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 2019. 2019 has been another banner year for Historic New Bridge Landing. The key to our success is consistently exciting and innovative programming that not only attracts new audiences, but repeat visitors as well.

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.

We continue to believe the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission is a potential model for a more effective and efficient operation of state assets as well as a more economical expenditure of state funds. 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 for the first time, the Commission has received funds to begin to operate effectively. 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.

We further believe there is great potential to strengthen the regional economy through heritage tourism, if only we could overcome the backwardness in funding this virtually unrecognized and untapped opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

James Smith, Chairman,

Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission
The Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission December 2019

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).
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

**Rev War Famous Faces of New Bridge**

Washington Paine Steuben LaFayette Wayne Greene

Cornwallis Clinton Franklin Andre Hamilton Burr

Audit and Financial Statement

An appropriation of 100,000 for the FY 2018 was released to the Commission in June of 2018. A list of projects has been submitted that benefits the entire site as whole. As each project comes online and is funded, it will be shared within the monthly minutes. We continue to work with all parties so that the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission can receive funding that can be administered locally for the benefit of all entities at Historic New Bridge Landing.

Meeting schedule for 2019

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 3. The entire calendar will be publically announced following the January meeting.
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 $7 per adult and $5 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.

Minutes of the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission

Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission
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Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission
MINUTES:
Thursday, January 3, 2019

I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement
Chairman Smith read the Open Public Meetings Act statement at 7:03 pm.

II. Attendance: James Smith, Deborah Powell, John Heffernan, Adam Strobel, Larry Bauer, Mary Donohue, Mike Putrino.

Richard Karp and Eric Pain were absent.

III. Review of Minutes
Chairman Smith thanked D.Powell for the minutes. Review of the Minutes of the Meeting of December 6, 2018. Mike Putrino corrected his attendance for November events. Motion to approve J.Heffernan. Second; Rich Karp. Motion passed.

IV. Calendar
Jan 6, 2019       Twelfth Night BCHS Member Party. Bring a dish to share. King’s Cake to celebrate, you too can be king or queen for a day. Campbell-Christie House. 2 - 5 PM.

Jan 16, Wed       School of Interpretation Topic: The Steenrapie (River Edge) Encampment of 1780 by historian Todd Braisted. Steuben House. 7:30 PM.

Jan 20, Sun       Eaglefest at HNBL. BC Audubon Society joins BCHS at HNBL. BCHS president Jim Smith welcomes visitors and talk on the Historical Landscape of New Bridge. Don Torino Eagle talk. Jim Wright on his bird column. Hudson Woodpile folk music & refreshments in Campbell-Christie House. No charge this event. Bring your binoculars! Pine cone bird feeder making activity. 10 AM-2 PM.

February 3, 2019 Brigid’s Day and Candlemas. Candle making and Needlework and Sampler Exhibit, museum site open for tours.

V. Chairman’s Report

Good evening everyone and welcome to the New Year,

It is my hope that everyone has a fantastic 2019 and that every entity that your represent also shares in that prosperity. Each month continues to be active, I think I say that every meeting, but it is true. Ultimately, the multilayered story at New Bridge is something that few can equal and helps make the site tick. This will be an exciting year as projects begin to come online and we look at the best ways to appropriate funds for the site in a concerted and thoughtful manner.

For 2019, we can look forward to projects coming online but also thinking of projects that could benefit all moving forward. For example, determining the best location for the New Bridge sign, the new interp panels coming online, to the removal of weeds from the ditch, a fresh coat of paint on the exterior of the Christie House could all be accomplished rather efficiently.

Again, each entity of the HNBLPC plays an important role and each and everyone of you will play an important role for a successful new year.

Chairman Smith thanked D.Powell for the new event rack card.

Thank you,
James Smith, Chairman
Historic New Bridge State Park State Park Commission
VI. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. Absent.
Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative.
No report supplied. L.Bauer said he met with the DPW head retired, second in command will replace him. He is an arborist. He mentioned a clean up. He took a master-gardener program and thinks they can help with clean up. Chairman Smith asked to be included in the meeting with the new DPW director, Kevin Arahill.

B. New Milford – Councilman Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford Representative.
No report supplied. M.Putrino mentioned signage and street banners. Chairman Smith asked if New Milford would be able to hang street banners. D.Powell noted we are working on new interpretive kiosk.

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

M.Donohue asked who should acquire the PSEG substation. Chairman Smith advised it makes sense for BCHS as BCHS has adjoining property. We're waiting for Hekemian to respond. A.Stobel asked who Hekemian is and Smith explained they own the Steuben Arms apartments where we need to hook up the sanitary line for the new museum building.
County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Bergen County Division of Open Space.
No report supplied.

Project list

1. Stormwater Improvement Project, A.Strobel had an impromptu meeting that afternoon to determine the holdup. Asked them to provide schematics. Permits are needed and signed by property owners where the outfall is. There are ownership issues, some property is listed owned by BCHS and a town data base notes being owned by River Edge, they’ve squared the info updated showing BCHS. He hoped to have the permits to have for signing shortly.


4. Meeting about signage at HNBL.

5. Cupboard Doors in the front rooms and fireplace walls. They decided that SHPO needs to be involved in the project. Eagle Scout stepped up to do this project per Chairman Smith’s request. A.Strobel said they don’t want to run into problems. Chairman Smith advised the County originally drew up the plans that are being used for the missing doors. Smith asked who the contact at SHPO to follow up with. Linsey Thivierge is the contact. A.Strobel apologized for the confusion. Chairman said the project was introduced in September. The missing cupboards doors are pictured to the left of photo where the white curtain serves.

**General**

Happy New Year!

Tree Survey Conducted 10/25. Several trees were identified for removal as well as some general trimming and branch removal. Estimates will be pursued.

Dot contact for signage (made contact waiting for additional info)

* UPDATE 2019 Funding Requested additional information several times waiting on reply from DEP Procurement (SORRY!)

High Water Alarm 12/21 call out list was exhausted and Deborah received a call. I did respond and it turned out to be a false alarm. My information indicates water did not enter house during last storm

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* UPDATE Turn around Estimate received and sent to Chairman Smith. Chairman Smith said it’s not a good look with the standing water and muddy ruts. He described the proposal from Green Meadows river gravel 3 feet around, boulders. He wondered if cobblestone would be better than gravel. A.Strobel asked if it could be coordinated with the County plan. D.Powell said as she remembered E. Pain said we should just get this done, it’s such an eyesore for the Steuben House. We weren’t sure if the drainage flap would get done because it’s been dragging on so long. Chairman Smith said we really need a hydrolytic study of the site.

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F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan. No report. He said Jim Bellis, Jr was very happy with progress.

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

I do not have too much report this month. We got through December with the concerts that were very well received. We continue planning for scheduled events for this spring. I was able to get out the newsletter, along with a fundraising envelop nad the year schedule at the beginning of December. A lawyer where I work became a member and his wife and her Yale alumni class is interested in volunteering at New Bridge. Chairman Smith said he was contacted by the Record about the museum building, it is a positive project for Bergen County.

VII. New Business

D. Powell asked if our partners can post and advertise our events wherever they have access. It's one of the positive things they can do. A. Strobel lamented the County website is hard to navigate. Chairman Smith said there's a way to do cross promotions.

VIII. Old Business

Chairman Smith announced the dates for coming year. 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, namely, Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, June 6, July 10 (2nd Wednesday due to July 4 Holiday weekend), Aug 1, Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 3, 2020.

D. Powell advised she will do a paid ad for the meeting dates in NorthJersey.com.

IX. Public Comment, none.
X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 7:51 pm. First, J.Heffernan; Second, M.Donohue, Motion carried.

XI. Next Meeting

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Agenda:

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Thursday, February 6, 2019

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II. Attendance

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Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission
MINUTES:

Thursday, February 7, 2019

I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement
Chairman Smith read the Open Public Meetings Act statement at 7:01 pm. Chairman Smith thanked D.Powell for posting the information.

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

Richard Karp and Mary Donohue were absent.
III. Review of Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of January 3, 2019. Larry Bauer was present, correction in Section 6 and Richard Karp was absent. Accepting minutes: First L. Bauer, Second J. Heffernan. Motion passed. Chairman Smith thanked D. Powell for the minutes.

IV. Calendar


**Feb 20, Wed** School of Interpretation Topic: History & Architecture of the Campbell-Christie House with Jim Smith & Deborah Powell. Campbell-Christie House. 7:30 PM.

**Feb 24, Sun** Washington’s Birthday 287th 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 & Washington Mourning Art on exhibit. Children’s activities. HNBL open for tours, 1-5 PM.

**Feb 28, Thurs** Lecture Series. March to the Vote: Women’s Fierce Fight for the Vote by Penny Colman. Steuben House, No charge. 7:30 PM.

V. Chairman’s Report

Good evening everyone,

I hope that everyone is well and has had a great winter so far. Unfortunately, the unpredictable weather forced us to cancel the Eagle event, always a popular event, however, public safety and safety to our resources is the most important consideration when planning an event.

Unfortunately, I have a bit of sad news to report. On Sunday, January 12 I was at the site to take photographs for my presentation at the Eagle Event. Upon reaching the Steuben House, I noticed that someone had sprayed graffiti on the front of the house. This is quite unfortunate that someone would do this and be motivated to deface such an important historic site. I notified Eric who in turn notified the State Park Police and I greatly appreciate the level of professionalism and communication
exhibited by all parties with this situation. It is indeed a sad chapter, there is still so much amazing things happening!

I will let Eric speak more but the pathway is being fixed near the Von Steuben House and other projects are moving forward. The Society has been able to effectively communicate through their lawyer to move forward on the sewer connection with the new museum building, with the planning board the next stop! We also continue to make progress on the PSE&G substation. The Eagle Scout was able to complete his project, but like any scout project, there are unexpected delays and the scout must plan for it. After having a great conversation with SHPO, I completed the SHPO paperwork for the cabinet doors that have previously been discussed, for their review. The scout came up with the ingenious solution to make the cabinet doors free standing, therefore not touching any of the 18th century fabric and allowing us to view what these cabinets will look like once installed with the approval from SHPO. From this, I do believe that through the Commission, we should sit down, consult the HNBL master plan and discuss the best way to interpret the Campbell-Christie House moving forward.

