond and did begin a preliminary investigation. So I think that's, it's really a shame that somebody would do that with their car I hope they're okay actually because, like you mentioned, I saw when those guys put that piece of wood in the ground, your staff, and that's a very large piece that they sheared off. The pathway also looks great. And I think that's, again, it's just another way to kind of tie in the park and allow people to approach the historic tour through the meadow. So, and Green Meadows, doing a great job maintaining Steuben House.

D.Powell noted the repairs needs to the porch. Also consider adding the dendrochronology to confirm dates and unanswered questions at the house like where was earlier store, there is an unexplained walled up door on the north end of the house. E. Pain said he was open to any projects we feel are worthwhile, needs more information. D.Powell said she did read the report by Chrysalis, it was pretty interesting and have questions for them and how to proceed. E.Pain suggested comparing notes and Chairman Smith suggested consolidate, need them to make specific recommendations. D.Powell asked if he was notified on dam release. E.Pain advised no.

D.Powell shared a sign ready to print that includes no metal detecting and no magnet fishing for posting on the riverbank fence. Discussion whether to add the BCHS website address to the sign, E.Pain agreed it would be useful for additional questions.

A.Strobel: What is magnet fishing.

Chairman Smith: It's a very powerful magnet that they people. We've caught on the bridge, and it go into rivers or lakes, and you throw it in the water and actually will pull up metal objects. And they're not fishing for fish. No, no. Pull up something.

D.Powell shared images, site plan that a Google aerial map, photograph of satellite photo and then the society's museum plan, so I don't you want to take it from there, Jim?

Chairman Smith: So the whole idea is that, again, I mentioned earlier, We see visitation is up in parks, state, local parks state parks national parks, you name it. And one of the things that we look, you know, we've started to do is improve that visitors experience. And, you know, looking at the meadow and it's usage, Deborah have brought up the idea of creating a pathway that goes over around the meadow so it allows the visitor to, you know, go walk around in a loop, and it provides a little bit of a destination there

is a nature trail that we'll be working on rehabbing in the coming weeks. At one end of the trail, or the pathway, or even just allow somebody walking casually to look around the property, and experience and utilize the park more and it allows greater access. And I think that was probably anything else ever.

D.Powell: Well, getting people to the site just as walking through the site, more eyes on everything creates, you know better security. And it's just a better experience for people to have more to do and see, Is that enough information for you Eric?

E.Pain: Yeah, I think that is that's, that's very good. Okay, so I will send that to. That's great.

A.Strobel: What is the path going to consist of. It would be the same path for me but like it was able to do. Exactly. Any, any wet spots where it's gonna get mucky, because I know that towards the tip there's wet right.

E.Pain: That was one of the concerns the landscaper that was going to provide an estimate had he wanted to walk the site with me. And he said, you know, planting in the past, he did find some areas that were wet. So, there may be some concerns with wet areas. Maybe we could put a board path in that area like Jim said.

A.Strobel: I'll give my, my two cents. I don't know if we can actually put in substandard walking planks. If somebody trips. Then, then people gonna ask you know did you provide a proper surface. So just gotta be mindful of that.

D.Powell: Well, there's some of those trails out in West Jersey, I've seen that kind of thing, like Jim was showing.

A.Strobel: No, I understand that there's probably some there but from a liability perspective as somebody trips and falls and somebody says well that's not a true path. Somebody will cite that it wasn't designed but

E.Pain: if we were to do it, we probably require some engineering, some other folks, being involved.

Chairman Smith: Yes, definitely a good starting point for sure.

1. **F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan. Acting Commissioner BDF Rep No report, J.Heffernan.**
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3. **G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS**

The site has remained dry despite multiple storms to come through so the new back flow preventer seems to be helping a lot; besides the flag pole area, the area in front of the Demarest House and behind the Steuben House have remained dry.

Car Counter: Bob Roth, past three months has been maintaining, recording information counts of visitor vehicles. Last month the counter read 10,426 clicks so that's 5,213 vehicle visitors to HNBL, just counting the vehicles, not pedestrians or how many people are in the vehicles. That pretty consistent with the previous months, July was 10,400 = 5,200 visitors. Previously March to June was 29,498, so a little less.

Not sure how you report that information, Eric. E.Pain said that's good information. That's how the NPS is recording information visitor information, I called Paterson Falls to ask.

I postponed the Walking Tour to the following Sunday Aug 23 due to rain. It was fairly successful with 29 people signed up. It was an interesting exercise personally, giving a history of the whole site in a concise talk. Thinking of the history of the Steuben House, of going back to doing dendrochronology on wood in the Steuben House to confirm construction dates. There is also a mystery of where the Zabriskies would have been trading earlier than the 1848 Trading post, we know they were trading by for example the extensive 1793 inventory done. A door is blocked up on the north end of the house that down the road would be an area to investigate.

Carol Restivo, Mike Ginch joined me to meet with the archaeologists R.Alan Mounier and Joe Argnauet on Saturday, August 29, last weekend. They took samples of the dugout canoe to radio carbon date it. Hopefully if it all goes well we'll get to a hundred year window of it's age, results back in a couple of weeks.

The canoe is in Bergen County Historical Society's collection, it's literally one of the first artifacts to be donated to BCHS, that took place at our founding in 1902, it was donated in 1904. It's a very rare canoe.

Earthen Oven and Barn Repair:

Two other projects. We have our Eagle Scout project that's continuing to underway. It's the River Edge. It's an outdoor earthen oven on Society's property. It's basically a large table with firebricks, and then a bake up a bread oven on top. And it's a great interpretive piece because it's outside so it allows people to social distance and yet and interpret important craft in the 18th century, and the Steuben House had a big house on his property. So it's a great talking point that we can. It's not that we're just building this just to have it there. It's a great interpretive piece that we can say the Steuben House would have had a little bit larger of a building that would have had something similar. So that is progressing. We are currently having the Westervelt-Thomas barn was repaired or restored in 2015. But we noticed that there's some paint peeling on the barn, as well as the two main doors have wood that is so showing some signs of deterioration already. So, we are looking into a barn repair specialist to provide quotes on repairing those doors. And that's all I would have on that.

D.Powell asked if there was a covid cleaning sheet he could share. E.Pain: a specific protocol for cleaning restrooms, that exists, maybe it didn't transfer. I'll send that. And we after thought I set the storm preparation guideline, guidelines that the State Park Service shares with us for pre storm oversight and preparation, I sent that this evening. Right, so we all wore masks for, we had to. We had an emergency, and enfranchisement celebration on the hundred year of women attaining the vote on the 26th. And everybody wore masks. We had bell ringing in front of the Campbell-Christie House, and then for my talk we everybody wore masks but we didn't open anything. And so, going forward, you know, it still is something that we're talking about, you know how to proceed. So I think the visitation is expanded now.

E.Pain: As the governor has relaxed some of the indoor numbers for buildings, but it is time the State Park Service is remaining to keep buildings, visitors centers and things like that they're asking us to keep them close we're not allowed to do any interior interpretation. At this time, they're asking everybody to remain outdoors.

D.Powell: I saw in indoor entertainment was on the open list. I was contacted by a website. I think it might be the cultural trust I don't know journey through jersey.com. And they asked us for information for New Bridge, and I did give them pictures, more than two weeks ago they haven't put anything up yet. But I'm, I noticed the only Bergen County sites, you know it's well populated but the only Bergen County site was Fort Lee on there. I saw Ringwood there. It was interesting, they had it pegged "famous faces." There was an option for conflict. I don't know we have such a varied story I wondered what one we would be covered under.

E.Pain: So yeah, I think, I think we could make maybe a couple of their categories. Yeah.

VI. Old Business

D.Powell: I am meeting movers tomorrow to move the three objects that the Society is loaning to the Museum of the American Revolution. So that's tomorrow at nine o'clock at the Stueben House and the Campbell-Christie House, through, through May 2021.

Chairman Smith: And that's a great way to showcase New Jersey and Bergen County that one of the premier museums in the country and some of our major artifacts are going to be displayed there so nice. So once that's open Well, you know, after visit Philadelphia and check that out.

I meant to mention it during a Bergen County, on the counties right away, along Hackensack Avenue, there does appear to be a completely dead tree next to the sidewalk. So, I know they're maintaining the grass over there but I don't know Adam if somebody from Parks wants to take a look at that. But it is on, I believe the county's property on the right of way there know where the right away, to say on Hackensack Avenue, I guess what's that is Lys Sutton.

A.Strobel: Yes. Okay. Oh, I'll reach out to the proper person tonight to notify him. Okay. Thank you.

Do we have anything else.

VII. New Business

The 2020 allocation for the upcoming projects list. We have our projects for 18 and 19. But we do need to start finalizing and discussing the 2020 projects list, so we can get that kind of going. One of the things that I think really kind of talked a little bit about it last week but I think one thing that we, we had talked about previously and Eric had shared the original projects list. It's really an assessment of the Steuben House, or the back rooms of the Steuben House and for the restoration. And I could really see us allocating, almost like half of that budget. You know to like a group like hunter or some, like, which has done work with the state, obviously in that house in the past, to really read, you know, assess those back rooms and develop stabilization plans. Moving forward, because it kind of, you know, we look at the house and some of the things that we've talked about, you know, 18th century bricks in the fireplace. You know how we could interpret even like how to interpret those back rooms, and I think this is the opportunity, and also to it maybe they even talk about like drainage issues, like is the sump pumps were yeah I don't know if they get into those details but how how that works. But I really could think

that that that would be a major component for 2020 and I don't know any other thoughts on that just to start.

E.Pain: Yeah, I guess we could, we could put a brief overview together and contact Hunter and. And see, and they can probably fine tune, what it is that they, anything else they need from us and then we can get a quote from. I liked, he said to kind of like think big and I know we've talked about that in the past and, yeah, and I really think that, you know, again, one of the things that we're here to do is to protect the resources, and, you know, and find out about the resources, like Deborah said and you know the earlier, dendrochronology maybe that's tied in as well and I know, years ago Staats House down in South Bound Brook. They did interior archaeology where when they were redoing their kitchen. They had it all open and they actually did archaeology in indoors. I mean, what archaeologists wouldn't love to work indoors as opposed to out outside so you know there might be even more stories that can be found that way but obviously to get to any of those points, you know we need the professionals and I think that those are areas that have never really been addressed fully that I think would be a great starting point.

D.Powell: How would that work, is Hunter a certified vendor?

E.Pain: I would have to look into it further I think my, my ultimate threshold is is been elevated raised to \$44,000, per project.

There may be some additional paperwork or processes that I could go through. But yeah, you basically, you would determine what their availability is and whether I'm pretty sure they're probably on the list of vendors that we could use right now. Um, you know, I also would suggest then you know we allocate money for landscaping for or maintenance to help with Brett Park. And I could see us easily. You know allocating like \$15,000 Yeah, if not more, or \$15,000 maybe to start for this year.

D.Powell: That's pretty generous.

E.Pain: That's probably pretty close. Right. I don't know what the, you know, dendro pronounced it would cost but I'm sure that doesn't come cheap either.

Chairman Smith: Yeah, and then just like the some of this like kind of smaller items I just like thinking of is just. The guard removing the guardrail the stupid house, but then also one of those wooden bollards, I guess, had fallen down or I don't know what happened near the bridge that maybe we should just replace all four wooden bollards with new lights. And then I think we've talked about too and it's kind of. I'd be interested in, Eric like your thoughts on this. You know prior to the pandemic. You know one of the things that we've looked at is like seating and maybe adding benches to the site. But like I've been to some places where they put like tape on or like caution tape too so people can't sit on the benches now, you know, and these touches and trying to reduce touch surfaces. So I was just curious like you know your experience in parks like are they like, removing benches or seats temporarily, or like, you know, is that something maybe to table for it to get access.

E.Pain: That's a really good question the onset of this benches and tables and everything exterior playgrounds, they were all off limits. And then I guess the more information became available, and it was determined that almost regardless of what the material the scene or the bench or the playground was made of the fact that it was outside in the sun. I guess those concerns were lessons, and people benches and tables and things came came back playground to the open so no I mean from our standpoint I don't think putting that stuff off would be necessary now.

