**Westampton Township**

**Timbuctoo Advisory Committee**

**Fourth Quarter Meeting**

**November 16, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Guy Weston at 12:07 PM. Attendees were

Eric Orange, Machell Still-Pettis, Kent Pipes, Guy Weston, Mary Weston,

Lynda Williams and resident Nancy Burkley.

The committee reviewed and discussed the *Building and Evaluation Report*

for 114 Church Street prepared by the Alaimo Group. The building is being

considered for a Timbuctoo museum. The suggestion is to demolish the building and construct a new building on the same location per applicable International Building Code and other related codes as required by the State of New Jersey.

The report does not include estimate costs for the remediation of deficiencies

and improvements.

 *A new building shall be designed to accommodate ADA requirements and public access standards to be used as a public building, namely, a Museum. The other option is to demolish the existing building and renovate the existing Car Garage to be a Museum*.

114 Church Street is on the agenda of the next Township Committee workshop

session on Tuesday, Dec 3 at 5:45 PM. Guy will request cost estimates for us to

consider and discuss what our options are.

The Committee also discussed other concerns on Church Street that we need to provide feedback to the Township Committee. These concerns are:

. 108 Church Street – Upkeep

. 110 Church Street – Drainage

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**2020 Planning**

Follow are events we plan to participate in 2020. Dates for Timbuctoo Day and quarterly meeting are definite, all others are not confirmed.

Black History Month February, program with local church?

Smithville History Fund Day May 17

Juneteenth June 20

Burlington Country Farm Fair July 14 – 18

Timbuctoo Day September 19

Quarterly Advisory

Committee Meetings February 8

May 9

 August 22

 November 14

Discussed need for help with coverage of events (i.e. Farm Fair is 5 days

4 pm – 9 pm). Eric & Lynda will work on content for a smaller pop-up display

for events.

Suggestions made that we have an event at Timbuctoo doing the spring, something involving the schools, maybe a Juneteenth event. Will talk to JoAnn and school teachers. Also considering fundraising with a Wine and Cheese party, Gala Dinner or partner with John Woolman Memorial for an event and various other ideas. Machelle to research and report back to the committee on grave markers, wine and cheese party and Juneteenth event.

Need update on Timbuctoo school curriculum that was rolled out this year

at Westampton Middle School and RVHS. Per Guy, a countywide Professional Development Seminar for Teachers is scheduled on Feb 7th at RVHS, the curriculum will be featured there and we should get some feedback.

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We will have three expired terms on the Advisory Committee as

of December 31st, they are Rev. Gortman, Machelle Still-Petitis and

Mary Weston. Will need to renew 2 terms and replace one.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Williams, Secretary