We should all want history to succeed and as Chairman, I feel that I have shown that I want to make sure we are all working together. We have amazing resources and responsibilities we are in charge of and by moving forward, there are many exciting possibilities for the future.

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

VI. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative.
   Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative.
   Absent.
   No report supplied. L.Bauer said he reached out to Kevin Arahill, DPW, to try and set up a meeting.

B. New Milford – Councilman Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford Representative.
M. Putrino spoke to DPW Director Vince Cahill to work on street banners and suggested coordinating with Teaneck. Chairman Smith acknowledged New Milford keeps up with the garbage can and keeping area clean and he thanked them for that.


Conversations with Dave Hollenbeck, PSEG, continue to be productive and helpful. I informed Dave that the BCHS is the entity interested in purchasing the sub-station property. He was pleased because the transaction thus could be completed without State intervention and would be a quicker process. In addition, PSEG had previously ceded land to the BCHS. He requested that attorneys from PSEG and BCHS to contact each other for further planning.

On January 11 and February 4, I received word from Dianne Bumpas, PSEG, that PSEG seems ready to negotiate for the purchase/transfer of the substation property to the BCHS. Talks with both Dave Hollenbeck and Dianne Bumpas are cordial and productive.

Contacted Mayor Mignone re the Hekemian delay concerning the sewage issue at the Hekemian site – he has requested a site plan – this was given to him by Chairman Smith and he will look into the matter. I received word from Chairman Smith and BCHS Representative Deborah Powell, that contact had been made with the attorneys of Hekemian and BCHS and that all seems to be progressing well with regards to the sewerage hook-up. I also contacted Mayor Mignone to inform him of the PSEG advancement and he was equally pleased. He will contact me with the assessed valuation of the PSEG property in River Edge.

Requested from the Borough of River Edge for postings on the town bulletin board for the following: 1) Eagle Fest – Jan 20; 2) Brigid’s Day and Candlemas February 3; Washington’s Birthday Ball February 24. All were accepted for posting.

After receiving email from Chairman Smith of unauthorized clothing collection bin at the BCHS and HNBL parking lot, I contacted Mayor Mignone, and the bin was removed. Chairman Smith advised the bin is still there or back again. He said
appreciates all of Mary’s amazing efforts. Pain said he called and got no response.

D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Bergen County Division of Open Space.
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Discussion:
Pain pointed out there is a sign for the Stone House on Route 17
and said considering the historic significance of the site that we deserve to have highway signs too. D. Powell asked if we should identify where we want signs and go from there. Discussion on reaching out to representatives to cut through. Pain said we have not located flood devices and we should probably deploy. Discussion on putting them at the northwest corner and door.

Pain said he didn’t understand why someone would spray graffiti on the Steuben House. They can’t use the product recommended to remove it until the temperature is 60-80 degrees.

Regarding the unsightly flag pole – storm water drain; the proposal bid was for large stones enough to detour and smaller stone inside. E. Pain would like to get other quotes based on and move forward. Chairman Smith said he would resend before next meeting so everyone could see. E. Pain had a sample camera that would have to be mounted on house. They can’t be mounted on telephone poles. Chairman Smith had info on a wireless camera, needs a wifi system. Do other sites have wifi? Pain said there was contact with Verizon on the subject. E. Pain was trying to get a wildlife camera for car counting.

Chairman Smith asked for a site plan by the DEP to use for planning to where to locate new trees.

Gravel for the new walkway was matched as best as possible.

D. Powell asked how A-1 bidders were selected. She ran into an archeologist who she thought would bid and she didn’t seem to be familiar with project. E. Pain thought they were included.

Chairman Smith asked about cleanup area in the ditch, Pain was hoping to do a “Flood Hazard Area Permit by Rule”, tidal area is more complicated. He is working with person who’s region this is and can say what is needed. Chairman said at this time of year one can see where the outfall channel is and it is filled with leaf litter and debris. We could get this done to clear up area in the short term with the intergovernmental funds and then we proceed to getting a hydrology study done in the near future. Chairman Smith thanked E. Pain.

D. Powell asked how we are doing on our budget and funding. Pain read a letter from Procurement Operations. The first appropriation was for FY18 and has not been spent. And we received another for
FY19. If they start considering 2020 they will question if needed if previous funding is not spent. The 2018 funds are in a carry foreword account. E.Pain had question about the 2019 status.

**F. Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation – John Heffernan.** No report.

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

“We made it through the cold snap, one night it was two degrees and I was very concerned. Fortunately we had no frozen pipes in either house.” She asked when is the last time the furnace in the Campbell-Christie House was serviced. It’s not on regular maintenance program. Discussion on access and key to the house.

We had the girls sample and needle work exhibit at Brigid’s Day event, February 3, 2019, some of the items are very valuable, like the Washington Memorial silk thread and painting insets in the original eglomise frame. The speaker on needlework came from South Jersey to give her presentation to a full house. Our wide range of interests gives us wide appeal.

Chairman Smith said we can have meeting on different roles and responsibilities in the spring.

**VII. New Business**

Discussion on new strip mall on Hackensack Ave and River Road in Teaneck.

**VIII. Old Business**

Discussion on goats to eating weeds, poison ivy and phragmites. J. Heffernan had found a company for a cost around $20,000. They need to be fenced in. Pain said they are used in Liberty State Park for poison ivy and they could be draw, a curiosity to the public. Chairman Smith said the phragmites could be considered a fire hazard and we need to balance protecting the historic resource of the houses.

**IX. Public Comment, none.**
Motion to adjourn 8:04 pm. First, J. Heffernan; Second, M. Putrino, Motion carried.

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Thursday, May 2, 2019. Meet the Steuben House, 1209 Main St, River Edge, NJ.

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission
MINUTES:
Thursday, April 4, 2019

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Richard Karp, John Heffernan, Larry Bauer, Michael Putrino and Mary Donohue were absent.

III. Review of Minutes
Minutes of the Meeting of March 7, 2019. Motion to approve, First M.Donohue, Second A.Strobel. Motion passed.

IV. Calendar


April 14, Sun Chwame Gischuch: Under the Shad Moon. Primitive Technologist Steve Adams on The Material Culture of Prehistory, flint knapping (arrowhead) and plant fiber talk, their use and manufacture, demo making & take-away. HNBL open for tours, 1-5 PM.

April 17, Wed School of Interpretation Topic: Campfires & Cook Pots: 18th c. Kitchens with Patty Daurizio & Andrea Jenner. Campbell-Christie House. No charge. 7:30 PM.

April 25, Thurs, Lecture Series. The Water Crisis of 1876. No charge. 7:30 PM.

April 27, Sat Spring Clean-up. Bring tools, water. 8-11 AM. Steuben House No charge. 7:30 PM.

V. Chairman’s Report

Good evening everyone,

Welcome to the April HNBLPC meeting. It may sound like a broken record but once again, it was another busy month at Historic New
Bridge Landing. This is all possible because of the diverse story, parking and site that encourages people to keep coming back event after event.

As was reported at the March meeting, Society members met with representatives of the County and an HVAC company to ensure the heat and a/c were working properly. I received a phone call today from the company to schedule an actual service. We spoke that I would advise on availability in the coming days. Prior to a high tide/rain event, Deborah and I deployed the instant sandbags to the rear corner of the Steuben House property. The bags enlarged and while we do not know if the water did make it up to that point, we do know no water made it past the bags. We also relayed this information to Eric. The water does appear to be ponding in that area and there are areas where water ponds that had not done so in the previously. In fact, areas in front of the Demarest House that were flat, now have been compacted due to water. At some point, this could be another area to be addressed. It would also be important to realistically study how water enters the site and have serious solutions to address these issues. All issues should be considered, but we also must do all that we can now to protect the resource, provide solutions for the future, and protect the landowners.

Water almost reaching the Steuben House, nowhere to drain.

Photo of French Drain at the Steuben House.

In 2006, Hunter created a multi-stage plan for interpretation of the site. I just recently came across this from Deborah and it was quite interesting. It adds to the wealth of information that is already available in our master plan and begins to define what needs to be accomplished here. I think what is so striking, is that many of the very plans that we have started to unroll here at the Commission and with the BCHS, have followed this guide. As the year unfolds, we still have many projects lined up and still many more on the way.

After speaking to Eric, I have created the following text to hopefully move one such project forward and I think puts into context what we want to do/accomplish:

**Hackensack Ave. Gateway Project**
Historic New Bridge Landing was a strategic crossing during the American Revolution and was also vital to the development of Bergen County well into the 20th Century. The Bergen County Historical Society has worked with the State of New Jersey to help preserve this historic green space in the heart of Bergen County. With the removal of the auto parts junk yard, a new opportunity presented itself to the site by opening up the view shed to the park. Around the time of the removal of the junkyard saw the addition of the former Pizza Town site, which now serves as general parking for events, and removal of the parking lot at the historic core of the site, adjacent to the Von Steuben House.

This re-orientation has changed the visitor experience from arriving at the Von Steuben House and leaving, to parking in the lot at Hackensack Ave and visitors walking back in time to the historic core of the site. The Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission is currently looking for proposals to reimagine the Hackensack Ave. Gateway, the entry to the park and a visitor’s first experience. This project should include a newly designed parking lot which would include Green elements, clearly defined entrance to the park, a pathway and the ability to include a welcome center / monument area at a later date and respect to the historic nature of the site.

As always, I have stressed from the beginning, that I want this to be our Commission, where each stake holder has an important say and what has been able to be accomplished already shows that. It is important that we all work together for the benefit of the site and history in Bergen County and NJ.

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

We circulated the Implementation Plan

VI. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. Absent.
Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. Absent.
R. Karp, by email, said he was still trying to set up a meeting.

B. New Milford – Councilman Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford Absent. Representative. Chairman Smith said he spoke
to Mike and plans are to meet DPW Director Vince Cahill. New Milford goes to the curb and then the road becomes Teaneck’s responsibility.

**C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge. Spoke with Boro Hall**

1. Spoke with Borough Hall and asked for removal of clothing bin at the NBL Parking lot. In January, at my request, they had removed another bin that had been placed there without permission.

2. Proposed No Parking 9-11 am sign – no response from borough. Shall keep trying. M. Donohue reported she asked if curbing could be put on a to-do-list.

**D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Bergen County Division of Open Space.**

No report supplied.