Chairman Smith: Maybe we can discuss. For the next meeting. If we start under that threshold with that then like, you know, is there a vendor or vendors that the state uses. You know that I just looking online myself like there's so many vendors that might be best just to utilize vendors states. Are you in the queue. Yeah, those are some good ideas. Nice.

D. Powell: Well, one of things we were talking about the budget that we had talked a lot about anyway was the commission paying for the permitting for the commission paying for the new museum building. So I'm not sure how much that is.

So is that something we could get the commission to pay for I mean it's sort of. I mean it's sort of taking it out of one hand and putting it in the other. But unless the DEP waves it for internally.

E.Pain: Would be nice, I'll ask about that.

D.Powell: Because that is going to hopefully come up soon.

And so we're still on new business.

Chairman Smith: Yes. Okay. Oh, actually, is for projects is everybody okay with that with the projects list again this is taken from other previous projects as any other thoughts.

A.Strobel: I might, I'll just put my, my own two cents as we talked about maybe two meetings ago if there's a sense of understanding of hydrology of the site that may recall my recommendations to invest in procuring a professional services of a qualified engineering firm or Landscape Architect Firm, environmental firm, dealing with natural habitats and connections with waterbody, but that's that's that's my one recommendation to to the board..

Chairman Smith: There is a company that I was going to reach out to so maybe I can see for a price and for quote his date, and for the next meeting and might be something, if we're under that threshold when Eric comes back with his quote as well. It's actually interesting that you bring that up because you know it's when we look at the site, it's just, it's very fast saying like, and I think it's kind of a it's a bigger picture that's not just New Bridge that I almost wonder if it's a larger county wide issue, and and Newport did this a few years ago where they studied Historic Newport where they were concerned about flooding, and we're looking, and they recognize that, you know, every all the water that like say that might impact New Bridge isn't coming just from the Hackensack, it's coming from Paramus into, into like say the books, and they're filling up, and then eventually got like, in the past, the idea was let's get it to the river quickly as possible and get it out. Right, a new poor as a city in Rhode Island came up with a study well what are we going to do to maintain and keep that water on site so it almost kind of ties back to and almost like a bigger issue and it's kind of interesting, we look at the site a few weeks ago I had an opportunity to go to Maine and, you know, obviously what a beautiful state, Maine is. But just to see all the different title estuaries. And when we look at, you know, I was just thinking wow this is what Bergen County, New Jersey must have looked like. And now it's it's almost all paved over, you know, and not even in Bergen County we're looking at prioress mill which is an important Revolutionary War site is a tie mill. It's like inland now in Jersey City it's been paved over the streams gone the water is gone. So, you know, it's a hydrology study that are an impact that is not just I think New Bridge and actually it's kind of a challenge is that one of the few sites that up.

Seems like it could be like a something even bigger too and I'm not sure I think the county is into or as or as any type of, if that's on anybody's like thought process as far as like a bigger water control issue

moving forward. Or if this kind of circles back to the Army Corps of Engineers, I know Deborah had conversations with Army Corps, but it's definitely a big issue I think not just like open space money maybe or something then.

A.Strobel: Well, let's take the big picture trying to figure out what's what's really doable for us to K can control the entire county so I appreciate the notion of the historical perspective but obviously it's all storm. It's all storm water related, any efforts to retain water on site instead of going through gullies into, eventually leading into waterways you know any way to keep it on site and slow it down and seep into the water table, obviously that's a principle that's been talked about for many, many moons. But, you know, just, just for us to figure out, you know, you know what, are there other storm water inlets into the park. That adds to the flooding, other than being adjacent to the river itself.

You know, I still think, you know, investing resources to understand the hydrology, you know, you're probably investing a lot with the numbers but a pretty penny for this new museum building and you probably spend a lot of time, figure out where to place this and not be inundated with floodwaters but we know intently that this is the site is greatly impacted by the major storms. But, you know, any, any analysis to look at our acreage, how many acres is New bridge Park total

D.Powell: 13 Acres.

A.Strobel: What do you think it is so 13 acres. Look at how the hydrology. How is water managed on site, you know we talked about there's ditches, that are, you know, meander throughout the bad part of the property is connected to the river. But I would presume, a competence, well qualified hydraulic engineer, and not necessarily somebody who is going to propose a detention basin, but use the natural processes to deal with stormwater. I say this from the perspective of our floodplain protection program within the county, the notion of buying homes getting them out of the floodway, taking taking the homes down.

Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission

The Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission was established in 1995 by New Jersey State law N.J.S.A. 13:15B-1-5.

Due to the health concerns related to COVID-19, the public cannot attend this meeting that is being conducted remotely. Comments or questions can be submitted prior to the meeting. Please include your full name and address to hnbipc@gmail.com.

Meeting takes place Thursday, November 5, 2020, 7:00 pm

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission Minutes from Thursday, October 1, 2020

I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Chairman Smith's read the Open Public Meetings Act statement at 7:03 pm. He asked that reports be sent in. Stated "This meeting has been advertised in the newspaper of record", thanked D. Powell for the minutes.

Due to the virus shutdown the meeting took place via conference call where Chairman Smith emailed the invite. Details concerns related to Covid 19. Unfortunately, the public cannot attend this meeting. It is being conducted remotely comments or questions were to be submitted prior to the meeting to the address, hnbipc@gmail.com. That's an email that I had created. We actually did receive one response from the Greenway and Teaneck, and I will bring that up and public comment.

II. Attendance: James Smith, Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, Adam Strobel, Larry Bauer, Mary Donohue.

Absent: Rich Karp, Michael Putrino

III. Review of Minutes

Review October 1, 2020 minutes. Motion to approve: First by L. Bauer, Second, J. Heffernan, motion passed. A.Strobel observed there were inaccuracies in the transcription. D. Powell said she spent three nights working on them, that it is up to the commissioners to write complete reports, and that only herself, Jim and Eric are doing that. "I work full-time. He suggested that not that much information needs to be included. D.Powell observed that that then someone needs to go back and distill that down and it's really the amount of time, that she's tried both ways and this gets the intent of what people are saying. Chairman Smith said it is dually noted and something to discuss. He asked for corrections, D.Powell said John Heffernan had one, that he was noted as absent when he was actually present.

A.Strobel made edits to his report at the Sept 3 meeting, see below at the end of the report.

Motion to approve the minutes: First, L. Bauer , Second E.Pain, motion passed.

IV. Calendar

I'm looking at our calendar events as storage New Bridge Landing are slowly coming on line although do following all state, and CDC guidelines. And I'm sure Deborah can report further on those during the Bergen County Historical Society report. Moving on then to the Chairman's report.

V. Chairman's Report

Good evening everyone,

I hope all is well with you and your families. It's hard to imagine we have made it to October and this is our 7th ZOOM meeting. Events slowly begin to open up at the site, following all COVID 19 recommendations by the State and Federal government. It is exciting to hear and see so many people interested in history and further an interest in the park.

I think it is a big takeaway from the events of the last few months, that people are finding their green spaces again and we appreciate that. Ultimately, the decisions and discussions that occur here benefit the visitors and the experience they have. When the new interpretive panels arrive, this will further help to educate visitors on the story of what happened here. We are all charged with protecting the unique

resources and coordinating between the different entities involved. The value of history and parks cannot be understated.

It's fantastic to see the Steuben House received a fresh coat of paint, which will go along way to help it in its preservation. We also see other projects like the reclaimed meadow path, already defining one's approach to the historic core. As new projects from our projects list come online, we will continue to provide major improvements to the site and ultimately the visitor experience. Ultimately, our goal should be to look to 2026 as a deadline for many projects moving forward, an important year indeed., 250 years kicks off to America's celebration and it's birthday.

VI. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report. Looking forward to a scheduling a meeting.

Chairman Smith said Mike Putrino, one of the things that he talked about was having a meeting between both New Milford and Teaneck. I think we have some time slots that might be able to work for both parties. And we did that year in years past when Fran was in the DPW with New Milford, for its responsibilities. New Milford is right to the curb and then Teaneck takes over.

Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. Absent.=

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford, Representative.

Chairman Smith said they spoke to coordinate.

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge.

Nothing new to report. Chairman Smith, said "Historic New Bridge Landing and the Bergen County Historical Society is always very thankful for the River Edge DPW as well as any other services, the police department has a nice presence down there as well. So, it's always appreciated, River Edge and being part of the community. Thank you very much Mary."

D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Commissioner, and Bergen County Division of Open Space. County of Bergen Report to HNBL

- 1. Campbell Christie House:**
2. On September 29th the BC Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs (Elaine Gold) requested funding from the Open Space Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee, in the amount of \$250,000, for the roof replacement, window and clapboard repair, and painting of exterior wood surfaces of the house. This is \$50,000 increase from my September report. Trust Fund funding would be available in March 2021. Coordination of the project with the BC Historical Society will occur.
- 3. Lys-Sutton Property Trees:**
The Bergen County Tree Superintendent will have tree staff visit the property and remove trees or be trimmed.

Discussion:

A.Stobel added: Then there's a series of steps that need to take place in terms of resolutions before the freeholders separate preliminary recommendation, public hearing. And then ultimately a Freeholder

approval which will be scheduled in March of, 2021, so funding will be available at that time. The other item of note on my agenda is, I reached out to the Bergen County tree supervisor on the tree items within the Lai Sutton property. He has put that as part of his list of trees to take care of. We'll do that within a matter of time when once he's able to tend to other items as well so it's on the list and it will be attended to. So there's my two items to report tonight, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Smith thanked Adam. He added: I just would ask that it would be possible. You know, maybe we can have a separate meeting with representatives from the Bergen County Historical Society and Elaine, that, you know, I think that, as this is you know if this was moving forward. Being that we have that shared relationship. I think that it would be very good to make sure that those lines of communication are open. And I think then that will be very beneficial.

A.Strobel: Moving forward, for sure. Of course, as we talked about last month, we would do that. This phase is just really is lining up the funding. But there are obviously some steps that have to be done after the funding is approved and obviously discussions with their historical society as it needs to occur and try to make things work.

Chairman Smith: said some of the utilities are put underground, but not all the utilities. But, you know, why not have the utilities go underground right on Main Street instead of having them go above ground to a telephone pole halfway across the property and then go underground.

A.Strobel: Well, those are two separate items I do understand the, the requests, I will characterize that to be a different item because it's that was revolving putting underground utilities, not only to the house and the rest of the property.

Chairman Smith: I was just referencing the utilities that go for the Christie house. The other properties would be another project. A. Strobel asked about the other properties.

Chairman Smith went on to say the Demarest House are underground and the Christie house has underground from a utility pole from the parking lot. The electric utilities go underground, and the Steuben House utilities also go underground to the telephone pole on Main Street. It's good to keep those lines of communication open.

D.Powell. So the roof of the funding, what are the parameters of when it has to be spent, or when does this have to take place?

A.Strobel: Oh, it's, as I said last month it's the recommendation of Elaine, that the roof needs to be repaired. I know we talked about last month about possibly delaying the project until such time as the museum building is built and is capable of storing the artifact. But I don't know, again, this is part of our discussions understanding when ultimately what the resume building be built and ready to receive all the artifacts out of the Campbell-Christie house attic. I just don't know what that is. I know we had discussions, it was, you know, indicated and we only take a matter of weeks or months to do that. But I don't know when it all starts.

D.Powell: I think it could take some time to set the museum up and there's no issue with the roof currently.

A.Strobel: They want to be ahead of the potential problem. And that's why she's recommending that we take steps for that building. Similar to the Garrison in Fairlawn same issue that a roofing component needs to be addressed

Chairman Smith: I thank you very much. Adam and I definitely you know it could be a very big project. You know, I think it, it's a positive project I think the big thing is just making sure that as this project goes along. You know, we want to make sure we have this lines of communication open for sure.

