



West Pikeland Township

**JOINT MINUTES
WEST PIKELAND HISTORIC COMMITTEE
& HISTORIC ARCHTECTUAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB)
April 9, 2025**

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6:02PM: Moran (chair); Marks; Lacey; Ashton; Williams; Romano (ex officio)

Unanimous consent to approve minutes of March 12 with memo of Frank Best appended.

6:08PM: Ashton moves to adjourn.

WEST PIKELAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

6:10PM: Ashton (chair); Moran; Marks; Lacey; Ashton, Williams; Romano (ex officio)

Unanimous consent to approve minutes of March 12 21th memo of Frank Best appended.

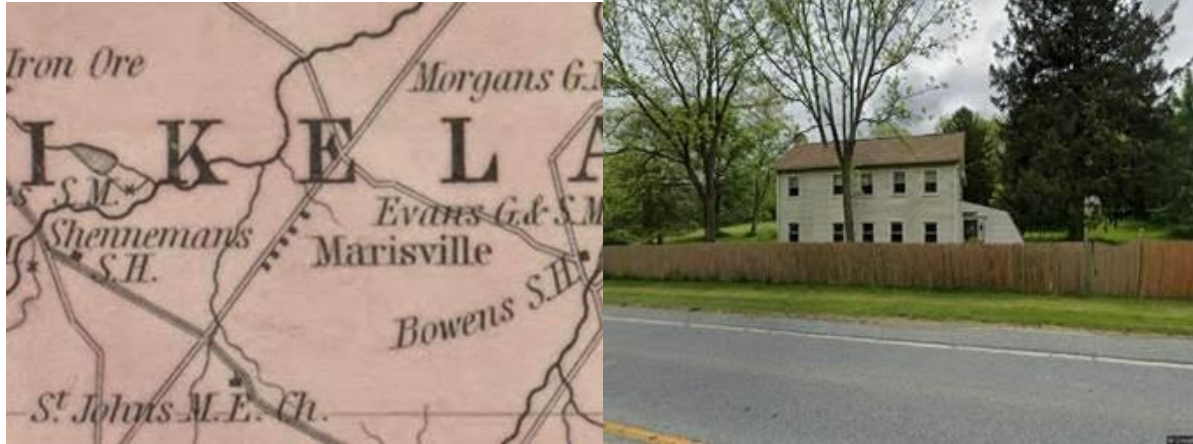
Public Comment; Meeting attended by resident Glenn Cronin who noted that website has not published minutes since those from August 2024.

New business:

Application to de-certify property at 944 Kimberton Road, Chester Springs from Historic inventory by attorneys (Connor Weber) for owners of the property.

Ashton: This is the property we visited in the Fall and discussed at the October 2024 meeting of the commission. Until the meeting then no one is at this meeting to present in support of the March 18, 2025 request.

The Commission's investigation indicates that this property was acquired by the owners in 1998 for \$145,000. They report that the aluminum shell to the building predates their acquisition. The house is center to a community of six homes in the 1840s at a time when that was an oddity. The village was called Marisville. The property is highly visible, located roughly 30 feet from Rte 113. The application proposes no changes, but decertification would allow the owners or their successors to take any action otherwise permitted by commercial zoning regulations. This would affect the other historic properties on both sides of the 944 dwelling and abattoir. The property appears on the 1847 map and the village appears to have been occupied by two blacksmiths and in 1873 was a stop (Camp Station) on the Pickering Railroad.



Williams moves to deny decertification. Marks seconds. Vote is unanimous to deny decertification based on current submission.

Ashton notes that he has update and recirculated a new map of properties currently under commission powers. Asks the commission members to rate the properties from 1 to 3 based on three criteria; a 1 classification would reflect high importance, whereas a 2 medium and a 3 low

- Historical importance

- Architectural significance

- Other value of the community as set forth in the zoning ordinance (Sec 804) and historic commission procedural guidelines

Commission was asked to review the documentation and report on a reasonable timeline to finish this first round review.

7:15PM: No other business, meeting adjourned