1. A. Strobel said General Services would arrange to do maintenance on the HVAC and coordinate with BCHS.

2. Bathroom Vanity in Campbell Christie House. Waiting for a meeting. A. Strobel was trying to arrange for a carpenter to do this work. Chairman Smith suggested April 15th at 9:00 am. A. Strobel made a note. Smith said he would coordinate the HVAC.

3. A. Strobel said regarding the storm water project, Mr. Femia was not able to get the paperwork in time for the meeting, there was progress made clarifying property owner, that being BCHS. He said it was identified as only BCHS. Once he has the document, he questioned what would happen next, it’s only a permit to be signed. Chairman Smith said even though we have not seen a plan it’s only 10 feet of pipe. Chairman Smith asked for a plan, he thought we had not seen the latest. A. Strobel said he asked Christos for a plan. He hoped to have it wrapped up for the May meeting, “they’re all committed to doing it.” He apologized for how long it is taking.

Photo of the flag pole and sign with water backing up from a storm water drain to the Hackensack River. The Steuben House, a state-historic site, and the County of Bergen 1889 bridge are in the background.

4. Dead tree removal along Hackensack Avenue near the parking island. Discussion of tagging tree. A. Strobel thought it was the road department who handles that.

General 4/4/19

DEP REPORT - Steuben House:

Tree Removal - Several trees were identified for removal as well as some general trimming and branch removal. 4 days work - $8,000 to be handled in the spring

DOT contact for signage No update

Graffiti spot test on sandstone Conducted 4/4/19. Preliminary indications are that we should be able to remove from Steuben House without further damage. Follow-up treatment to be conducted and once stone dries we will know for sure. Hoping to have it removed by May

Trenton has requested the FY 19 projects list

Projects List

Turn around Estimate received sent to Chairman Smith. Ok to proceed?

Interim solution requested permission to purchase wildlife cameras on 10/28. No update as of 2/7/19

Add Rock to sump pump outfall-Splash Block need to place additional stone (Spring)

Front Porch Strip/sand/paint Can be done independently of Intergovernmental projects or included if we identify that money will be lost if not spent

Painting Interior on hold until historic paint analysis can be conducted.

Guardrail Removal late summer. Spring of 2019

Stone Dust Path waiting on bids

Intergovernmental Agreement Projects List as submitted to Trenton.
Photo shows Steuben House stairs repaired, painting scheduled.

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When considering the timeline for projects located on State owned properties is the need for the submission of an application for Project Authorization to the Historic Preservation Office. Depending on the nature of the project most but not all will require review and advanced permission by HPO. This step generally cannot be pursued until after the contractors have bid on the project. E. Pain reported he had called the number on the bin and got no response. Chairman Smith asked if it is trespassing to leave something on property.

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

**G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell,**  
Commissioner BCHS Rep  
We had a full house for the *400th Anniversary of the first documented Arrival of Africans in British Colonial America* with the Sons and Daughters of the United States Middle Passage on March 24.

With very event we reach new audiences. The museum collection committee has been planning a new Rev War exhibit based on our collections, it will also include enlarged copies of period map that show New Bridge in the American Revolution. Funny enough we had a request from the chief curator at the new Museum of the American Revolution (located in Philadelphia) to visit the site. We took Dr. Paul Mead and Museum Fellow Marcela Micucci around the site. They were most interested in the Washington Memorial mourning art, c.1810 and the 1812 calico dress. Mead commented the Rev War cartridge box was only the fifth one he had seen.

**VII. New Business**  
E. Pain discussed Ethics Training date, deferred to possible meeting with Sen. Weinberg’s attendance. M. Donohue mentioned scheduling the
Naturalization Program and Chairman Smith said its amazing connection when you consider Major-General Baron von Steuben’s immigrant story and the impact he made for the country. Chairman Smith said how surprised curators from the Museum of the American Revolution were to see the beautiful site after coming off the highway. He described dilemma where we have this pristine view in a built up area that people don’t expect, do you break it up with a lot of benches and interpretative signs. D.Powell pointed out you could do interpretive signs in a low key way, it creates a destination for when we aren’t open, in a non-linear path. We could consider buying a mill stone as a marker to locate the mill visually.

VIII. Old Business
No comment.

IX. Public Comment. Carol Restivo asked the turnaround would be built up. E. Pain said it is just rocks. Carol asked if we would have signs for buildings no longer there. D.Powell and Chairman Smith said they expected the 1-A to provide that discovery info on the background.

X. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn 8:21 pm. First, M.Donohue; Second, E.Pain, Motion carried.

XI. Next Meeting

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Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission

The Historic New Bridge Landing State 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 of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission

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**IV. Calendar**


May 19, Sunday  Pinkster, a Jersey Dutch Celebration of Spring. Maypole dance w/ fiddle & dulcimer, lawn games, silhouette portraits, natural egg dying. Fun for children! HNBL is open for tours, 1-5 PM.

May 23, Thursday  Lecture Series. Events leading up to 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution, Dutch Reformed Church in 18th Century NJ. Steuben House. No charge. 7:30 PM.

May 27, Monday  Memorial Day Wreath Laying, at General Enoch Poor’s Grave at the First Dutch Reformed Church in Hackensack followed by cemetery tour by historian Pat Schuber. Begin 10 AM.

June 1, Saturday  Spring Clean-up. 8-11 AM.

**V. Chairman’s Report**

Good evening everyone,

I hope everyone is well! The past month has seen a lot of planning and discussions, which we hope to continue to move forward on multiple projects on multiple fronts, whether it be for the Society or Historic New Bridge Landing as a whole.

I had the opportunity to meet with the carpenter for the County on Tuesday April 15th. He inspected the sink and I provided a schedule for upcoming events. Members of the Society also met the Mechanical Contractor on the 17th, so that the heating/cooling systems could be serviced at the Campbell Christie House.

The Historical Society had its first meeting in front of the Planning Board yesterday. There were some positive comments about the plan but a few questions arose. The first dealt with the striping of the parking lot. We did explain we are beginning the process to develop a plan for the parking lot, but for the interim, we can implement some
updates. First, the parking lot could be restriped, which had previously been done in the past and could use updating. In the short term, this does make sense as a redesign would occur further down the road. There were also concerns brought up about the crosswalk that leads from the parking lot, across the jug handle to the Steuben Arms apartments. Safety concerns were risen and even taking the museum building out of the equation, should be addressed. It was said that a stop sign was once on the jug handle, however, there no longer is one. I would ask that the County representative reach out to the County Traffic Engineer and discuss if this is possible, along with other safety additions. With Commission funding, I don't see why Stop For Pedestrians In-Street Sign with Portable Base signs could be put up, as well as solar powered flashing crosswalk signs? Again, the County Traffic Engineer would be a better person to comment on that. The Society’s traffic engineer, Jay S. Troutman, Jr., PE, Principal McDonough & Rea Associates, Inc has offered to speak to the County traffic engineer and provided his contact information:

Lastly, as the Society raps up its calendar year and has it is annual meeting, it is always wonderful to reflect on all that has occurred within the organization but also, what has happened at Historic New Bridge Landing. Everyone’s efforts are important and many have contributed in the past and today for the site to be coming back. To recognize these efforts, the Society annual nominates individuals for awards. One such award that is New Bridge centric is the Koehler Award. The Koehler award is intended for significant contributions to New Bridge Landing (President Koehler having originated the concept). When we think of significant contributions to Historic New Bridge Landing, one cannot help but recognize the amazing transformation of the brick to stone dust walkway, rear stairs, porch columns, monitoring storms and the conditions of the house and being a spring board for discussions. This year I am happy to report that the Bergen County Historical Society has nominated Eric Pain, DEP Representative to the Commission for his commendable
efforts and significant contributions to HNBL, an official invite is forthcoming including an invitation to our Annual Meeting and Dinner in June.

Thank you everyone for your contributions, again, we should all be working together with all entities to benefit the resources as a whole, at Historic New Bridge Landing.

Thank you,
James Smith, Chairman
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VI. Continuing Business

A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck. Once the budget is passed things may move along. No report provided.
   Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. R. Karp, no town manager so nothing is proceeding. No report provided.

Chairman Smith asked if there is anyone to manage the trees in Brett Park and there is a safety concern with the condition. “We would love to incorporate more events in the park.” R. Karp lamented they are way behind in work in the parks.

B. New Milford – Councilman Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford. Plans to meet DPW Director Vince Cahill. D.Powell asked if he as mayor would be willing to write a letter of support for the new museum building.

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge.
M.Donohue said she has been in discuss with the Naturalization Ceremony, she would check if September it could be scheduled for the 27th. She has met with Carol Restivo to help with the program. St. Peters has a community service day on the 18th and she suggested recruiting them for work at the site. Chairman Smith said they have been in touch with the group and making plans. M. Donohue said she attended the Planning Board meeting on the new BCHS Museum Building last night and was very impressed with the presentation. She said she hasn’t had any news from PSEG, but Chairman Smith said they were working on the contract.
D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Bergen County Division of Open Space, Commissioner Bergen County. No report supplied. A. Strobel said he had a permit application with attach stormwater outlets. Femia facilitated a meeting and had a very good discussion, document to return signed that needs signature. A new engineer suggested putting the flap device internally in a manhole that can be accessed and may be easier and less expensive without having to dig up the pipe but they are exploring the best solution. D. Powell noted the pipe was broken, Strobel said she looked at the video and thought it could be addressed differently. He noted the plan supplied was printed small on ledger size paper difficult to read. One area was noted as “limited area of disturbance.” He said they are very mindful of archaeology and keeping the work confined to area of the pipe. Pain asked for an electronic version. A. Strobel advised construction drawings and areas of concern will be addressed. J. Heffernan asked for a timeframe, they recognize they are behind. A. Strobel asked for a survey of the property from the Bergen County Historical Society that is signed and sealed, BCHS had previously been supplied with a copy of a survey. R. Karp, how will the work will effect the property. A. Strobel advised the goal is to eliminate the sunshine flooding. Chairman Smith asked if Boswell going to make a presentation on the project. A. Strobel confirmed they would. He suggested it may not need a permit for the work. Chairman Smith suggested that the HNBLPC could hire an archaeologist to be on site for any type of digging since we have the funding. Chairman Smith noted that an 18th century bar of Long Pond pig iron was found in the dig of the New Bridge wharf. (Fragment pictured, on exhibit at the Steuben House.)