E. DEP – Steuben House Report Eric Pain, DEP Representative. Superintendent Ringwood State Park.

Good evening, having nothing to report on the small projects list I'm going to move on to the gate on site that was damaged. I received a report today from River Edge police unfortunately they were unable to identify the vehicle involved, it appeared that they even contacted a couple of the businesses in the area with cameras in an attempt to identify the vehicle that might have been responsible. But unfortunately they were not able to, so with that received, we're going to move forward on getting the materials needed to repair that, and I'll keep everyone informed as to when that's going to be taken care of. The metal signage that we discussed has been printed and delivered to the Steuben House. Once we determine the locations we can coordinate the installation. I was on site today It looked like the meadow was mowed as requested so that's good. I don't know if it was an email or discussion during the last meeting, you had recommended or suggested maybe looking into some pretty cool looking benches. And I think it was, well I don't remember the name of the company but I did look into it and I found out that they are actually on contracts with the state. So if that is an item that we wanted to put on the property somewhere we'd certainly be able to do that relatively simply. They were not cheap. I want some of those benches in my Park now i mean they're they're really they're really cool looking. I also was able to determine that Hunter Research is is also attainable. I have requested assistance with contacting them for the projects that we had discussed. The porch is in the process of being taken care of, along with the exterior painting it was, to my surprise that Joe Mayo Construction was going to do the porch as well. And he said "well yeah the porch is exterior and I need to paint it. And I can't paint it if there's missing boards" so I saw, he fixed it today and that's going to be getting a coat of paint along with the rest of the exterior, the walkway quotes I'm going to be meeting with Ultra Landscaping on the seventh to finalize the location for the trees. He's going to get me the quote for that. The other two items that weren't assigned inter -government agreement project designation. Waterbugs were malfunctioning in the house. And there was certainly no water to cause them to go off but the maintenance staff noticed that there were some paint chips on the top of it. So I asked them to move them out of the fall zone, I guess, so to speak, and we'll see if that that makes a difference and then the follow up to that is what's causing the paint chips to fall, and we're going to look into that as well. And then the other alarm system malfunctions that we were having were from the second floor window. And going back through the system, it looks like Deborah might be right, and that the exterior work that was taking place could have maybe jarred the window. Or maybe some dust or something, cause the contacts to, to go into alarm status so we had that serviced on the 24th. And I don't believe there's been any alarm since that time. Moving on to the inter-governmental agreement projects list. The 1-A there is some discussion taking place regarding that. Are we deeming that complete at this point?

D.Powell: I thought we said we were going to have a meeting about it, and with our comments, and then consolidate the comments and get back to them. Okay. I don't know if you have time to do that some evening or you want to email it.

E.Pain: Okay, sure. I'll make a note to finalize my comments in email and then if there's additional items to to hash out we can we can discuss. When we just make a quick note.

D.Powell: "Do you want to set a date to get back to them?" October 15 was agreed on.

E.Pain continued: I referenced the, the maple trees are going to be planted. I'm going to meet on site on the seventh and then either that week, or shortly following that he's going to put those in. I'm also going to walk the meadow that day with him he had some concerns before he issued a or four he gave me an estimate. He had some concerns about some areas that may be felt might might be wet. So I think that's. That was him. The paint analysis additional visits were conducted on the 14th through the 16th of last month. And I'm, I'm thinking that those would probably, that's probably the extent of the visit she's going to need so we looking forward to getting some feedback from from Tina on that.

The interpretive panels, I think we're getting closer. It's been a long process. It sounds to me like we were very close to a purchase order being issued. I hope by next time by next meeting that we can, that I can report it's been issued and hopefully ordered the exterior painting I'm going to take a little time and go over this. I was on site today. The job is almost complete it looks really good. from what I saw. Prior to the contractor starting the work he had identified some, some paint splotches on the exterior of the building that I never even noticed. He wanted to make sure that we all knew that they were there before he started he took before photos and I said, I think, I think we can all be relatively certain that you're not going to get blamed for any of that it's not even the same color. They're a lighter shade of white. The matter of the green paint on the building I was there today and he showed me. He painted a small section on the, on one of the shutters, and it's noticeably different, and he claims that the, the paint that he applied is the exact formula that I provided him with. And I said well based on the project that was approved by SHPO we do need to use the formulas. If we determine after he paints them. It's not something we can live with. We can go back and petition HPO to go back to what we had before but based on the project that was approved. We really need to follow the formula. I think we'll be able I think we're going to be happy with the finished product once it's done. The last item I have discussed regarding the exterior work is the is the porch itself. And also, the columns, while he was performing this work. He identified, something on the flat roof over the porch. That wasn't quite up to code. And he understands of course the historic designation of the building, but he felt like we don't have any protection and the water is actually seeping through because there's no rain or snow guard on the roof of the porch and it's actually leaking through into the columns and potentially damaging them from the top, as well as contributing to the porch rock. I don't even know I'll have him write up his recommendation. When we can discuss that as a commission. I'm not even sure what that would entail to be honest, it sounds to me like they would take up the, the shingles on the roof. Put down the ice guard or the rain guard and then reapply but that's another matter. And then the last thing I just want to make sure the out kitchen, he was on site today and he was going to get me a call. I just want to make sure we're all talking about the same building so excuse my ignorance maybe send me a quick email and circle it that way, that way we can be sure of that. And lastly I even forgot it myself. While Mayo construction was on site today, I showed him the guardrail and the fence and requested a quote to get

started with that. So with that, with all that information I think that concludes my report for this evening, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Smith, it's a lot to take in. Well, sorry guys, that's okay, Fantastic, fantastic stuff and you know I had gone down there when the work had just started, and then a couple days ago to see that difference, and again what a major step moving forward to protect the house moving forward. It's just fantastic. And we can definitely get you pictures for the out kitchen. I think one thing that we did talk about was and maybe he mentioned it initially was that you know possible stone right off the front porch. We could put landscape fabric down first. Put the stone down, and then also in the back of the house, stone from the stairs to the left, too. That might be advantageous or helpful.

E.Pain: I think so yeah we have, we have discussed that, I would like to try that as well he mentioned that it's potentially a two part problem with the porch and the columns. He described it as it was being attacked by both ends, from the top and the bottom. And so yeah I definitely want to move forward to that as well.

Chairman Smith thanked Eric Pain, asked for questions or comments.

D.Powell pointed out well the leak in the front "if you facing the house the second window over from the south end and then might be coming, that water might be coming from that same area in the roof - because it's coming in like the woodwork and dripping down even onto the exhibit case."

E.Pain acknowledged and said possibly have a roof specialist maybe some flashing needs to be looked at in that area so that's, that's something that the dormer remains on my on my to do list.

Chairman Smith explained Eric's referenced the benches, they're made out of concrete. And so they're very heavy so they're not they're not going to be able to be moved by any water. People won't be able to pick them up once they're in place, so it's I think it's very advantageous to want to figure out where we could start, you know, where would be good spots for that and it's been amazing. Deborah pointed it out and just when I've been at the site to and other people with society, the amount of visitors now they're going to the site. It's unbelievable. Like just people taking everything in and I guess getting outside with a nice weather people staying local, and I'm sure like I want, I went to Skylands Park the other day and it's just unreal how many people are at Skylands. So I think people are just going to parks, so much more now it's great to say.

E.Pain acknowledged there was a fair amount of traffic the site today. I was pleased to see.

Here is the current projects list that are made possible due to funding for the HNBLCPC:

FY2018

- Traffic tally 2 vehicle counter
- Parking lot striping
- Paint analysis of the Von Steuben House
- New fence rails
- Stone dust pathway restoration

- Tree trimming/removal
- Repair / repaint plaster Von Steuben House
- Cellular Security Cameras •Demo/remove steel guard rail in historic core •Repaint front porch of the Von Steuben House
- Wooden bollards at the 19th century swing bridge
- Exterior paint of the Von Steuben House
- Landscaping

FY 2019

- Landscaping entire HNBL Property
- Interpretive Panels HNBL
- Steuben House Assessment and Restoration of back rooms
- Out kitchen roof
- Chimney evaluation of Steuben House restoration and caps as needed
- Red Brick Path Campbell Christie House

FY 2020

- Assessment of Steuben House and Back Rooms
- Dendrochronology
- Landscaping Brett Park
- Guard Rails / removal
- Exterior Seating
- Door Dams
- Permit costs

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan. Acting Commissioner BDF Rep
No report, J.Heffernan.

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS

Car counter: Up this month, significantly, 16,272 clicks, 8,136 vehicles. How are numbers calculated? For estimate in numbers in car? Are pedestrians estimated.

E.Pain advised: Generally speaking, there's a formula and I'll make a note to send it to you. During the day, or during the week. I think it's three people per vehicle and on the weekends depending on the area it's four or five. If you wanted to do just a mean of that. And do, even if you had estimated low of three people per vehicle that that gives you a pretty fair estimate of as to what count would be, you're looking at 180,000 people.

We were wondering how that would be accomplished. Get an e-beam to get a count?

E.Pain said he would investigate. That it could be shared among parks.

I picked up garbage at the site before a walking tour, lots of small litter, soda can on the bollard, tissues, cup with straw by bench, like lots of people are using the site. It's always puzzling, the thought process to come to a beautiful setting but then to be so careless. She said the flip side is how much people enjoy the park and Jim and John Heffernan have talked about this too.

I gave walking tour of HNBL, featuring Major General Baron von Steuben last Sunday, Sept 27, I had 25 participants. I began in the Meadow and read a sale description of Steuben's "Jersey Estate" which by his own advertisement lists a meadow and describes he restored the war damaged buildings.

We also had a talk by Jay Levin on the History of Teaneck in front of the Steuben House and I gave a Zoom illustrated lecture on the 3 items we're loaning to the Museum of the American Revolution.

Upcoming events, October 11, 2-3 pm, Fundraising event with Ridley & Anne Enslow. Actually spraying circles in the grass to distance everyone in front of the CCH.

October 22, Zoom mtg on Ten Crucial Days

October 24, Private Wedding at the CCH.

October 25, Walking Tour, open the barn, see if we can make bread in the new bake oven.

Nov 7, Fall clean up

Nov 8, Wreath Laying in Midland Park for Veteran's Day

Nov 11, Tavern talk to the School of Interpretation by D.Powell

Regarding opening the Steuben House, E. Pain advised the Hermitage and Skylands remain closed. There are some buildings open in other areas of the state that are starting to identify a need or interest to open. And so I will, I will follow up with Trenton level staff and see what it is that those sites have done to identify to identify what they needed to do and in order to be open, and I'll try and have that information available for next month's meeting.

Okay, we have the retreat weekend. So we don't really have a big you know retreat reenactors but we will have we're planning some reenactors, and I have a somebody a donor who I have to read talk to her, but she's got a collection of political cartoons period, political cartoons, and she offered to talk about them, and possibly donate them to society. So, you know, I'd like to have make that event happen we, it would be like small groups, if she's we're still willing, a small groups of people you know by talking, maybe, near the prince, you know, in the Steuben House, I'm thinking we would leave all the chairs upstairs, not open up the upstairs but have the rooms, you know, so you could distance in the, the main rooms there, and limit. Probably the limit the visitation to the whole building to 12 people. Event date, Nov 22, 2020. He said it might take some coordination between us as far as coming up with a brief plan, I'll see what other sites are doing that are allowing them to open and I'll, I'll discuss with you and Jim.

We have a fall cleanup planned for November 7 and the eighth is a wreath laying for Midland park for Veterans Day. And I'm giving a Zoom talk on November 11th on taverns for the School of Interpretation.

Chairman Smith: The weather's kind of getting a little bit cooler. We are also, you know, work, we'll be starting to put rails back in place that are have been in the barn. So the organizing time to do that. And then one thing that we also had noticed that was interesting that on the bar there was a spot where the paint that was used was actually bubbling. And so, we're going to fix it, inspired by the Steuben House work. The barn was freshly painted in 2015, that stays tip top now since it's right next to the Steuben House so hopefully that will take place in the coming weeks as well just tiny touch ups but still just making sure again it's the little things, little details when you visit a site, impresses people that the site is cared for.

VII. Old Business None.

VIII. New Business None.

IX. Public Comment. None.

X. Adjournment

Chairman Smith: be safe be well and thank you very much for coming today. Thank you.

Motion to adjourn 8:50 pm. First, E.Pain, Second, A.Strobel. Motion passed.

XI. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission will be held online at 7 PM, November 5, 2020 due to the virus shutdown. The meeting takes place via conference call where Chairman Smith emailed the invite. Unfortunately, the public cannot attend this meeting. It is being conducted remotely comments or questions were to be submitted prior to the meeting to the address, hnbipc@gmail.com.

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Changes/corrections to the minutes of Sept 3, 2020 meeting by A.Strobel:

BC Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs will request from the 2020 Open Space Trust Fund funding round \$200,000 for roof replacement of the Campbell Christie House.

- Some of the clapboards/windows need repair/replacing before they are painted and the roof needs to be replaced.
- The roof will be done before painting of the house.
- Grant request will be presented to the Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee at one of the scheduled meetings: September 22nd, 29th or October 6th.
- It is anticipated the Board of Chosen Freeholders will adopt a Resolution to accept the grant recommendations and set a date for a public hearing at their November 10, 2020 Public Meeting.
- December 10, 2020 has been identified as the date for the 2020 Trust Fund Public Hearing.

- It is anticipated the Board of Chosen Freeholders will approve grants at their March 3, 2021 public meeting

Good evening everybody. I hope that everyone is well. Good to see Mary.

Okay, my report this month is a follow up on my report from last month about the Campbell Christie house and replacement of the roof. I will send my written report to Deborah in a couple of minutes. The Division of Cultural Historic Affairs, which sits within the Department of Parks, will be requesting from the Bergen County Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee \$200,000 to replace the roof of the Campbell Christie House as part of this 2020 Open Space Trust Fund grant round. Elaine Gold, managing the project, noted to me that some of the clapboards need repair and replacing before the house is to be painted and the roof needs outright replacement. She is recommending that the roof replacement occur before painting the house. The Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Chosen Freeholders on how to allocate the Trust Fund grant dollars to the municipalities, not-for-profit organizations, and the Bergen County Parks Department. This project is eligible for a Park improvement grant since the County owns the house. So that's my report for the month.

Chairman Smith: Thank you, you know one of the things that I understand that you know the roof is like a big ticket issue but yeah we previously talked about the window sill that's rotting in the addition for the Christie house and some of those clappers do have bird bowls in them, which we have brought up before the roof was even talked about. So I kind of, you know, I feel like that those are two compromised areas and I haven't seen the roof that is compromised so it kind of seems like the, maybe, like, where the decision was made to maybe hold off on the painting and the repairing those areas. And if it's a funding issue maybe that's something that the Commission should, you know look at as a potential project to paint the Christie house and repair the windows so if it's if the county is looking to do the roof.

A. Strobel: Ok, I will bring this suggestion back to Elaine. I obviously failed to say in my report the repair of the windows will be part of the project. Elaine Gold will develop project specifications in order to hire a qualified contractor to perform the work. The State Historic Preservation Office will approve the work.

Chairman Smith: I think the other concern is that, you know, with the roof. You know, what does that do to any collections in the in the house and their protection. You know, so that that that's a big question that I would have.

D.Powell: It would really be more convenient to wait till we get the new museum building up so we can put collections there, you know and have a space to. We'd have to basically empty the whole building to do the roof.

A.Strobel: That is a fair observation. The County replaced the roof several years ago, the exact date I do not recall off the top of my head. The processes and protocols followed at that time ---- we would follow the same to coordinate with the Bergen County Historical Society on timing of things and care of any artifacts. However, I do not know when the museum building going to be finished.

Chairman Smith: The deputy attorney general, for the state of New Jersey to have a voice, and once that is communicated. You know, we won't I most likely won't be breaking ground, I don't think this year. But then it'll be in the springtime, 2021.

A.Strobel: How long will construction take?

Chairman Smith, I'd have to confirm on that but the building will take two or three weeks to go up. It's because it's timber frame construction so it's built off site first, and then they just have to come and put it, assemble it, all the walls will be insulated panels, so it's like, instead of putting sheet rock insulation and everything like that. You just take the whole wall and plug it in and it's done. So, then, should be set it should be a faster process than what we're going through right now that's a whole other thing.

A.Strobel: But you are okay I did not want to go into the details.... but I know putting up the building and all the other site preparations for that does take time. Therefore, I do not know if you had an estimation of how long.... You are saying two weeks? I am assuming it is going to be more than two weeks at the end of the day, right everything involved should be several months by itself. There are precursor steps that need approvals, approval from the Attorney General's Office I remember ...discussion last meeting. I think there were questions about the parking lot access and surrounding property?

D.Powell: But then we'll have to set it up.

Chairman Smith: Right. Exactly. And, you know, just interpreting the law. You know, the deputy attorney general came up, or one of the from that office came up, we met with him, including others, and was waiting on their language to be submitted to him.

A.Strobel: Okay, all right, so the big picture item is the availability of the funding would be in March. If you think you want to expend resources to the outside of the Campbell Christie House then I will take that back to Elaine and see what she says with that. Again, her notion is to do the roof first and then the painting, I presume from a sequencing and precautionary steps. Therefore, there has to be some thought processes as to why she is recommending this sequence. Nevertheless, I will deliver the message.

Chairman Smith: Definitely, yeah there's, you know, I think it's a worthwhile project, but I think just want to make sure that everybody's on the same page.

A.Strobel: Oh absolutely, yeah. Again, this is just the beginning. We have not even had the meetings; again, I am presuming everything will sail through. However, you know money is being set aside for the house, and the money will be available in early March.

AGENDA

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission

Thursday, November 5, 2020

I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement

II. Attendance

II. Review of Minutes

Review of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 1, 2020

IV. Calendar

V. Chairman's Report

VI. Continuing Business

A. Brett Park

B. New Milford

C. River Edge

D. County of Bergen

-Paint exterior of Christie House

-Repair rotting window sill on Christie House addition

-Repair / replace front porch (with it having so many problems, should we consider trex?)

- cut down two dead trees on County right of away on Hackensack Ave

-gutters for rear of house?

-Signage on local highways

E. DEP – Steuben House

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation

G. Bergen County Historical Society

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Minutes from Thursday, November 5, 2020

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II. Attendance:

James Smith, Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, Larry Bauer, Rich Karp, Michael Putrino, J. Heffernan. Absent: Adam Strobel, Mary Donohue.

III. Review of Minutes Review

October 1, 2020 minutes, no changes. Motion to approve minutes: First by E.Pain, Second, J. Heffernan, M.Putrino abstained, motion passed.

IV. Chairman's Report:

Good evening everyone,

Asked to table election to Dec. 1, 2020 meeting, if we have a Zoom election. M.Putrino suggested based his experience as mayor that it could be done, someone makes a motion then it goes to the commission, it's voted on in zoom and their vote is recorded and reported in the January meeting. Chairman Smith asked for other thoughts, said he would revisit the bylaws. Motion by M.Putrino to table the election to the December meeting, second by L.Bauer. Motion passed.

I hope all is well with you and your families. On behalf of The Bergen County Historical Society I am excited to announce the next chapter in historic interpretation and improving the visitor's experience at Historic New Bridge Landing is upon us with the long awaited purchase of the former PSE&G substation lot, located across Main St. from the Von Steuben House. This important property is located at the confluence of Cole's Brook and the Hackensack River and was originally called Tantaqua's Plain. In 1714, one of the earliest industrial structures was constructed at the site, a tide mill, which would help turn the Zabriskie family into one of the most prosperous and successful early families in Bergen County due to its location as a crossroads and river access. When war came to Bergen County in November of 1776, this property bore silent witness to the Retreat from Fort Lee and the surrounding property saw 11 military engagements or actions during the Revolution. Following the War, the State granted the property to Baron Von Steuben and much money was invested in the property, including repairing the mill. As production methods changed, the mill ceased operations in 1850 and burned down in 1852. Eventually the property was obtained by PSE&G and turned into an electrical sub-station as Bergen County continued to grow in the mid 20th century.

The late Bergen County Historian and State Historic Sites specialist, Kevin Wright recognized the value of the sub-station property and the site was included in the Master Plan for the development and interpretation at Historic New Bridge Landing. With the PSE&G shift to a resilient electrical grid system, the sub-station became obsolete. Discussions began with PSE&G, spear headed by David Hollenbeck of PSE&G, Kevin Wright, Deborah Powell, Mary Donohue and Jim Smith of the Bergen County Historical Society for the Society to acquire the property with a clear vision in mind and its preservation intact. Finally, in October of 2020, during the Presidency of Carol Restivo, the Society is proud to announce it has acquired the property.

Ultimately, this acquisition of property accomplishes major goals of the organization and the site as a whole. First, the Society became involved at what would become Historic New Bridge Landing, as development and the encroaching junkyard began to encumber the Von Steuben House. The Society purchased the property surrounding the Steuben House so that it would not be consumed by development and lend itself to a new private/public park and allowed for the future preservation of the Demarest House, Thomas-Westervelt Barn and Campbell-Christie House. The Society would also donate some of this property to the state of NJ for a proper parking lot in the 1950's, which was subsequently removed and now encompasses the turnaround. This purchase follows in that tradition of securing surrounding property to protect the historic nature of the site. Secondly, new levels of interpretation can be explored and further discussion including archaeology of the former mill site can be

planned. Think about this, before any industry could grow in the 19th century in New Jersey, long known for its role in the Industrial Revolution, the banks of the Hackensack were buzzing with tidal mills to further the Bergen economy. We have preserved that site and can help educate others on this important component of Bergen's unique story.

Next it will allow for greater access to parking for events, which is critical for historic sites, especially older sites that may be impacted by surrounding development. Due to the nature of many historic sites today, they are limited by this and can make visitation difficult. Lastly, it will allow the core of the site to be protected and native plantings to be established in our effort to continue to be a good steward on the banks of the Hackensack River.

One of the amazing things to see come out of the pandemic is the usage of parks, whether they are local, state or national. Historic New Bridge Landing is unique in that it is a public / private partnership, ever since the State invited the Historical Society to the Von Steuben House and open a museum in 1938 and continue to grow and develop into the very Commission we all sit on. Ultimately, we have a responsibility to provide the best leadership possible and we have seen some amazing projects take hold and we have seen other projects develop. As 2020 comes to a close and 2021 comes closer, not only can we breathe a sigh of relief that 2020 is over, but also that we see our projects continue to develop and move HNBL forward.

And that is my report. So it's, again from being involved in a society for many years, I feel it's just absolutely amazing for this event to happen. You know, for it to happen and and I just to share a story like talking with Kevin Wright. He always had a real vision on interpretation and what sites could be, kind of seeing into the future "if you can dream it, it can happen" one of those type of comments that he mentioned with a junkyard. He saw the value in this property and it's just truly, truly astounding we have it, it's going to help protect the core the site and the Steuben House and provide amazing interpretation and additional parking for the site as well.

We would love to tear down that fence and put up a nice split rail fence. Once we get some planning done to secure it for sure.

D.Powell shared an aerial of the substation lot.

Chairman Smith added, I'm obviously not an archaeologist but you know when you look at where the 1794 painting [tide mill]. A lot of the wharf area and mill site is still protected by trees and growth so I think it will lead to interesting to discoveries.

V. Calendar

Chairman Smith: I'm looking at our calendar events as storage New Bridge Landing are slowly coming on line although do following all state, and CDC guidelines. And I'm sure Deborah can report further on those. During the Bergen County Historical Society report. Moving on then to the Chairman's report.

VI. Continuing Business

A. Brett Park – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report. Said a survey of Brett Park was going to be done. Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report. Said it was "recommended that a survey be done of the entire Landing in the three towns. Chairman Smith pointed at the BCHS has a survey and boundaries on the west side.