He illustrated that during recent site work at the Dey Mansion that an 18th century privy was surprisingly uncovered and Hunter Research was there and they did the archeology and the project was able to move on. E. Pain suggested the ground could have moved around and archeology would be a great thing to put on the list. Discussion on with Mr. Femia, the County Engineer, and he is interested in meeting with BCHS/Commission to go over the crosswalks and safety issues and asked to facilitate a meeting, possibly with BCHS engineers. Smith advised the carpenter came and looked at the bathroom sink and the mechanicals were addressed separately. D. Powell asked if putting in the flap at the manhole at the flag pole means that water pressure will build up and possibly compromise the broken pipe and saturate/erode the ground. A. Strobel said they will study and that the approach has to work. It is in the early stages of considering this approach. Chairman
Smith thanked A. Strobel. D. Powell asked about installing a second railing at the front steps of the Campbell-Christie House. Chairman Smith said he did mention to the carpenter who pointed out current railing is turned the wrong way to grasp well. Discussion of what would meet code. D. Powell asked would we get into a restoration project on what would be appropriate for a Dutch House in Bergen County and meet both requirements and suggested the Office of Cultural & Historic Affairs could research and find something accurate from photos.


5/2/19

DEP REPORT - Steuben House:

General

Tree Removal - Site visit 5/3 to confirm trees to be removed and trimmed

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E.Pain said tree work would come out of his budget. The approvals are delayed. He said he thought they were making progress with the graffiti removal and would be done before the next meeting. He asked if we
need to replace light fixtures. Chairman Smith said he thought that could be at a later time. E. Pain asked if we need to include the entrance parking lot striping this year and Chairman Smith said we should proceed. A. Strobel made a motion to re-stripe existing parking lot, R. Karp seconded. The motion passed. He suggested a joint conversation really needs to take place. D. Powell noted the crosswalk at the jughandle doesn’t go anywhere, for example, for pedestrians/commuters too. A. Strobel reaffirmed to meet with the County Engineer. M. Donohue said the house exterior needs painting and the entrance looks shabby, the first thing that people see. E. Pain mentioned meeting the state fire inspector, discussion ensued on what it could entail. Chairman Smith asked if the house painting was going to take place. He also asked if ankle twister holes could be filled in, holes created by dissolving tree root systems around the Steuben House. Chairman Smith said we want to use backyard. E. Pain said he had not heard anything from Coastal agency. D. Powell asked if a spreadsheet for the budget was created, E. Pain acknowledged being behind on creating it. She asked if we could get a car counter installed and she offered to maintain it because it came up again about knowing the visitation to the site. E. Pain said he could get that, discussion to locate at the same location. He said he researched a remote high-end camera that will send images by email. Chairman Smith said it would good for monitor the tides and storm activity too. D. Powell said she worked on a project list that E. Pain is looking for and Chairman Smith had ideas for it as well.

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

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS
We had successful events when we had Chwame Gischuch Under the Shad Moon on April 14, School of Interpretation with two members discussing Cooking in the 18th century at the site, and a site clean-up on April 27.

We had a land use meeting the previous night [May 1, 2019]. Questions about access to the parking lot and location of ADA parking spaces. We will be going back and taking a look at the design. June 19th is when the next meeting is scheduled. A. Strobel asked if any height or permits. Chairman Smith mentioned it was very interesting a variance came up unrelated to the building but the barn is over the property line on state property, this happened in 1950s about the same time BCHS gave the state half an acre for a parking lot adjacent to the Steuben House and BCHS sold the property to the County for a dollar for the road to the new bridge, things certainly were different back then. Does it need to be addressed only as existing conditions. E.Pain said he wasn’t overly concerned but considering it. Chairman Smith said it came up about how storm water retention would be addressed at the site and dispersed, our engineers didn’t think this was of concern but the town came back questioning it. When you look at where the new museum is sited it become part of the first experience to the site. The 2006 proposal a new building envisioned a gateway and you can image the building tied into the Campbell-Christie House. He mentioned comparing parking at Mystic Seaport where they funnel visitors to a crosswalk. He said we have the same thing here, could be accomplished with the parking lot design. There have been different conceptual plans that we can consider in the future. A.Strobel confirmed meeting with Mr. Femia again, needs to be scheduled during the day.

VII. New Business
M.Donohue asked if we can invite the governor and Senator Weinberg to the Naturalization Program. Chairman Smith said that said that would be great. L.Bauer said he thought a brown HNBL sign at the corner light could be positioned better.
VIII. Old Business
D.Powell asked if the tree work include feeding the trees. E.Pain said he didn’t think so. Discussion on tree work including Black Locust. Chairman Smith noted black locust were used in ship building, maybe ours our descendants from that time. E.Pain asked if any of the wood was needed the site, which Chairman Smith thought they could have a conversation on it. Otherwise, trees need to be removed from the site.

IX. Public Comment.
Carol Restivo asked if the tree by the barn on state property could be used for the anvil, E.Pain said he thought so.

X. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn 8:05 pm. First, M.Donohue; Second, J.Heffernan, Motion carried.

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D. **County of Bergen**

E. **DEP – Steuben House**

F. **Blauvelt-Demarest Foundation**

G. **Bergen County Historical Society**

VII. **New Business - Election**

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Meeting schedule for 2018: Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, June 7, Jul 11 (2nd Wednesday due to July 4 Holiday week), Aug 2, Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 3, 2019.
Historic New Bridge Landing State 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.

Thursday, August 1, 2019. Meet the Campbell-Christie House, 1201 Main St, River Edge, NJ. Park in HNBL parking lot.

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission
MINUTES: Thursday, July 10, 2019

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IV. Calendar

    July 13, Sat: Vintage Baseball at New Bridge.
    Double-header Flemington Neshanock
vs. The Enterprise Club of New Bridge. Food, site tour. 11-1 PM.

July 17, Wed: School of Interpretation, No charge, historian Todd Braisted is speaking on the Bergen Militia. 7:30 PM.

July 21, Sun: Summertime Tours. Featuring Kite Flying in the Meadow. Museum site open for tours, exhibits, 1-5 PM.

Aug 17, Sat: 240th Anniversary of the Raid on Paulus Hook. Join BCHS & BAR. Walk where Light Horse Harry Lee walked. Museum site open for tours, exhibits, 10 AM - 4 PM.

V. Chairman’s Report

Good evening everyone,

And welcome to our July Commission meeting. This month saw events at New Bridge kick off like a bang. Once again, a walking tour occurred on the grounds on July 2nd and 65 individuals attended this event. Asked why they attended and they wanted to start their Independence Day celebration on the grounds where history was made. Visitors from California, Missouri and New Milford were in attendance, many having never been to the site before. How do you celebrate July 4, and some the responses were visiting Ringwood State Park, so it is very interesting the connection to other sites.

As you approached the Steuben House today, you got to see first hand some of the improvements that have been made recently, from the tree pruning, new back steps, new gravel pathway and the turnaround. These projects were made possible due to the funding of the HNBLPC and the different entities at New Bridge working together on common ground. More info on another project that was kicked off will be discussed later. We are not a
political entity, nor is the Bergen County Historical Society. Instead, we are here to coordinate the different entities at HNBL, work together and move this site forward, the very commission and legislation sponsored by both parties. You may have recently read that the latest funding freeze and New Bridge is on the list. It is our hope that this funding will eventually be released and we can continue to benefit this site and the different entities that it serves.

Ultimately, it is important that we are all working together for the common good of Historic New Bridge Landing and history moving forward. Looking at the visitors to New Bridge on July 2nd, the cross section of people from all over the county, country, different ages, highlights once again how this place matters and we should all be working together not by thinking that things can’t be done, but rather, what can we do to make things happen. As always, thank you for your time that you bring to the Commission and let’s continue to work together to accomplishing our goals.

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

VI. Continuing Business
A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck Representative. Absent.

Karp acknowledged that some staffing changes had been made. He said he was going to meet with Doug (?) that for a clean up of Brett Park that the town wanted HNBLPC to complete and retain a copy of a permission letter. For an event with visitors R.Karp said they said that we need an application
for each event, however he did say if we have a calendar of events he can expedite the okay. He said he would get copies of the application. Chairman Smith said we could have a clean up on August 10, (10 am -12 noon) and asked if the Teaneck Commissioners could invite volunteers. R. Karp claimed said the path along the river is no longer usable. Chairman Smith suggested removing the fallen trees could be done in the fall. R. Karp said Don Torino is putting up a sign for Chapman, he couldn’t remember the name. Chairman Smith advised the sign would have to be approved by the Park Commission.

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

2.

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

3.

D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Bergen County Division of Open Space.
No report provided. A. Strobel said he discussed the project with Joe Femia yesterday, County Engineer. He said you may recall necessity to get a DEP Waterfront permit to do the stormwater flap (also noted in meeting as a DEP Land Use Development Regulation) and then there was another plan floated to do the work inside the pipe outlet by the flag pole without digging and may not require permits, may take 12 weeks to order device and install. The other digging option they would bring in someone like Fletcher. D. Powell asked if they reviewed if it would compromise the ground by backing up water in a broken pipe. He said they are pretty certain it would not be a problem. E. Pain agreed to take advice of the engineers but we should keep an eye on it. A. Strobel said he would ask for a report on how they are approaching the project and do complete
it as quickly as possible. Chairman Smith said wasn’t sure if this is part of the project but there is a manhole are cleared away along the walkway with three BC cones and A.Strobel said he would ask if they brought in a camera or other work related. Chairman Smith also noted that paint is peeling and woodwork holes on the Campbell-Christie House. He suggested the Commission could fund the work but that Cynthia’s office could solicit the quotes. A.Strobel asked what color, Smith advised more research may be needed to determine color. D.Powell asked if the second front porch railing was completed, Chairman Smith said no, it wasn’t. Discussion if painting was their responsibility. J.Heffernan asked if the County did the fence around the air conditioning unit. A.Strobel acknowledged it was done by the County.


**7/10/19**

**DEP REPORT - Steuben House:**

**General**

Graffiti removal Follow-up required? To be determined.

Copper to Fiber Migration issue with Verizon trenching. No work is to be done until approved by Park Commission.

Resolution- sent through the COC for consideration. No decision has been shared with me at this time

**Small Projects List**

Bees
Toilet Seat – fixed.
Water was turned back on, may have been a power outage.

Hot Spot being pursued for Steuben House
Ringwood will cover costs. NHR IT and DOIT working on it

Stone Dust Path waiting on bids from additional vendors PO submitted 6/29. Follow up on tree planting. D. Powell asked for clarification the this is for only from the Campbell-Christie House to the corner light. Discussion on whether walkway around the meadow if it was added to list.

Striping go ahead? Noted it was done already and look good.

**Intergovernmental Agreement Projects List as submitted to Trenton.**

**FY 18 projects identified to date**

1. **UPDATE** 1-A Study of the Von Steuben House - $5000 work is underway met onsite 7/5. Looking for the company Chrysalis to make recommendations for further study of the core area like archaeology. He said it was one of the really meaningful projects and looking forward to getting it done. Deborah was able to attend and followed up with reports and photos to them.

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. The regional office was looking for a plan to go by.

3. *Remove brick walkway replace with stone dust $8000 complete*

4. Plant Trees along the meadow fence line $5,000 Soliciting prices from vendors trying to reestablish contact with contractor not sure what is happening

5. *Repair and paint exterior staircase. $3,000 -$4000 stairs complete needs paint*
6. *Paint analysis of Von Steuben House - $5,000-$7000 held up with paperwork*

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 $2,500 - $5,000 work areas identified. Need to request estimates or have Ringwood staff handle

10. Interpretive Panels $3500-$5000 Additional information required. Design and content

11. *Fence Rails and posts $1500 Ongoing July or August. BCHS volunteers were able to swap in bottom rails to replace top ones until replacements are obtained.*

12. Doorway flood barrier and instant sandbags $3000 Flood barriers suggested by Chairman Smith were purchased. Items will be stored onsite for use during anticipated periods of high water.

13. Flag pole turn-around $6226 complete

E.Pain reported he attended the BCHS Annual dinner and how impressed he was with everyone he met and it was a really nice evening. He saw he got a kick out of winning the door prize and it happened to be Kevin’s forthcoming book. Someone at his table predicted that no one at this table is going to win and E.Pain said he was feeling pretty lucky, but he could not accept the person’s $100. Chairman Smith said we appreciate all your hard work here. He acknowledged we’re making progress. Chairman Smith mentioned something as simple as the LED bulbs are saving money and better for the artifact collections. He said he visited the Capital Welcome Center in Baltimore and it was a 17th century reconstructed building but had a "green parking lot." It was sloped and no curbs so the water could go into a retention basin and the ground can absorb some of the water. So, he hopes we can be forward thinking on this. E.Pain said that the FY2020 is currently frozen which includes new funding for HNBL. D.Powell asked if we would want to do a solar panel parking lot and wondered if there may be additional funding available, the power
could help with costs at the site. She also asked about the visitor counter. E.Pain said he would go back and look.

D.Powell brought up at the 1-A meeting "when talking to the archaeologists that the wharf is disappearing, it was very obvious from where we were standing and they mentioned they had a name at the Army Corp who would come out and look at it. Because it is a big project and it is getting eaten away by the river in my lifetime, interesting to find out more archaeology. It also continues to put us on their map for future storm planning." There was agreement by the Park Commission to bring in the Army Corp to review the wharf.

   No report.

2. G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS Rep
   We had a great crowd for the July 2 Lantern Tour by Jim Smith. He started off at the Meadow and the Campbell-Christie House and ended at the Steuben House where I had opened it up for the 65 tourists to see.

   The Museum Collection committee met with John Muller, historian at Fort Lee Historic Park to review our Rev War artifact collection and see the work in progress. The exhibit is taking some time to put together, we are working on the three cases featuring the armaments, the Steenrapie encampment / camp-life and update the case for events leading up to the 250th which we started a few years ago. It was very gratifying how impressed John was with the new map exhibit which includes nine period Rev War maps that show New Bridge. I asked Todd Braisted to come talk to us too for advice and information. Additionally, we’re putting together a interpreter’s
guide booklet for the exhibit. The BCHS met with the River Edge Land Use meeting and they gave us conditional approval for the new museum building. The main concern they had was the access from the parking lot to the site. Discussed crosswalk and curb cutout, signage showing pedestrian crossing with flashing lights. Our traffic engineers are going back with those concerns and we can move forward. I think that there may be involve the County engineer. We are in over $130,000 in planning on this building without a shovel in the ground. Chairman Smith pointed out we are somewhat spoiled with have a large parking lot compared to other sites you are looking at a shorter distance then many historic sites like Mystic Seaport, where you have to cross a street at a light. D.Powell pointed out Chairman Smith has visited more sites than anyone else in anyone else of the organization with his family and as a reenactor, so it gives a great overview of the history community. He said he visited Crown Point where they recently put up a bridge over Lake Champagne and they reimagined their parking lot and made it more of a destination and experience. He reminded everyone “Think of the difference in taking away the parking lot from the Steuben House and the change in the experience.” D.Powell pointed out that takes vision and not everyone has that.

3. **New Business**
   None.

4. **Old Business**
   None.

5. **Public Comment.**
   None.
   Jim thanked Deborah for refreshments and thanked everyone for coming.
   D.Powell invited everyone to look at the Rev War exhibits which are a work in progress in the Steuben House.

6. **Adjournment**
   Motion to adjourn 7:57 pm. First, J. Heffernan, Second R. Karp. Motion passed.

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

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission
MINUTES: Thursday, August 1, 2019

I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement
Chairman Smith read the Open Public Meetings Act statement at 7:07 pm. He asked that reports be sent in, thanked those who sent them in.

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

Michelle Kaufman, River Edge Town Council, Bob Roth, BCHS member were in attendance.

III. Review of Minutes
Minutes of the Meeting of August 1, 2019. Motion to approve, First, J. Heffernan, Second E. Pain. Motion passed.

IV. Calendar
August 17, 2019 Raid of Paulus Hook, which began and ended here at New Bridge.
August 21, 2019 The School of Interpretation. Each month the BCHS so all those interested in volunteering can learn about the history. The 21st we have the Campbell-Christie House.

September 21, 2019 Baronfest, celebrating Baron von Steuben, a fundraiser for the Society

V. Chairman’s Report
Good evening everyone,
Welcome to the August Commission meeting. July, while hot, saw record crowds at our 7th annual Vintage Base Ball game here at New Bridge. The crowd and the site was the perfect backdrop for such an event.

As you have probably noticed, Main St. is currently being paved, thank you River Edge for resolving this obstacle course. I’m sure both the residents and visitors to New Bridge will be greatly appreciative of this major improvement on the 18th century roadway.
Projects continue to move forward on multiple fronts and it is exciting as they begin to role out. I think it is important that each representative of the state law, it is the HNBLPC that was created to help coordinate activities here at New Bridge and we know it works. It is important that SHPO would need to sign off on the porch railings. This is by no means meant to micromanage, but instead, ensure common planning and good for the park as a whole, outlined in state law, it is the HNBLPC that was created to help coordinate activities here at New Bridge and we know it works. It is important that SHPO would need to sign off on the porch railings. A_Strobel said Elaine Gold she said SHPO would need to sign off on the porch railings. D.Powell said she had asked in the past if your department could advise on what would be period appropriate.

Again, thank you for your efforts.
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. Note personnel changes in Teaneck.

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

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge.
She said good bye to Mayor Mignone, thanked him for the road work. Mary advised he moved to Utah, she acknowledged he was a very cooperative mayor. Resolution to thank Mayor Mignone and the Council for all the good work on our behalf. 1st: M. Donohue, 2nd L. Bauer.

D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Bergen County Division of Open Space.
Substantive progress. There was a Friday site visit with county engineer, Boswell representative, company that makes the check valve Project. They provided a chance to the location. He said he wanted to make it clear to get this done and not have any disturbances that impact area. Net step, it is gravity fed. It would be a long armed tool. A.Strobel said he thinks it needs a permit. He had a discussion with Christos on the drainage ditch but

Written report:
Installation of a one-way (“check”) valve Project:
A new approach under consideration is the installation of a one-way (“check”) valve in the pipe where it leaves the last manhole before the Hackensack River. This valve will allow outflow of stormwater from the site, and prohibit the inflow of river water.

After installation, the inflow will not reach the manhole or connecting pipes such as the pipe which connects to the inlet in the traffic circle.

County Engineering staff, Christos Kavvadas and Karen Anne Riley, and Adam Strobel, met with Mr. Selwyn Joy of Boswell Engineering to discuss the feasibility of using the check valve at this location. The valve seems appropriate. The CheckMate® valve would be inserted into the manhole.

Current activities:
- The engineer is having his technicians and/or surveyor measure the pipes at the site in the next three weeks to determine the correct size of valve.
- All pipes will gravity drain to the valve, and the manhole will remain flush to the ground.
- If this check valve is feasible, NJDEP permitting will be determined.
- Design new manhole/chamber; likely to replace existing manhole.
- Prepare construction plans.
- Write specifications, bid documents and bid package.

8/1/19
DEP REPORT - Steuben House: 

General
Graffiti removal (Fall if still needed, will review again)
Copper to Fiber Migration issue with Verizon trenching no movement. They were advised not to do any work until approved. Resolution- sent through the COC for consideration. No decision has been shared with me at this time same. It will go through the chain of command for state approval.

Small Projects List
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Stone Dust Path waiting on bids from additional vendors po submitted 6/29
Stone to be placed at front of house to be considered. Columns and bases are being damaged from water hitting them. Contractor requested information on what material to use in front of porch. Discussion on whether wood or composite was used for columns
Car Counter requested $521.00.

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9. Site Clean Up remove fallen branches, cutback brush-RSP Maintenance crew handling getting started within 2 weeks
10. Interpretive Panels $3500-$5000 Additional information required. Design and content
11. *Fence Rails and posts $2600 for 60 rails and 25 posts. po requested 8/1
12. Doorway flood barrier and instant sandbags $3000 Complete
13. Turn around $6226 complete
14. D.Powell suggested to add to list the stone dust gravel path to the front door of the Campbell-Christie House and a stone dust path Chairmain Smith thanked Eric Pain for all his hard work.

No report.

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell. Commissioner BCHS Rep
The move of the storm drain manhole to the middle of the street, Main Street, River Edge, away from the entrance to the Campbell-Christie House and the large pothole around it and the pothole would fill up with water, problem to navigate through it.