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford, Representative.

The only thing I have that is new, you contacted me about two weeks ago about an issue with the garbage can, on the New Milford side of the bridge DPW went and they mitigated the situation, and since then they've been keeping an eye on it to make sure that that does not happen. But if you do see it, let me know immediately so get it taken care of. I was hoping Adam would be at the meeting, because I want to get two of the Historic New Bridge Landing street signs, the brown ones with the white letters.

I really want to put one on the border of New Milford and Oradell and the New Milford River Edge border with the arrows pointing, so people can just take River Road to New Bridge and head to the site because we don't have any signage on the north end of New Milford. So if I can get my hands on those I can get them up with no problem. Chairman Smith said that would be fantastic and asked how many, it was determined to be two.

Chairman Smith continued: He suggested on the New Milford side of the bridge that we can continue to improve upon the appearance up to the bridge and that there is different types of macadam and suggested we come up with a design to put pavers there instead of the blacktop pavement where the bollards are. It could be a Park Commission project in lieu of painting the Campbell-Christie House since the County is planning on doing that. It would be a nice approach and established. M.Putrino liked the idea, extending our presence and would make the property more attractive. Chairman Smith had observed people approaching the bridge as tourists from the east side. M.Putrino acknowledged he visits the bridge and the river at late hours to clear his head. E.Pain volunteered that in his experience the approaches can be just as important as the properties themselves. He agreed and thought we should look into it further.

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge. Absent, no report.

D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Commissioner, and Bergen County Division of Open Space. Report to HNBL, Absent, no report.

E. NJDEP, Steuben House Report, Eric Pain, DEP Representative, Superintendent Ringwood State Park Small Maintenance Projects List (No Movement on list)

Shutter needs attention assigned to maintenance/Dormer/French Drain/Steuben Lawn Fill holes and seed

Damage to Gate- RSP Maintenance responded 9/2 to assess damages. River Edge PD is still investigating. Case number assigned 2020-04346. Hoping to be able to repair in house. More to come Still waiting on a report back from River Edge PD. Received report 10/1 Materials to be ordered to complete repair now that investigation has been completed. Materials ordered and received now to coordinate repair. Will involve some digging to get old post out and new one in. Confident disturbance will be limited to the immediate vicinity of the already disturbed area/Roadway

Metal Signage complete once locations determined install will be coordinated. Delivered to SH

COVID Signage printed on coroplast and installed

COVID Plan submitted by Deborah sent to Trenton 11/4 for review

Benches as recommended looked into it and on Contract Do we want to order?

Requested assistance with Hunter Research on 9/4

Porch will be taken care of along with exterior painting Complete
Walkway quote in the process of receiving 2 quotes received waiting on third
FY19 and fy20 projects lists requested
Water Bugs Malfunctioning? Paint chips? 10/27 No problems recently
Alarm System second floor 9/11, 9/12, 9/17, 9/18 alarm serviced on 9/24 No recent false alarm activity

Intergovernmental Agreement Projects List as submitted to Trenton.

FY 18 projects identified to date

FY19 Budget submitted

FY20 TBD Requested to think big!

- 1) 1-A Study of the Von Steuben House - \$5000 work is underway Emailed 11/8 no response called and left message 3/3/2020 no response Draft Assessment received 7/2 Complete?
- 2) Develop plan for redesign of parking lot, Sutton Lys property and entryway? \$15,000 The Commission is seeking proposals for design, I think once they can offer a detailed scope of work, something tangible, it'll be easier to move forward in getting state a/e involved.
- 3) Remove brick walkway replace with stone dust \$2875 complete
- 4) Plant Trees along the meadow fence line Complete sort of...any trees that don't make it are guaranteed. Watering and bags covered by RSP. Additional trees to be planted from original PO additional trees to be requested along Main St. \$7100? 3 trees owed 2 to be planted near path other to be determined in future 2 Red Maples Being planted next week or the following site visit with Boltzer 10/7 Still waiting email sent 10/28 and 11/4
- 5) Repair and paint exterior staircase. \$3275 stairs complete needs paint and treads removed

- 6) *Paint analysis of Von Steuben House PO requested 7/25 \$12,400 APPROVED work to begin week of 3/9! Samples collected basement to attic 3/9-11 and analysis ongoing. Another site visit conducted 7/1 Additional visits conducted 9/14-16
- 7) Repair and repaint plaster walls in dwelling room and rear rooms correcting deficiencies \$3000-\$5000 Awaiting results of the Paint analysis
- 8) Identify appropriate fixtures and remove fluorescent lighting and led candelabra bulbs \$600.70 Complete
- 9) Site Clean Up remove fallen branches, cutback brush-RSP Maintenance completed first "wave"
- 10) Interpretive Panels \$4140 Additional information required. Design and content PO request being processed?! Getting closer? Process order for non state property signs now. Would involve revised estimate and new po request
- 11) Fence Rails and posts \$2680 DELIVERED
- 12) Doorway flood barrier and instant sandbags \$611.59 Complete
- 13) Turn around \$6226 complete
- 14) Stone dust path exterior of meadow LMR submitted. Quote received
- 15) Exterior Pain Steuben House Evaluating contractors soliciting quotes Met with initial contractor 10/9 soliciting additional bids submitted hpo application. Pb120 submitted 11/20. 1/2/20 process complete all bids received. Must use low bid Maio Construction. PO approved. Need to approve colors and award job! \$28975 Work should be starting next week. Complete. Back staircase needs another coat or 2
- 16) Car Counter Received \$1034.56
- 17) Meadow Stone Dust Path Restoration PO Approved 2008.57 waiting on contractor Completed

18 Pizza Town Lot Parkrite \$835.00

19. Outkitchen Roof Quote requested

20. Tree removal seeking estimate probably \$1875-\$2200. For a day of work might try to get some other things taken care of while they are there if there are needs

Discussion on the interpretive signs that were scheduled to go on state land (3). One has been relocated to BCHS property. M.Putrino was going to check on tax map if the one on the east side of the bridge is New Milford or state property, the State pocket park is there. It could replace the existing sign on the Teaneck side, that one is scheduled to be removed. The entrance sign location is a problem, it needs to be at the entrance at the light at Hackensack Ave and Main Street in the exiting kiosk. It was agreed to remove that one from the current production list.

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan. Acting Commissioner BDF Rep No report, J.Heffernan.

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS

It's hard to top the news of the land acquisition, I feel like this is almost as big as the auto parts acquisition for the park, it's right in the core area of the site. Jim and other board members, Jim particularly put in much work to make this happen, not to take away anything away but can say this fulfills a vision Kevin saw for the site, he had a letter put in a PSEG file saying we were interested in it if it should become available. Can thank particularly Dave Hollenbeck and Diane Bumpus at PSEG who met Mary and me in a meeting a year ago.

We had a very successful Walking Tour on Oct 25 with 55 people signed up for the tour, many were not members so we are reaching more people that have not been to the site previously. It was interesting that two separate people came back again having come to a previous walking tour I gave. Jim and I ended up splitting the group in two because of it's size. We opened a bit more options at the site, like the barn and the out kitchen/ bake oven for visitors/ black smith and sold some books. The bake oven had a successful first test run of bread and biscuits. Of course this is all with BCHS volunteers. Pre registration is through our website and a contact list is being maintained for all events.

I can mention we have our School of Interpretation on Nov 11 where I'll be giving a presentation historian and the Park Service Regional Interpretive Specialist Kevin Wright created in 2015 on Taverns which relates to the history of the Campbell-Christie House. The house was a tavern in the later 18th century. The School of Interpretation is one he started, maybe the first in the state for a historic site, to help guides in interpretation.

For the November Nov 22 event we are planning our annual Retreat to Victory event. I submitted a plan

to E.Pain to open the Steuben House in a limited way at this event. A member has offered to exhibit and talk about a period 18th c. Cartoon she has researched in the house. We have members from four different Reenactment group sign up to demonstration and talk about American Revolutionary military life. We are having the above mentioned venues; the barn, the outkitchen and blacksmith as well.

For December we have changed our usual holiday concerts (37th year) to have a tree lighting and a lantern tour through the site at dusk telling a Dutch themed story on Dec 6th. The tour won't be going in the buildings but plan to have some merriment like dancing that visitors can see through the windows in the three houses. We'll be taking reservations. The performer Linda Russell agreed to start the tour and end with carols and a tree lighting. The Park Commission was enthusiastic.

Re: Thought about the car-counter numbers, that they should be divided in four, not by half. Considered if the state parks have a timer controlled gates that open and close at certain times.

VII. New Business

E.Pain: Park attendance is up 200 to 300%. D.Powell noted bike groups both from NYC and coming by bike via the train. We do not have bike racks, something to add with the parking lot redesign.

M.Putrino:

- Meeting with DPW Superintendents postponed until further notice
- Asked if I can get two Historic New Bridge Landing signs (brown/white) I can have them placed at the New Milford / Oradell Border and the New Milford / River Edge Border.

VIII. Old business

E.Pain:

Discussion on the storm drain still puddling at flag pole. He observed "Christos Calvados said when I was on site and they were doing a project, as the next reengineering, it's not something that we have the ability necessarily to do and if the County wanted to, you know, do that, that, that would be great."

Chairman Smith: It seems like there's still water there on a regular basis.

D.Powell:

What seems to be happening because it happened on a day that we did not get any rain but flooded, that the backflow preventer is preventing water from that one entry point, but it's not preventing it when it's coming around the barn in the ditch from the river to a storm drain at the road and the water flows back to the flagpole. It's remained fairly dry behind the Steuben House and front of Demarest House.

Chairman Smith: At a meeting with FEMA many years ago, they had commented that in South Jersey waterways have a lot of tidal flaps. In North Jersey, we're slower to catch up to that so I think it's part of a bigger drain issue and something to keep monitoring.

D.Powell: But to Eric's point, that might be why the County was looking at it like it's their project because they installed that storm drain system all the way up the road.

Chairman Smith: there's even a storm drain Brett Park.

M.Putrino:

I was contacted by Chairman Smith regarding the overflowing of the garbage can on the New Milford side of the bridge. New Milford DPW was notified, and the situation was mitigated.

D.Powell:

Congressman Gottheimer reached out to us, wondered about reaching out to him regarding the Army Corps project and restoration of the wharf at New Bridge Landing. Powell said she would try and contact Jesse West-Rosenthal at SHPO for where we left off last year, the Army Corps needs a partner for the project.

Re: The gate post replacement, I can mention in an archeology report at the site from 1983, they did archaeology before telephone poles were installed because they go that deep, six feet. So it's interesting because to me, just to make the commission aware, that we have had more recent telephone poles installed without any notification or archaeology, but at one time it was considered important before the poles were installed.

Since we have both Teaneck representatives here, asked if was somebody killed recently or fairly recently at Brett Park. I don't think that was reported to the commission. I heard there was an accident with the tree disposal, I just wondered what the circumstances were.

IX. Public Comment. None.

X. Adjournment

Chairman Smith: be safe be well and thank you very much for coming today. Thank you. Motion to adjourn 8:38 pm. First, L.Bauer, Second, R.Karp. Motion passed.

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AGENDA

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission

Thursday, December 3, 2020

I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement

II. Attendance

III. Review of Minutes

Review of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 5, 2020 IV. Calendar

IV. Chairman's Report & Election

V. Continuing Business

A. Brett Park

B. New Milford C. River Edge

D. County of Bergen

-Paint exterior of Christie House

-Repair rotting window sill on Christie House addition

-Repair / replace front porch (with it having so many problems, should we consider trex?)

- cut down two dead trees on County right of away on Hackensack Ave

-gutters for rear of house? -Signage on local highways

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II. Attendance:

James Smith, Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, Larry Bauer, Rich Karp, Michael Putrino, Adam Strobel, Mary Donohue J. Heffernan received the link late and was unable to log in when received.