One of the jobs (volunteer) that BCHS does is try and answer historical questions that we receive, and I followed up to a phone call of a family from Montclair in spring. I explained BCHS was instrumental in raising the obelisk (not damaged) dedicated in 1924 and there is a history on our website. It’s a struggle to keep my composure but just part of the process.

Another resource we have is knowledgeable historians involved including military historian Todd Braisted and Todd agreed to come to BCHS Museum Collection. (Last month we had John Muller from Fort Lee Historic Park.)

We have exhibits almost finished with new lighting and graphics and an interpreter guidebook for the exhibits. This past month a member, Mike Ginch put us together with a friend who has a British accent to create an enlargements of the pages and map he drew (that shows New Bridge), I found the journal online when researching the maps. Ginch is lending the audio equipment and facilitated recording the five-minute loop. Jim had an idea for this and wanted to see this project happen: We have an intern, a teacher, Erika Dorbad Bentsen, who is working with us this summer on classroom lesson plans and she is meeting with different people at BCHS who run the museum.

To review the Vintage Base Ball game in July can say the Star Ledger sent a reporter and photos by Aristide Economopoulos took some great photos which are available online at nj.com. It is a historic site, I asked her to come to the Museum Collection meeting and the August 17 Raid on Paulus Hook event at New Bridge. The contact is illustrative of our connection to an interested NJ community, she volunteered to help with water, problem to navigate through it.

I did get to open the house on July 21 which turned out to be one of those heat emergency days. Surprisingly I had a bunch of families come to see this project happen: We have an intern, a teacher, Erika Dorbad Bentsen, who is working with us this summer on classroom lesson plans and she is meeting with different people at BCHS who run the museum.

As long-time stewards of this property and we are so close to the water here I want to remind everyone concerned we shouldn’t be indiscriminately or routinely spraying herbicide or pesticides for maintenance at New Bridge Landing, we shouldn’t be finding someone to share their knowledge of history and learn something new is a truly unforgettable experience. One child was an eight-year old.

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BCHS building and Grounds continued to repair rail fencing.
Lastly, Kevin’s book on New Bridge, The Bridge That Saved a Nation, comes out October 28, 2019, 70,000 words, 80 images including enlargements of the pages and map he drew (that shows New Bridge), I found the journal online when researching the maps. Ginch is lending the audio equipment and facilitated recording the five-minute loop.

Chairman Smith advised that we continue to work with our team on the moving forward on the new museum building. Our legal team

VII. New Business
D.Powell offered the Baronfest (Sept 21, 2019) postcards for those attending meeting to take and distribute.

VIII. Old Business
Chairman Smith asked E.Pain about the Wifi security trail cams that we could set up. The security cams to protect the historic resource and suggested putting one in Brett Park to prevent metal detecting. Chairman Smith said that info should posted. D.Powell wanted to recon
Event in April. D. Powell asked if the new budget year funding was released to the Park Commission. E. Pain did not know and Chairman Smith went to Senator Weinberg’s office. R. Karp suggested seeing if Green Acres funding could be used to acquire the house for sale (next to the now demolished Canoe Club in New Milford), the General Store. Chairman Smith went into the history of the building, including research by Kevin Wright of two masons came by barge and removed the stone down to the foundation for use in a building in Hackensack. A frame building you see today was constructed. Besides its Revolutionary War history it served as the bridge tenders house; he would use a key to turn the bridge. Chairman Smith said we could discuss whether we create a “ghost” house with just the frame for interpretation.

IX. Public Comment
A. Strobel asked if the councilwoman wants to introduce herself and if the BCHS invited her. Michelle Kaufman advised she is on the 2019 town council and the liaison to the River Historic Preservation Commission and said she knows Deborah and Mary from that. She said she was hoping to help unlock any funding from the state. He asked if she will be coming to all the meetings. She was not sure but “we’ll see.”

X. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn 8:31 pm. First, M. Donohue, Second R. Karp. Motion 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, September 5, 2019, meet in the Steuben House. Future meeting dates for 2020 will be set at the January meeting.

2019 meeting dates:

Historic New Bridge Landing State 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.

Thursday, October 3, 2019. Meet the Steuben House House, 1209 Main St, River Edge, NJ. Park in HNBL parking lot.

Meeting of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission
MINUTES: Thursday, September 5, 2019

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I. Open Public Meetings Act Statement
Chairman Smith read the Open Public Meetings Act statement at 7:05 pm. He asked that reports be sent in, thanked those who sent them in, thanked D. Powell for the minutes.
II. Attendance: James Smith, Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, Richard Karp, John Heffernan, Adam Strobel and Michael Putrino. Larry Bauer and Mary Donohue were absent.

III. Review of Minutes
Minutes of the Meeting of August 1, 2019. Motion to approve, First, A.Strobel, Second R.Karp. Motion passed.

IV. Calendar
Sept 13 – Naturalization Program at the Steuben House, welcoming new citizens
Sept 18 – School of Interpretation, “Devil in the Details”
Sept 21 – Baronfest, celebrating Baron von Steuben, a fundraiser for the Society
Sept 26 – Dr.Selig speaking at the Steuben House “Hessian Savages: Frog-eating Frenchman, and Palatine Boors: How personal encounters change time-honored perceptions.”

V. Chairman’s Report
Good evening everyone and welcome to the September Commission meeting,
August saw site clean ups and prep work as the Naturalization ceremony is this month. It also saw the 240th Anniversary for the Raid on Paulus Hook, which both started and ended here at New Bridge. The turn out for a history related event in Bergen County was fantastic, much larger than expected, and had a great turn out from reenactors. People couldn’t stop but saying how amazing the staff was (all volunteers) and how fantastic the grounds look. Those were two comments that were music to my ears.

It was rewarding that such an event was able to take place and help raise awareness of Bergen County’s important role in the Revolution. At the last meeting I mentioned the kiosk in Brett Park and did speak to Bergen Audubon and the Township of Teaneck. They had mentioned they spoke to the County of Bergen and other entities to see who owned it, but did not ask us. I’m not sure who in the County they spoke with. But it did highlight why it is important that we communicate with all parties and as I previously mentioned entities and Commissioners are aware of the master plan. I proposed a compromise that the sign be moved to the other side so an interpretation panel could be placed on the front but eventually Bergen Audubon rejected this and wants to put up a smaller kiosk somewhere else. I think it is important when we look at planning whether its historic sites or parks, sign pollution is real and we should also be cautious as to not detract from the surroundings.
Lastly, I want to thank Eric for spearheading the tree project in the
meadow, both the public is highly excited about it, as I am. We had very positive feedback on Facebook. It’s also fantastic that future generations will benefit from this. I’ll let Eric speak more on this later.

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

VI. Continuing Business

Teaneck – Richard Karp, Commissioner Teaneck. R. Karp. 9/4/2019 - “All is quiet on the eastern front.” Added at the meeting: Monthly meetings for advisory committees were being formed by Dean Kazinski and information should flow better.

Chairman Smith thanked Rich and said there’s direction in the Master Plan for a memorial for the First Peoples, we would like to do a 1-A at Brett Park to identify structures in Teaneck and make sure lines of communication are open. Smith said he did mention doing a tree survey and Teaneck said they do have someone to do. Someone has to set up a time, Teaneck has an arborist. R.Karp said he was the representative for HNBLPC to the advisory committee.

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford. Chairman Smith thanked New Milford for their contributions with maintaining their property, trash can and the road. Mike said they were waiting to talk to DPW.

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge. Absent. No report. Chairman Smith noted there is a large pile of garbage in the empty buildings on New Bridge Road.

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

Report: Stormwater Improvement Project - A draft “Application for Project Authorization Under the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act” was provided along with a DRAFT construction Plan, dated August 16, 2019, by Boswell Engineering. Said document and plan is for the Backflow Preventer check valve to be installed at the storm drain/manhole located in-between the “circle-turnaround” and the Steuben House. The purpose of the project is to eliminate water in the parking lot - “circle-turnaround”. Currently, when there is a high tide, water enters the drainage pipe and travels up-gradient to a drainage inlet. When the inlet is filled, water comes out of the top of the inlet and fills a low area in the parking lot. By placing a check (one-way) valve in the drainage pipe, water will not reach the drainage inlet and cannot
Between the drainage pipe and drainage inlet, there is a manhole with a 24-inch lid. The manhole will be replaced with an underground, concrete chamber which will provide the space necessary to install the valve. The concrete box will be underground and accessed through a 36-inch manhole lid which looks like the current manhole lid. Upon project completion, only the manhole lid will be visible.

Timeline – ordering the Backflow Preventer will take approximately 120 days.

Comments: Strobel supplied a copy of colors for the Campbell-Christie House. He advised he had progress on the back-flow preventer. Boswell has been retained to install it in the existing man-hole, he supplied a site plan. 24” hole increased to 26” accommodate device. E.Strobel presented documents. E.Pain asked if the change in the size was covered in the application because of the disturbance, Strobel confirmed it was. A.Strobel asked for feedback whether to proceed. Chairman Smith said this has been talked about for a long time and this is a great to finally get to this point and looks fantastic. Strobel said thinks it does not need a permit because it’s maintenance and therefore save costs. D.Powell asked if they mentioned to equipment they would bring in. A.Strobel said he would ask, that everyone is aware of the sensitivy of the location.

Chairman Smith mentioned problems in earlier work, before his time when oversized equipment was brought in. D.Powell said the fix will probably help with the mosquito problem which is on everyone’s mind.

Resolution of support for the Tide Flex Checkmex System, First, M.Putrino, Second E.Pain. Motion passed. A.Strobel said local and state historical entities will be asked for comment and he will share the documents.

Conversation about painting exterior. He brought up the hand-rail that was not addressed previously. Chairman Smith had noted it was a safety issue. A.Strobel thought the County engineer could design something. Chairman Smith said when reviewing the lease it’s the Society’s responsibility and concern. He said the last time it was repaired by the County flooring material was used and did not recall it going to SHPO. The Society could possibly support plans if they are put forward.
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None.

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None.
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None.

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III. Review of Minutes
Minutes of the Meeting of August 1, 2019. Motion to approve, First, A.Strobel, Second R.Karp. Motion passed.

IV. Calendar
Sept 13 – Naturalization Program at the Steuben House, welcoming new citizens
Sept 18 – School of Interpretation, “Devil in the Details”, operating the museum site with 25-35 volunteer historians & interpreters for events.
Sept 21 – Baronfest, celebrating Baron von Steuben, a fundraiser for the Society
Sept 26 – Dr.Selig speaking at the Steuben House “Hessian Savages: Frog-eating Frenchman, and Palatine Boors: How personal encounters change time-honored perceptions.”

V. Chairman’s Report
Good evening everyone and welcome to the September Commission meeting,
August saw site clean ups and prep work as the Naturalization ceremony is this month. It also saw the 240th Anniversary for the Raid on Paulus Hook, which both started and ended here at New Bridge. The turn out for a history related event in Bergen County was fantastic, much larger than expected, and had a great turn out from reenactors. People couldn’t stop but saying how amazing the staff was (all volunteers) and how fantastic the grounds look. Those were two comments that were music to my ears.

It was rewarding that such an event was able to take place and help raise awareness of Bergen County’s important role in the Revolution. At the last meeting I mentioned the kiosk in Brett Park and did speak to Bergen Audubon and the Township of
Teaneck. They had mentioned they spoke to the County of Bergen and other entities to see who owned it, but did not ask us. I’m not sure who in the County they spoke with. But it did highlight why it is important that we communicate with all parties and as I previously mentioned entities and Commissioners are aware of the master plan. I proposed a compromise that the sign be moved to the other side so an interpretation panel could be placed on the front but eventually Bergen Audubon rejected this and wants to put up a smaller kiosk somewhere else. I think it is important when we look at planning whether its historic sites or parks, sign pollution is real and we should also be cautious as to not detract from the surroundings.

Lastly, I want to thank Eric for spearheading the tree project in the meadow, both the public is highly excited about it, as I am. We had very positive feedback on Facebook. It’s also fantastic that future generations will benefit from this. I’ll let Eric speak more on this later.

Thank you,
James Smith, Chairman
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VI. Continuing Business
A. Teaneck – Larry Bauer, Commissioner Teaneck. Absent.
   By email 9/4/2019 - “Nothing to report on my end.”

9/4/2019 - “All is quiet on the eastern front.” Added at the meeting:
   Monthly meetings for advisory committees were being formed by Dean Kazinski and information should flow better.

Chairman Smith thanked Rich and said there’s direction in the Master Plan for a memorial for the First Peoples, we would like to do a 1-A at Brett Park to identify structures in Teaneck and make sure lines of communication are open. Smith said he did mention doing a tree survey and Teaneck said they do have someone to do. Someone has to set up a time, Teaneck has an arborist. R.Karp said he was the representative for HNBLPC to the advisory committee.

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford. Chairman Smith thanked New Milford for their contributions with maintaining their property, trash can and the road. Mike said they were waiting to talk to DPW.
C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River Edge. Absent. No report. Chairman Smith noted there is a large pile of garbage in the empty buildings on New Bridge Road.

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

Report: Stormwater Improvement Project - A draft “Application for Project Authorization Under the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act” was provided along with a DRAFT construction Plan, dated August 16, 2019, by Boswell Engineering. Said document and plan is for the Backflow Preventer check valve to be installed at the storm drain/manhole located in-between the “circle-turnaround” and the Steuben House. The purpose of the project is to eliminate water in the parking lot - “circle-turnaround”.

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Public: none

III. Review of Minutes
Minutes of the Meeting of October 3, 2019. Motion to approve, First, M.Putrino Second John H. Motion passed. Chairman Smith acknowledged the image Deborah included in the report of an upstate New York house with painted shutters.

IV. Calendar
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V. Chairman’s Report  

Good evening everyone,
Welcome to the November Commission meeting. October was once again a busy month for events at here at New Bridge, with a major milestone moment coming in early November. But I will let Deborah and the Society speak to that. Again, I applaud Deborah for helping to coordinate efforts to have the Army Corp of Engineers at the site to begin to come up with viable solutions for the future of the history Von Steuben House and 18th century wharf. For too long, development has occurred up and down the Hackensack River, river banks have been raised, more development has occurred and yet, the Steuben House and surrounding land remains a constant. It’s instances like this that this very Commission was created, to help coordinate all entities at Historic New Bridge Landing to work together for the benefit of the site as a whole, this is a partnership. I was heartened to see in the news in just the last week that the NJDEP is committing to protect the East Point Lighthouse in Cumberland County due to coastal erosion. Similar short term solutions need to be addressed here at New Bridge as well as addressing long term solutions as well. Bank stabilization along the Hackensack and the drainage ditch especially should be a major priority.

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- Steuben House photo showing some of the areas in need of paint.
- Photo 2 shows missing fence rails, order for replacement rails is held up. Dated Brown Information sign is scheduled to be replaced.

Discussed Army Corps visit. D.Powell advised they were very positive and interested. Representatives from the NJDEP SHPO office and County of Bergen, Office of Historic & Cultural Affairs, DEP Dam Safety & Flood Control and BCHS attended. D.Powell observed she had previously attended an Army Corps meeting on addressing rising water levels in the region (in Newark) and noted that HNBL/Steuben House was literally not on their maps as a historic resource, something the plans are supposed to consider when making decisions. E.Pain observed they (ACE) may recognize
other nearby sites to consider on their visit. D.Powell said she still
had to wrap her head around the project, that they sent items to
her including letters that were a model and
meeting minutes (distributed to stakeholders including the
"Continuing Authorities Program"). She said she was looking for
feedback from Park Commission on how to proceed. Said she
thought we should look to them (ACE) for guidance and then
coordinate with NJDEP SHPO office and County of Bergen. She
hoped to have something before next meeting and would circulate
by email. Chairman Smith pointed out Historic New Bridge
Landing's connection to the Army Corps by way of the father of the
American Military, Major-General Baron von Steuben. (The
meetings took place in the Steuben House, the only extant house
that Steuben owned.)

Regarding the Park Commission Project List: E.Pain thought the
money is there (for projects listed), nobody seems to be getting
paid. Pain apologized, we’re trying. Pain said he was on site
obtaining a paint quote on November 9, debated on whether to
continue to treat graffiti area. Eric Doler of Spector Paint visited for
exterior paint of Steuben House.
D.Powell asked if it is the 2020 money is not approved and if we
supplied everything that was requested of us. E.Pain acknowledged
the FY2019 list could be approved, that we have a list to select
items from, that it could behoove us to finalize the list now. The
exterior painting of Steuben House could be $30,000, Chairman
Smith asked for replacement of cedar shingle roof of the
Outkitchen ($15,000) D.Powell asked for chimney looking at it,
it needs a cap, rain comes in, Campbell-Christie House exterior
painting of house, $10-15,000 including wood repair from birds,
$10,000 interpretive panels for the site. Landscaping can serve as
covering the balance. Chairman Smith observed DEP just allotted
$420,000 to a light house in Cumberland County. D.Powell asked if
the state could pay for NJDEP permitting for the new museum
building.
E.Pain said he would contact the company about the 1-A project
status. Chairman Smith said it would be good to have for the year-
end report. L.Bauer suggested legislators should come to the site.
D.Powell acknowledged Congressman Pascrell has not been to site,
Sen Loretta Weinberg had come and spoke again recently in
September for the Naturalization Program. E.Pain said HNBL is
unique, mentioned the Hermitage has weddings at that state-
owned site and Long Pond Ironworks doesn’t have as many events
and that programming is so comprehensive at New Bridge. He
acknowledged you could spend 3 days at New Bridge to take it all in and unique how new exhibits again change the experience.

Said Jim Bellis was out of the office, no further word.

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS
- Representatives from the met with the Army Corps of Engineers on October 11, 2019. As it happened we had Nor’easter the night before so the team got to see conditions of a very high tide. Unfortunately Eric Pain was unable to attend. The Army Corps representatives were very enthusiastic and interested in the site and its history, that was very encouraging to me. Several options were discussed including whether we would want to raise the Steuben House and scenarios in the river to protect the wharf and whether state funds were available to make matching requirements. With the projects on-going at New Bridge I have not had a chance to follow up and hope to have more to report next month.
- The late historian and retired Regional Historic Preservation Specialist Kevin Wright’s new book was released October 28, 2019. I was delighted to give an hour and half presentation on November 3, to a full-house and sold a bunch of books. We had another nor’easter October 27 so I made a decision to cancel with the heavy downpour and road closures but I ended up giving talk to 10 people who showed up having come a distance.
- Hudson Valley Vernacular Architecture came for a visit of the site on October 19. The group was smaller than anticipated but made some good connections including a contact for a Franklin stove. The master plan calls for installing a period stove (Late 18th century stove) in the Demarest House. Do we want to pursue this? Chairman Smith thought it would be a great idea.
- I had contact from a historian/researcher/mapmaker, Kerry Hardy from Maine who is working on a research project with NYNP-NPNP, Rutgers/Newark. The project is telling the human history of the Hudson River estuary from glacial times up to the Revolutionary War. Gee, do I wish Kevin was around. We drove around area, places the researcher had only read about. Another great person / project to connect with. Shared info on Oratam and Sara Rolfese Kiersted, early figures in a landscape who I mentioned in my own talk. As the project seems so interesting and worthwhile to New Bridge, I gave him personal copies of Wright’s
book on Native Americans, 1609, A Country that was never lost and the new book on New Bridge. The project originally began in NY state but he explained it expanded to a regional history.
- Lastly, we received significant artifact and painting donations from the estate of George Way’s Collection and they will contribute to telling and understanding the early New Netherland period of our area’s history, (1600s) the Jersey Dutch.
- Chairman Smith said besides the parking lot issue, the County reviewed the town’s proposal for a crosswalk in the middle of the jughandle and determined the traffic light crosswalk is the preferred place to cross. Chairman Smith said Mystic Seaport also uses a crosswalk at a traffic light.
- We are taking reservations for our 36th year of holiday concerts December 14 and 15.