III. Review of Minutes

Review November 5, 2020 minutes, no changes. Motion to approve: First by L.Pain, Second, R.Karp, motion passed.

Chairman Smith: And actually this month is probably the most important month to have those digitized and some some of you've already sent in your reports, which is definitely greatly appreciated. Because now like in the next two weeks, we'll be turning around that information and turning it into the yearly report which is submitted to the state of New Jersey so it just, it's a lot easier when that's digitized to send it over so thank you very much for that.

Election:

D.Powell advised she was not able to get the polling location on Zoom to function. Mayor Putrino advised: The current Secretary would ask for a nomination for Chairman, or chairperson. Once the chairperson is installed the chairperson would then ask nominations for the rest of the offices. When nomination comes to the floor. The Secretary would ask for a motion, a second before it's voted on. Is there any other nominations from the floor. And then there's a vote. In case more than one person is nominated for an office.

Slate:

Chairman Smith renominated for Chairman: 1st: Mike Putrino, 2nd: Eric Pain, Are there any other nominations from the floor?, being there are no other nominations the Secretary called for a vote, roll call vote, E.Pain-Yes, A. Strobel-Yes, M.Putrino-Yes, L.Bauer-Yes, R.Karp-Yes, nomination, M.Donohue-Yes, D.Powell-Yes, Chairman Smith abstained, Chairman Smith as Chairman passed.

Chairman Smith: Thanked D.Powell and M.Putrino for his assistance.

Vice Chairman: D.Powell nominated Mary Donohue, 2nd: R.Karp, Mary accepted. Chairman Smith: Are there any other nominations from the floor?, being there are no other nominations Chairman Smith called for a vote, roll call vote, E.Pain-Yes, A. Strobel-Yes, M.Putrino-Yes, L.Bauer-Yes, R.Karp-Yes, nomination, M.Donohue-Yes, D.Powell-Yes, Chairman Smith abstained, Mary Donohue as Vice Chairman motion passed.

Secretary: Mary Donohue nominated Deborah Powell, 2nd: L.Bauer, Mary accepted. Chairman Smith: Are there any other nominations from the floor?, being there are no other nominations Chairman Smith called for a vote, roll call vote, E.Pain-Yes, A. Strobel-Yes, M.Putrino-Yes, L.Bauer-Yes, R.Karp-Yes, nomination, M.Donohue-Yes, D.Powell-Yes, Chairman Smith-Yes. Deborah Powell as Secretary, motion passed.

Treasurer: Richard Karp nominated John Heffernan, 2nd by L.Bauer. John Heffernan was not there to accept. Chairman Smith: Are there any other nominations from the floor?, being there are no other nominations Chairman Smith called for a vote, roll call vote, E.Pain-Yes, A. Strobel-Yes, M.Putrino-Yes, L.Bauer-Yes, R.Karp-Yes, nomination, M.Donohue-Yes, D.Powell-Yes, Chairman Smith-Yes. John Heffernan as Treasurer, motion passed.

Chairman Smith thanked everyone and thanked Michael Putrino for his assistance.

IV. Calendar No report

V. Chairman's Report

Good afternoon everyone,

With the cool weather upon us and Thanksgiving leftovers in the rear view mirror. I hope all are well as I welcome to you the last Commission meeting of 2020. It is hard to imagine that in March, 9 months ago, we all met in person, and then just a few days later things changed. Yet despite this, visitation is definitely up at the site, and also parks statewide, as posted in a recent news article. This shows the value that citizens place in their parks and why parks matter. Ultimately, the Commission was created to help coordinate that different entities that make the HNBLSPC. This is and can be an exciting venture between both private and public entities working together for the benefit of the site and the citizens of the State as a whole. With the addition of the Zabriskie-Ackerman Tide Mill site, the Society has not only privately protected the only known site of a tide mill in NJ that has not been totally disturbed, to providing a major improvement eventually to the core of the site and the state historic site, Von Steuben House.

The long awaited museum building will not only provide storage/display space for the site, but will also provide ADA bathrooms for the site as a whole. An agreement has been finalized between the Society and the State of NJ to resolve the planning board of River Edge's question about parking usage and a signed copy will be added to the Annual Report to keep on file. While the monthly lecture series has gone from the Steuben House to ZOOM, it still has been quite the popular feature and has been engaging. All events on site have been strictly following State Covid guidelines, including registration of all attendees and a designated entry points. This system has worked and all events will continue to follow all State and any and all local guidelines.

As we start 2021, I want to continue to stress transparency and working together. Ultimately, we are all here for the benefit of the site as a whole and each entity has an important role to play and contribute to this endeavor. All the best this holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Chairman Smith specifically thanked Eric Pain for his assistance with Covid guidelines.

VI. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. No report. Wished a good new year. Chairman Smith: Thank you very much, gentlemen and seem to both of you. I just had a quick question because I know like in a previous meeting, we have talked about coordinating a meeting maybe with the village manager or the township manager, and I was just wondering if you guys had originally Have you ever reached out to me and you were looking for dates or days, you know, with my schedule and I just wanted to see if there's any progress on that, or, you know, if we need to circle back. Whatever it is, I definitely think that there's, you know we have that opportunity to really help in park, but we also want to make sure that everybody's you know we're on the same page and you know that the the town

knows that the township knows that we have the ability to assist in the park but also they have, you know, their commitment as well and obviously we don't want to do anything in the park without obviously having a fun meeting I think first. The other thing too, I think is important, especially now that we're in COVID, how is Teaneck handling like events like so. Eric you might be able to help us well in any event that happens on state property you have to follow state protocol correct? E.Pain: That is correct and it's helpful if the person sharing the information actually agrees when the effective date is. I had shared that with you, you or Deborah, and I had to go back and review it again. The most recent threshold does not take effect until Monday the seven. But yes, currently all protocols that are shared through the state or what any events taking place on on state properties must follow and I must say that at this time. Very few, if any events are taking place other than small socially distance hikes and things of that nature outside. Very few events whatsoever and taking place statewide. L.Bauer: I would suggestion. It may be best for you to let either Richard myself or both know which dates in January, you might be available to us and we'll get that to Doug works with (?), and be able to schedule it on the calendar. Chairman Smith: Sounds good. I will definitely be in touch, then great. Other questions for Teaneck?

D.Powell:

We get a lot of history email with the Historical Society, and one was for a battleground grant, a federal grant for battlegrounds, and that might apply for Brett Park for the Teaneck representatives to apply for, it might be very interesting there to do that, I can forward it to look it over to see if you could take that on.

Chairman Smith:

Actually that's it that's a great point Deborah, it's from the American battlefield trust, and I believe the Fort Lee, or Palisades Interstate Park commission was one of the largest recipients nationwide of this grant. In the last go around in the past few months. So, I mean Teaneck that's right over, you know, a couple of towns stone's throw away. And what you know that that would be a great opportunity so planning purposes for the park and I think that's something that, you know, we kind of discussions here that that would be great to include Teaneck to be able to you know go forward on that adventure and we can kind of go forward in that avenue so that's a great suggestion. Any other questions or comments from Teaneck. Okay, thank you very much, gentlemen. Appreciate it.

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford, Representative.

I have nothing new to report from our last meeting. There was a there was a question to the property on the other side of the bridge on the right side. We were thinking about putting signs there and we needed to know who owned the property, our tax record show that the State of New Jersey owns that property, not the Borough of New Milford. And the other thing we talked about is possibly getting those those brown metal Historic New Bridge Landing signs, so I could possibly put one up on the border of New Milford and River Edge, and also the border of New Milford in order, because the southern end of Milford has no signage towards New Bridge Landing, it'd be great to point people in the direction. That's all I have.

Chairman Smith: Thank you very much, Michael, Adam is it possible, I think the last time to County fabricators is the current is it, is it possible that the county could fabricate those or is that something that you know we could run through the commission instead.

A.Strobel: No, I think we could do that, obviously, give me some idea of the number of signs. If there's any differentiation between the signs that were put up I don't recall, and locations. I think we had our road department put those up. It was not a big challenge to do

M.Strobel: I can touch base with you, offline. I can get you location, and even if you just got the signs, our guys can put them up. No problem. Okay. So whatever, whatever. Okay. Thank you.

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge.

Nothing new to report. M.Donohue wished everyone a very blessed and Happy New Year and Holidays.

Chairman Smith: Does anybody have any questions for River Edge? I mentioned in the last meeting but I can't stress enough that it starts with talking with PSE&G and keep keeping that discussion going. Just keeping that ball rolling. That allowed for that. You know that that purchase of the tide mill site so we're indebted to all your efforts in that process so I mentioned it last week but I also wanted to say in person. M.Donohue: And I'm very happy to say that Dave Hollenbeck called. And he was also very happy and pleased. Chairman Smith acknowledged it was wonderful news.

D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Commissioner, and Bergen County Division of Open Space.

Report to HNBL, Campbell Christie House:

BC Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs requested funding from the Open Space Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee, in the amount of \$250,000, for the roof replacement, window and clapboard repair, and painting of exterior wood surfaces of the house.

The Public Hearing on the 2020 Trust Fund recommendations will be held on December 10, 2020 via the County's WebEx software with login information on the Department of Parks, Division of Land Management's website (<https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/division-of-land-management/about-division-of-land-management>) along with the call-in number and password.

Board of County Commissioners (formerly known as Board of Chosen Freeholders) will consider the funding grant recommendations for all awards at its meeting on March 3, 2021. If approved, this \$250,000 grant will be earmarked into a contract. Funding can be used after County Commission approval of the grant.

Discussion of the project scope with the BC Historical Society will occur. BC Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs will develop the application to the NJ State Historic Preservation Office for project approval. Assessment of storm windows on second floor will be reviewed as well as need for gutters at the rear of the building.

Lys-Sutton Property Trees:

The Bergen County Tree Superintendent should have visited the property to inspect the tree(s) on the property and remove trees or trimmed. Commissioner Strobel will follow up with the Bergen County Tree Superintendent.

Road Signs:

Commissioners Putrino and Strobel will talk about the placement of brown roadway wayfinding signs to HNBL in the Borough of New Milford.

Discussion: A.Strobel: I've continued my discussions with project planning with Elaine Gold to make sure that if she is able to take advantage of time to put any application together that's necessary for NJSHPO and their approvals, obviously we'll discuss this with the commission, at a time when everything is together.

Chairman Smith: I wanted you to know as well the County did reach out to set up the yearly fire inspection. And we did send out a member to meet with the County and there was like a schedule got mixed up, but we were able to reschedule that. And the inspection went well, and the alarm report and everything was provided to the fire marshal. And when the new report is generated in January, that will also be submitted to a fire marshal as well as Cynthia Forster too.

M.Donohue asked if River Edge proceeded on curbing.

Chairman Smith said they did pave but not curbing.

D.Powell: There's no storm windows on those windows in the attic level. And I wondered if it would help. Some historic buildings use a plexiglass interior storm window instead of putting it on the outside. It would help seal the windows from drafts.

I guess I also wondered when we would be expecting to have a meeting with the County on the roof. Scheduling a presentation or what you propose.

A.Strobel: Nothing at this point, my discussions with Elaine. She hasn't produced anything, it's just, just a time issue and workload issues so she's trying to get to as quickly as possible. I did try to before that, you know, once once the funding is made available, let's make sure that we can gain access to funding.

E. NJDEP, Steuben House E.Pain DEP Representative, Superintendent Ringwood State Park**DEP REPORT - Steuben House: 11/5/2020****Small Maintenance Projects List (No Movement on list)**

Shutter needs attention assigned to maintenance/Dormer/French Drain/Steuben Lawn Fill holes and seed

Damage to Gate- RSP Maintenance responded 9/2 to assess damages. River Edge PD is still investigating. Case number assigned 2020-04346. Hoping to be able to repair in house. More to come Still waiting on a report back from River Edge PD. Received report 10/1 Materials to be ordered to complete repair now that investigation has been completed. Materials ordered and received now to coordinate repair. Will involve some digging to get old post out and new one in. Confident disturbance will be limited to the immediate vicinity of the already disturbed area/Roadway

Metal Signage complete once locations determined install will be coordinated. Delivered to SH Install pending

COVID Signage printed on coroplast and installed

COVID Plan submitted by Deborah sent to Trenton 11/4 for review. No Feedback=No objection

Benches as recommended looked into it and on Contract Do we want to order?