VII. New Business
None

VIII. Old Business

D.Powell explained the planned non-linear interpretive signs through the park including the kiosk at the entrance corner by parking lot, leaving the existing kiosk along path, an angled sign covering the mill, wharf and stage coach road, a time line of events at New Bridge where possibly a new granite mill stone marker could be installed, a sign with the November 1776 Invasion / Retreat map on the New Milford side of the bridge, and overall HNBL map and Brett Park history map in Brett Park, Teaneck in the kiosk Chairman Smith worked with an eagle scout to build. E.Pain thought his office could help install them, we may need permission to dig. Chairman Smith suggested an interactive mill gear might be interesting to do at the mill sign. He asked for information for the next meeting from Fossil, the sign fabricator.

IX. Public Comment.
None.

X. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn 8:18 pm. First, M.Putrino Second John H. Motion passed.

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**Minutes of the Historic New Bridge Landing State Park Commission meeting**
**Thursday, December 5, 2019**
Open Public Meetings Act Statement

I. Open Public Meetings Act statement at 7:05 pm.

II. Attendance: Eric Pain, Deborah Powell, John Heffernan and Michael Putrino, Adam Strobel, Richard Karp and Larry Bauer. James Smith and Mary Donohue were absent.
Public: none

III. Review of Minutes

IV. Calendar

V. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Smith’s report was read by Secretary Deborah Powell
Good evening everyone,

With December weather upon us, another year is quickly coming to end for the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission, and our annual report will be submitted to the legislature. And while there is much that could be accomplished and is being held up beyond our control, I believe our track record as a Commission has shown that together, we have thoughtfully planned out and executed projects that benefit the site as a whole and helps to protect the resources that are here are New Bridge. Ultimately, this is what the Commission was set up and designed to do, to promote common planning and usage of this important historic site and green space in the heart of Bergen County. Working together and acting in good faith has shown much progress and I hope that this continues into 2020. Many of these projects ultimately are designed to protect the resources and are benefit the different entities. Hopefully there can be quick resolution and these projects can get back on track.
In other news, Beverly H and myself did meet with County representatives for the annual fire inspection of the Christie House. We were happy to be able to accommodate the process and discuss a little history with the County Fire Marshall. Again I also want to thank and recognize Deborah for her coordination and leading the project with the Army Corp of Engineers. While this is still very early in the process, this is another step in protecting the major resources here at New Bridge so future generations can learn from it.

Warm seasons greetings to you and your families,

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 reported he worked on clearing material around trees. Said he was trying to get township attorney to come to a Park Commission meeting re: metal detecting. D.Powell pointed out in River Edge that the law is posted on the town website, we need the ordinance, that’s what we need for the interpretive sign and we are getting close to having the sign ready to get fabricated. She asked if he could look on the website for it. M. Putrino suggested that he go to the town clerk and for .10 he can get a copy of it. Bauer brought up if anyone found something that they should bring it in, discussion continued that digging, disturbing and removing destroys the information about the artifact.

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

B. New Milford – Mayor Michael Putrino, Commissioner New Milford, Representative.
M. Putrino reported on BANNERS ON STREET LAMPS - The banners should measure between 28 and 30 inches long which is optimum. They can go as long as 36 inches if necessary. They should be 18 inches wide. There are 6 lamp posts on Old New Bridge Road. We could coordinate with
River Edge, how many would be in River Edge. D.Powell said
she assumed we are using the existing Park Commission logo.
Asked lead time on making. Asked are we doing the project
through the Park Commission.

C. River Edge – Mary Donohue, Commissioner River
Edge. Absent. No report provided. D.Powell said she had no
report from her, but did speak to her. She reported that River
Edge (Democratic Organization) had a very nice event
recognizing Donohue at the River Edge Library, and past
mayors, council, family and people spoke.

D. County of Bergen Adam Strobel, Commissioner,
and Bergen County Division of Open Space. Absent.
Project List
1. Ditch Clearing.
2. Local signage.
3. Rt 4, Rt 17 and GSP signage for HNBL on highways.
No report provided. He asked Cynthia Forster status of
estimate of painting of Campbell-Christie House and front
railing, are on a work order that he can track. John Terreri
will create a plan for railing. No progress on the check valve.
Christos discussion, a person of many words. “No green light”
He fully understands this will help with the water. Jim had
inquired by email reducing number of signs and clearing out
ditch behind the back of property. He sent it to Joe Femia and
the assistant engineer Nancy Dargos and Christos. He asked
where is the sign location, pointed out safety. D.Powell said
she thought the sign “Bridge Closed” was on the landing,
inside the gate where cars can’t drive and in the view of the
river. D.Powell asked if he would be the one to speak to DOT
on signs for the site on Route 17, Route 4, and Garden State
Parkway. She suggested Bergen County should be interested
in promoting the site, maybe it came up for the BC parks
plan. He said he would talk to Nancy Dargos. D.Powell said
she thought the check valve was ordered and you expected it
to be delivered this winter, she asked was it ordered or no?
Strobel said he was told it was ordered, but he heard there
was an adjustment to the design.

M.Putrino asked if there could be the HNBL brown signs
on River Road in New Milford. D.Powell suggested a brown
“Old Bridge” sign at the River Edge Train station bridge.
D.Powell asked if the Park has plans for signage promoting sites. Strobel said it was being reviewed.


**General**

US Army Corps visit - Next Steps/Plan Shared with Trenton information sharing and gathering phase. Ultimately BCHS wants to illustrate to ACOE the deterioration of the wharf and river bank over the years and to get an idea of all viable options for stabilizing the riverbank, the wharf, and controlling water intrusions into the Steuben House and the entire Historic District.

**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. It has been determined that the person identified to work with me from Budget and Finance has been out since October. I am told this is being worked on by another person now. Should see progress...

**FY 18 projects identified to date**

1-A Study of the Von Steuben House - $5000 work is underway Emailed 11/8 no response
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.

*Remove brick walkway replace with stone dust $8000 complete

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?

*Repair and paint exterior staircase. $3,000 -$4000 stairs complete needs paint

*Paint analysis of Von Steuben House - $5,000-$7000 PO requested 7/25 $12,400

Repair and repaint plaster walls in dwelling room and rear rooms correcting deficiencies $3000-$5000 Awaiting results of the Paint analysis.

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- -No response to E. Pain from Chrysalis. (#1)
- - (#15) E. Pain said he gets a contractor to write up a description and uses that to write a scope of work for other sealed bids to go on. D. Powell pointed out she made a survey of the window glass in the downstairs room at the Steuben House and asked how hairline-crack original glass gets treated per SHPO, does it get removed or left in place? E. Pain said that is a good question, will check. He clarified that woodwork is prepared for painting by lightly washing, gently scraping and lightly sand and contractor is to use historic standards, including NPS Brief #10.
- -Everyone was frustrated that work had come to stop since July because the paperwork was sitting on someone-on-leave desk but relieved to finally get an answer.

Said Jim Bellis said he was going to hire a contractor to work on the basement.

G. Bergen County Historical Society – Deborah Powell, Commissioner BCHS
In spite of the rain we had a great turnout for Invasion / Retreat event on Sunday, November 24. I spoke a little on the new book on New Bridge and introduced Marta Black who spoke on Greene and on the two 1783 Paintings of Washington and Greene, she had a full house attending the lecture. Marta and David Black donated the paintings to BCHS and we already have a request to borrow them and separately three other objects in our collections (the Hopper Tavern sign, the 1830 Margaret Van Wagner (of Oradell) Chariot watercolor in a Hackensack matchstick frame and the c.1810 Washington Memorial Mourning art - needlework & oil
painting insets) by the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.

- -The Park Commissioners walked to the main room to examine the two 1783 watercolor paintings.

D.Powell shared a spreadsheet of the proposed six signs and sizes, mounting posts & options and printout of the signs. Anything over $17,000 over goes to sealed bid. E.Pain volunteered printing mock up copies at 100% or could be Park Commission funds. Discussion of signs on state property, two were identified, one on the wharf and one by the gate. E.Pain digging might be a simple review process, D.Powell said it is thought to be fill. D.Powell asked if the Park Commissioners liked the concept, there was agreement to proceed.

Chairman Smith has identified restoring an old state marker and placing it along the path near the entrance on Main Street, River Edge. D.Powell said another sign in the north meadow ties into a pathway loop discussed previously and the tree survey, E.Pain volunteered contacts at Fish and Wildlife for input on a sign there. A.Strobel suggested focusing on ones developed to move it along.

D.Powell said the Army Corps of Engineers suggested the "Continuing Authorities Program", they outlined funding projects - ideas on doing a Section 14 and 205 here. D.Powell said she spoke to Carissa today, and advised we have a park commission meeting, and that there are two components where storm flooding is impacting the site, the wharf because it is being eroded by tidal action and flooding, so one, two it is encroaching toward the Steuben House and the historic fabric is being worn away and Two, it is not useable. “I mentioned at the meeting, about being concerned at the ACE meeting about through the ditch. One of the things they wanted were photos which I sent before they came (shared with E.Pain) like a shot from the bridge looking south showing the wharf sliding into the river, historical aerials/photos. During the storm a year and half a go the water came up very high so I wrote down and photographed how the water was coming into the house and they would do an assessment of the
project, a “Plan Formulator” and would help shape the letter for the application and what we make the request for. Matching funds would need to be available. Unless it gets Federal Authorization. Concerns about the house being compromised. The last place it comes up from the river bank. A.Strobel asked if you are asking for the ACE to do a study and come up with a plan to mitigate flooding. D.Powell said Carissa said she would talk with their people. D.Powell asked her how do we move this along? There’s not only matching funds depending on program, 65/35, there is a commitment of maintaining it afterwards. A.Strobel asked if there was a natural way to deal with the water. He asked if she would continue discussion with ACE person (Carissa) E.Pain added that we are just seeking recommendations on how to proceed. D. Powell asked are we committed to protecting the historic resource? A.Strobel agreed we could vote on proceeding with engaging with the stakeholders. A.Strobel made motion that we should continue to engage, by E.Pain, Chairman Smith and D.Powell and whoever appropriate to continue discussion with the ACE to advance investigation to address water related issues at the park. A.Strobel First, J.Heffernan Seconded. Motion passed. D.Powell mentioned the ACE did ask if it was ever considered to raise the house. R.Karp brought up climate change. D.Powell pointed out climate change gives a lot of cover to flooding issue; all the new development along the valley, fields that are now pavement – the water has to go somewhere. E.Pain said he thought the ditch is contributing to the water intrusion to the site.

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None

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None.

IX. Public Comment
Bob Roth brought up need to install two coat hooks on the bathroom door.

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