Requested assistance with Hunter Research on 9/4

Porch will be taken care of along with exterior painting Complete

Walkway quote in the process of receiving 2 quotes received waiting on third still waiting on third quote

FY19 and fy20 projects lists requested

Water Bugs Malfunctioning? Paint chips? 10/27 No problems recently

Alarm System second floor 9/11, 9/12, 9/17, 9/18 alarm serviced on 9/24 No recent false alarm activity Low battery issue reported 12/14 to be taken care of.

Intergovernmental Agreement Projects List as submitted to Trenton.

FY 18 projects identified to date

FY19 Budget submitted

FY20 TBD Requested to think big!

1)1-A Study of the Von Steuben House - \$5000 work is underway. Emailed 11/8 no response called and left message 3/3/2020 no response Draft Assessment received 7/2 Complete?

2) Develop plan for redesign of parking lot, Sutton Lys property and entryway? \$15,000 The Commission is seeking proposals for design, I think once they can offer a detailed scope of work, something tangible, it'll be easier to move forward in getting state a/e involved.

3) Remove brick walkway replace with stone dust \$2875 complete

4) Plant Trees along the meadow fence line Complete sort of...any trees that don't make it are guaranteed. Watering and bags covered by RSP. Additional trees to be planted from original PO additional trees to be requested along Main St. \$7100? 3 trees owed 2 to be planted near path other to be determined in future 2 Red Maples Being planted next week or the following site visit with Boltzer 10/7 Still waiting email sent 10/28 and 11/4

5) Repair and paint exterior staircase. \$3275 stairs complete needs paint and treads removed

6) *Paint analysis of Von Steuben House PO requested 7/25 \$12,400 APPROVED work to begin week of 3/9! Samples collected basement to attic 3/9-11 and analysis ongoing. Another site visit conducted 7/1 Additional visits conducted 9/14-16

7) Repair and repaint plaster walls in dwelling room and rear rooms correcting deficiencies \$3000-\$5000 Awaiting results of the Paint analysis

8) Identify appropriate fixtures and remove fluorescent lighting and led candelabra bulbs \$600.70 Complete

- 9) Site Clean Up remove fallen branches, cutback brush-RSP Maintenance completed first "wave"
- 10) Interpretive Panels \$4140 Additional information required. Design and content PO request being processed?! Getting closer? Process order for non state property signs now. Would involve revised estimate and new po request waiting on PO or confirmation of issued po
- 11) Fence Rails and posts \$2680 DELIVERED
- 12) Doorway flood barrier and instant sandbags \$611.59 Complete
- 13) Turn around \$6226 complete
- 14) Stone dust path exterior of meadow LMR submitted. Quote received
- 15) Exterior Pain Steuben House Evaluating contractors soliciting quotes Met with initial contractor 10/9 soliciting additional bids submitted hpo application. Pb120 submitted 11/20. 1/2/20 process complete all bids received. Must use low bid Maio Construction. PO approved. Need to approve colors and award job! \$28975 Work should be starting next week. Complete. Back staircase needs another coat or 2.
- 16) Car Counter Received \$1034.56
- 17) Meadow Stone Dust Path Restoration PO Approved 2008.57 waiting on contractor Completed
- 18 Pizza Town Lot Parkrite \$835.00
19. Outkitchen Roof Quote requested
20. Tree removal seeking estimate probably \$1875-\$2200. For a day of work might try to get some other things taken care of while they are there if there are needs

Eric Pain:

Good evening, I do not have much to report on the Non-Inter Governmental Agreement Project list. The metal signage the rule signage that we had discussed and come up with was delivered to the Steuben House and now that I have the locations I'm going to put them in the areas that Deborah had indicated, I think they make good sense in those locations. The Covid plan that was submitted by Deborah to Trenton, I did not receive any feedback, and in keeping with the way things have gone if I didn't receive feedback or corrections. I'm taking now there's no objection so that was the plan that was submitted for the previous events, and that that would be suitable for events moving forward. And we are already frequently discussed the new guidelines in the Executive Order won't take place until take effect until Monday the seventh. So the event that you have planned as you have planned will be fine to take place provided that you know socially distance. And, you know, the other requirements in his executive order to follow. Along those lines I have some, some supplies that I'm going to bring down sanitizer maps, and infrared thermometer and things along those lines that we have received from the Office of Emergency Management, just should we have them at the Steuben House, and if they're extras. Maybe somebody didn't have a mask, something like that. We received a low battery alarm on one of the smoke detectors at the Steuben House recently. And unfortunately, I'm not going to be able to have the company repaired until the 14th. However, that's just one of the smoke detectors in the building so I'm confident

these, the remaining would pick up where that one may be compromised. The next item I have is now on the project's list, The development and the plan for the redesign of the parking lot. I have requested assistance formally requested assistance with architects, and engineering. Through the regional office, so I'm waiting on a reply for them. The trees in the metal, unless Jim can tell me otherwise I do not think that we received the trees that we were owed from Folstzer landscaping. It seems that we've lost contact. I'm going to try but I think the planting season is behind us at this point, I'm going to hold him accountable for what he owes us. We may seek another contractor in the spring for the additional plantings that we want. We know what we want. And I thought he was going to deliver but up to this point, we haven't been able to to close that out.

The interpretive panels continue to be a thorn in my side. And I'm waiting on confirmation of a purchase order that was previously issued. If that was the case, or waiting for a new purchase order for the amount and the revised order that Deborah submitted. Stone dust path in the Meadow, one quote was received but it was very high. And I think we had discussed. Maybe not not moving forward with that at this time. The Out kitchen roof I had requested a quote I had not received that yet. And the tree removal I am in the process of requesting a purchase order for one work to take care of the hazardous trees that that you had identified Chairman. So, and that work can be done any time of the year I'm sure they'd prefer to do it in warmer weather but as soon as I get the PO that works can be taken care of.

And the last item I had was, I was working on confirming the money that we had left in the FY 18 Allocation as well as securing the FY 19 Allocation and I'm currently in contact with folks from the Department of State.

But if you have avenues Chairman, or Deborah to inquire about that it might not hurt. To do that, and that's everything I have for tonight.

Discussion:

Chairman Smith:

Thank you very much, Eric and it definitely appreciate you know all you're doing, and even, you know the foam Covid signs. You can make the site, look great. And I think this many things that is, it's been really refreshing is that, you know, like 99% of people that when you're walking on the site now are wearing masks, um, you know it's it's been amazing the hustle and bustle every weekend on Saturdays and Sundays. You know people taking pictures for the holidays or just walking around, but they're all wearing masks right so it's just, it's a good visual to have. And so it's definitely appreciate it's like a little detail, but it definitely goes a long way. Unfortunately, I was walking the grounds and one of the, and it's something that we'll have to address in the spring. But one of the oak trees along New Bridge Road has been girdled by a buck, it's probably going to need to be replaced. Even the snow fence even was torn to shreds. Discussion about deer destroying trees in the area.

Use for leftover funds from 2018, is it possible to do a fall clean out, large branches on BCHS property and by the parking lot, bigger than the town can take.

E.Pain: I actually need to meet with them was another item I didn't bring up I need to meet with them to get a price on treating the Ash Trees near the Steuben House. I'm going to meet with them and their

arborist. And when they're down there I'll show them around and see if we can get a quote for that as well.

Chairman Smith: Great. Thank you very much.

M. Donohue: Where is the location of the damage firearm.

E. Pain: The 14th as soon as that I can get it done. It's a, it's a smoke detector in a certain location of the building. And there are other devices in the building that are currently fully operational. This one is still operational it's just reporting a low battery signal. All right. It's not, it's not ideal, but it's it's not completely compromised either.

Info E. Pain sent:

Murphy announces new restrictions on indoor sports, outdoor gatherings

By Katherine Landergan

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Gov. Phil Murphy announced new restrictions on indoor sports and outdoor gatherings on Monday as coronavirus cases in New Jersey continue to mount.

Background: Murphy said that as of Sunday, 2,961 patients were hospitalized with the virus, a number that's been rising in recent weeks. He also reported that the positivity rate for all PCR tests recorded on Thanksgiving Day was 11.34 percent. The statewide rate of transmission is currently 1.11.

The restrictions: Murphy said that all indoor youth and adult sports are being placed on a full pause effective at 6 a.m. on Dec. 5 through Jan. 2, 2021. There will be exceptions for collegiate-level and professional teams.

As of 6 a.m. on Monday, Dec., 7, Murphy will also impose limits on outdoor gatherings of 25 people.

There are exceptions for religious and political activities, as well as funerals, memorial services and weddings. NJ Advance Media first reported the news of the restrictions.

"While we know that outdoor environments are safer than indoor environments, during this dangerous period any type of mass gathering creates risk," Murphy told reporters at his coronavirus briefing. "As you start to make your holiday plans please recognize that the gathering limits are back to what they were in May."

Tracing and testing: Murphy also announced on Monday that the state Department of Health is implementing an enhanced testing program for all staff, visitors and residents in long-term care facilities. In total, 366,000 BinaxNow rapid tests have been distributed.

Moreover, Murphy said that the state has deployed 3,000 contract tracers but nearly 70 percent of people are refusing to cooperate with them.

"It's really frustrating," Murphy said. "People don't want to feel like they ratted out their kid or they ratted out themselves or a neighbor. That's not what this is about."

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan. Acting Commissioner BDF Rep No report, J. Heffernan.

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS

The speaker on D. Powell's computer was malfunctioning, making it hard to be heard.

D. Powell asked how do we move forward doing the the Entrance Interpretive Sign.

E. Pain: Well I guess we basically take the specifications that the state has provided and then we have to

tailor make what what we're looking to do on state property to fall within those, those guidelines. The guidelines that they share probably wouldn't lend themselves very well to anything like the other signs that we will have on the property. They're going to be different. Now we can certainly schedule a separate zoom meeting to go over. You know the specifications and how we best fit any signs on state property within those guidelines. But I think they're going to be dramatically different than what the rest of the signs are on non state properties. Chairman Smith: I think it's separate zoom meeting sounds like a good idea.

D.Powell: So for the three additional ones. One is the entrance but there's also the one at the north end of the meadow I'm not sure if that's our property or the state's.

Chairman Smith: That's on the society's property.

D.Powell: The the third one is the tide mill. The third location is the new tide mill a lot to do one in there. Does everybody agree to move forward on doing the three additional signs? E.Pain: They make good sense.

D.Powell: I just, I mean it's been going on for a long time so I just want to ask is there anything that we should be doing to move it along. E.Pain acknowledged problem moving the project along, he was having trouble finding out if the purchase order exists or was approved. "Now, if the original purchase order that was requested for the amount of, I believe it was \$5,935 if that exists. we can process the current order that we have that is now less than that amount. In total, and I can we can order it tomorrow. I just need to find out whether or not that peel was ever approved, and I can't seem to do that. That would also be with some additional money to order. Partially order additional signage. Now if that original \$5935 Purchase Order was not issued I'm going to have to request a brand new one for the revised order. And for some for one reason or another, call it COVID call it, people working remotely. I'm not able to get that information and that's causing further delays in taking care of this order." I know in the minutes last meeting I had said I would try and reach out to this. Jesse West. Rosenthal about the Army Corps project but I have not gotten to that, but I will try this month.

D.Powell: The clicks on the, on the car counter vehicle counter were 14,530. So dividing that by four is 3,632 vehicles. So, I'm Bob Roth, in the car counter for the season. You know forthcoming winter snow. So for the next meeting I'll put together a report on our, our visitation. Okay. Can you hear me. Okay, so we had a very successful event for the November 22 for retreat weekend we had 65 visitors all had temperatures taken, contact taken, we had free masks and sanitizers and notices were around the site. 15 reenactors. For the Steuben House I submitted the plan that Eric spoke about before, where people had to go in one door and out the other and limited attendance to eight visitors in the larger room and for in the dwelling room, we kind of adjusted that based on actually down, based on the experience for the day. We exhibited five 18th century satirical prints and 1790 print of Benjamin Franklin. Franklin and Silas Dean recruited Steuben for the American Cause at Franklin's Paris salon so it's a very nice tie-in. David and Marta Black donated those artifacts, those paint prints to the Historical Society. I can say we're really building up our Rev War collection very nicely. People very much appreciated our efforts to open the site.

We have a lot of response to the Candlelight Dec 6 Lantern Tour Outdoor Event.

We're up to 56 reservations, all are purchased online so we have their email contact.

The volunteers were excited to create a new event.

The events for January have moved to online. I would like to try and have walking tours if the weather is warm enough, I started calling them Pop up walking tours.

We can look forward to next weekend to schedule with all the interest in doing them. We had over 50 people scheduled for the November 22 event. So Jim and I split the group up, we had many people who had not been to the site previously. And lastly, as far as signage goes. We were kicking around some ideas about adding QR codes to the site, either on or near the buildings. Two inch square or maybe it's as large as four by six inch to identify the buildings. Especially focused on student interaction with QR codes, so we're developing that now. But I just wanted to ask for any feedback about proceeding with that project.

E.Pain: I think that's a great idea.

Chairman Smith asked D.Powell to share a map she purchased for the collections. [And had a post on Facebook on it.]

Chairman Smith: One of the things I've mentioned map as well.

A few years ago an Eagle Scout through the help of the County of Bergen making the new retreat signs and geocaching. One of the projects, they added a geocaching component to the site. And now, there's actually a larger Revolutionary War geocaching website that is we're part of that we're very proud to, to help and partner with that.

And there's other sites throughout the state I think bringing what is on there that Ringwood State Park, Dey Mansion, Fort Lee, County Baylor Massacre site. And I'm not too familiar with geocaching. It's just very interesting the power of like these different ways to get people to sites and how they're interconnected. And it kind of speaks to the idea of like heritage tourism kind of and, you know, we were going back and forth, as it was being finalized and just helping the individual as it was getting finalized. And I shared it on our social media platform, and the next morning, I received a met like in an inbox and they're like I'm at a gas station gassing up in Fort Lee, asking "where's the information about New Bridge." And I was like, I just posted this information, and I can't be managing like somebody else's website, but like so I was able to be very nice and like sharing the information but they're from Sussex County. They came down to Bergen County they went to Fort Lee, because I think that I guess that's on the geocaching trail. Then they came to New Bridge, after New Bridge they went to River Vale, and then they went to Dey Mansion and I'm not sure if they made it up to Ringwood on their way home, but these people like it was a whole day trip and it's a really big thing I guess, so just very interesting how the sites are interconnected and people also behaving nicely on the site too you know sometimes you're negative things where people are going to different places but it's a positive interaction so that was great. And it's just another way to get his history out there and then the other thing that Deborah found, and I just wanted to just add to the societies map collection. It's a 1951 Esso map of New Jersey. And what's so fascinating about it is that it has the Steuben House very clearly represented a Bergen County. And you can see Gingerbread Castle, Lake Mohawk, Ringwood Manor State Park, Grover Cleveland birthplace, Ford Mansion, the Steuben House, and it just was very interesting that it shows like, you know, the value that that the site, truly had for decades and decades for Bergen County. And I think that, you know, just the fact that it was on this large so map. But what is so striking about that is look what's missing on the map. You can see, there's no interstate highway systems, right there's no New Bridge road if it was 1951 New Bridge Road didn't exist. So, when this map was created all that overland

traffic was going right by the Steuben House.

The Parkway is not completed or Rt 80. So that's an Eisenhower with his interstate plan so it just very interesting how different the state was. And people kind of staying local, and how like this past summer people were staying local as well and revisiting these state parks.

D.Powell: It got over 4700 views on Facebook so far, it's really it's always interesting to see what people respond to.

1951 Esso Map featuring attractions in New Jersey including the Steuben House.

None.

VII. New Business

None

- If I can get two Historic New Bridge Landing signs (brown/white) I can have them placed at the New Milford / Oradell Border and the New Milford / River Edge Border.

VIII. Old business

The one thing that I just wanted to bring up some old business. Previously I had brought up the site assessment that was done a few months back by the Crossroads of American Revolution, they had hired a company to do a site assessment of the Steuben House. I brought that up, and I did want to create a document that just kind of provided a reflection of the report, just that I think that was important to do it, I was able to put that together. So I just wanted to also include that. So, with this site assessment and that'll be part of the report, I guess, as well. There's definitely some valid points. And I think one of the things that is interesting to look at the points that were made. The other points that we're working on. But the recommendations were I think that the, again, the interesting point, and I'll include this, so it can go on to the minutes, but it said making parking available and obvious for visitors, rather than building another museum open the site open these sites to other public and provide interpreted systematic tours. Make sure interpretation covers all types of activities and focus on specific Revolutionary War themes. And I just felt that, again, a fair assessment on some things while other comments about like, that instead of focusing on a museum, to put on the record when you look at historical planning again it is a unique site, and it's what makes it so unique it's both publicly and privately owned and a mixture of the preserved 18th century Dutch sandstone house that represents their vernacular culture that is Bergen County. There's definitely points in this assessment that we understood and are currently addressing the site's master plan, developed by former [Regional] Historic Site Specialist Kevin Wright. It was only really in the last two years that the site has received its limited funding. The report is surprising that it suggested that the society not build a museum, and instead use that money for other endeavors. It should be noted that this structure is going to provide ADA bathrooms, as well as provide a fantastic venue to safely and secure and display artifacts as well as reimagine the visitor's experience when one arrives. I don't think it's productive to discourage a site like this, especially when, when bathroom facilities are sorely needed. The source of the survey also reflected clearly defined parking areas and as I think, Eric mentioned earlier today. That is an issue that you know, we're continuing to work through to come up with a design point to take the former pizza town lot and turn it into the Hackensack, the Hackensack Gateway. And also to with the Bergen County

Historical Society purchasing and preserving the Ackerman-Zabriskie Tide Mill site and future plan would also further that goal. Interpretive panels as were mentioned previously in this meeting, are also in the works, and will help to improve that visitor experience. We're definitely supportive of the efforts being conducted across the state by the Crossroads of the American Revolution as well as with this site read and written assessment and are also supportive of those within the history community as a whole in order to move to the rich history that is truly revolutionary in our state. However, I felt that an opinion that discourages the creation of museum doesn't show that same spirit. It was also recognized at the Crossroads of the American Revolution did not draft this report, and it's done by a third party, and it's supposed to be a snapshot that time in place, but the opinion is negative and actually goes against the data that was previously provided. As we move closer to 250 all entities in the historic community should reflect support for one another, discussions to the contrary, are not productive. So I wanted to include that with the report there would also be included as well since I previously mentioned it. Okay. Like I said, there's definitely some good points that you know they're they're good questions. They were brought up, and I know part of it. When they went through other sites, questions were never asked, because just the amount of sites they visit So on one hand I totally get that if you don't have time to [reach out] "Oh, you don't have interpretive panels, we could have been like well we're working on them, where these things are in the process." So I get if you don't have that time. What we're trying to do here, or at other historic sites, we should be supporting each other right in this endeavor, and it's not productive. When you're in any avenue, politics or in other areas besides the Historical Society you always want to build people up and not create chasms or cracks that can tear people down.

L.Bauer: That only makes sense.

E.Pain Right. Should we don't think is a one-size-fits-all approach, especially for this site. So I comparing other sites is tough. I think it's incredibly short-sighted for them to try to discourage the building of a new museum, having visited it so briefly, and not knowing the background and what we're trying to do I, I have to disagree with that assessment as well. Chairman Smith: Thank you very much. Any other questions or comments.

Does anybody have any comments or questions or thoughts on that.

D.Powell: Confirmed we can put comments and report on website. Chairman Smith advised it will go in the Annual Report.

D.Powell: I did supply a letter to who did this, DEP lawyer about asking for our votes on two separate issues in the past. So I wrote a letter November 16 "Review of the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission minutes." Notes support by the Commission for both the use of the parking lot by the Bergen County Historical Society for the proposed museum building and for the proposed parking lot. The BCHS first was invited to make its headquarters at the Steuben House in 1939, BCHS later became a stakeholder by purchasing adjoining property in 1944 and 2020. So I looked back through the minutes, and we voted on it March 7, 2019 to confirm, use of the parking lot at the corner of Hackensack Avenue and Main Street for use of the museum building our new building will fill visitors site needs, and so forth as what Jim just said. The motion was first by John Heffernan, second by Mike Putrino and passed, and then November 1 we had a resolution for the support full support for the Bergen County Historical Society for its endeavor to site the new museum building west of the Campbell Christie house as the plan shows, first by Mary Donohue and second by Larry Bauer, motion passed. So, I just wanted to let

you know because the use of the 31 spaces for the Historical Society and the museum building specifically.

Chairman Smith: Thank you very much. Deborah.

L.Bauer: I just have a question. Out of curiosity, do anybody know what's going into the lot across the street. On New Bridge Road that used to be home to I guess it was Leonard Toyota, because recently I saw that there was a lot of activity on those two buildings.

D.Powell: I heard on the one building. I think closest to the gas station I thought that's what they meant was a sports bar. So, we didn't get any notice about different use, you know, as adjoining property owner I would think we would get notice, if there was a building going on, like, change in footprint, or something.

M.Putrino: if they need a variance, or anything, then we would get noticed. But if something is going to be built, that's not enlarging the structure or changing anything, we probably wouldn't get notice, right.

M.Putrino: I spoke with New Milford DPW and the New Milford tax office and it was identified that the property immediately to the right (open grass area) of the bridge on the New Milford side belongs to the State of New Jersey.

- I am still interested to see if I can get two HNBL signs (DOT metal) and have them placed at the New Milford border with River Edge and the New Milford border with Oradell.

IX. Public Comment. Chairman Smith: There was nothing for public comment. I did get an email about between the last meeting and this meeting asking for minutes. And from a member of the public that I did provide them with the annual report from last year which has all the minutes. And I also provided all the minutes that I have so far as that will go into my the annual report in two weeks.

X. Adjournment

Chairman Smith: be safe be well and thank you very much for coming today. Thank you. Motion to adjourn 8:09 pm. First, M.Donohue Second, L.Bauer. Motion passed.

XI. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission will be held online at 7 PM, January 7, 2021 due to the virus shutdown. The meeting takes place via conference call where Chairman Smith emailed the invite. Unfortunately, the public cannot attend this meeting. It is being conducted remotely comments or questions were to be submitted prior to the meeting to the address, hnbipc@gmail.com.

Meeting Dates for 2021: To be determine

AGENDA

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission

Thursday, January 7, 2021

- I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement
- II. Attendance
- III. Review of Minutes

IV. Calendar

Review of the Minutes of the Meeting of December 3, 2020 IV. Calendar

V. Chairman's Report

VI. Continuing Business

A. Brett Park

B. New Milford C. River Edge

D. County of Bergen

-Paint exterior of Christie House

-Repair rotting window sill on Christie House addition

-Repair / replace front porch (with it having so many problems, should we consider trex?)

- cut down two dead trees on County right of away on Hackensack Ave

-gutters for rear of house? -Signage on local highways

E. DEP – Steuben House

F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation

G. Bergen County Historical Society

VII. New Business

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X. Adjournment

XI. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission will be held online at 7 PM at Due to the virus shutdown the meeting took place via conference call where Chairman Smith emailed the invite. Details concerns related to Covid-19. Unfortunately, the public cannot attend this meeting. It is being conducted remotely comments or questions were to be submitted prior to the meeting to the address, hnbipc@gmail.com.

2021 meeting dates: To be determined.