

# Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee \*\* Monthly Meeting Agenda \*\* June 29, 2015

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Financial Report, 3 BHPC accounts

- April 6<sup>th</sup> financial report still accurate.
- Review of BHPC accounts.
- Donation by Blair Academy as thank you for walking tour. \$200

## Invitations/Upcoming Events :

- **July 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday Event 11:00 to 4:00 – BHPC Tent at Footbridge Park + Walking Tour 2:00**
- July 21 (Tues), 22 (Wed) ,23 (Thurs)- Cleaning up, reorganizing, cataloging the archive room.
- August 7<sup>th</sup> – Blairstown Emergency Services FD, Ambulance and Police will have open house.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 – BHPC Main Street Guided - Walking Tour
- November 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Chris – Ladies of First Presbyterian Church

## Current Research for plaques, etc:

- *Was Benjamin Smith/Smyth of Walpack the person who built our two mills in town and origin of the name "Smith's Mills". Is Benjamin Smith of Walpack actually buried at the Blair Cemetary? Boy Scout documentation by Alex Mescall – July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 BHPC newsletter.*
- 1825 date on stone at Old Mill – (Snell and Rusling say 1819, in 1905 Buttz descendent says 1825) Cynthia found will of Jacob Buttz and map does not show either Hankinson's mill or Smith's mills, although other landmarks are shown. Martin is checking at Blair to find out about possible stone on mill.

## Old Business:

- Applications received for Tom Cramer and Martin Miller, will be presented at July 8<sup>th</sup> town committee meeting
- Elliot Trommald, message from Martin Miller
- Chris recap of Blairstown Alumni Association banquet.
- Recap of meeting with Craig and Kaye Evans, residents of home that was former JIB store.
- Blairstown Website Update – Chris – no change.
- George Branigan Photo – Ken
- Boy Scout's Founder, Benjamin Smyth Connection – Steve
- Sussex County Freeholder - History CD - Steve
- Blairstown Presbyterian – Scans/Copies or Pics of Blair 1839 Church Doc and Baptism Book – Dave

## JULY 4 Event at Footbridge –

8:00 meet at Municipal building for tables, etc.-Park opens to public at 10:30 - Main Street Walking Tour at 2:00.

- Tent – Theo
- Tables and event props/memorabilia etc. – Steve and all help in Steve's truck.
- Folding Chairs (10) – Dave
- Sign in list - "Friends of Blairstown Historic" mailing list – Snail mail and email – Chris
- American Flag – Steve
- Walking tour map
- Horror poster printing update
- Pack all items at Wed 7/1 Workshop – Chris, Cyn, Barb. Memorabilia, JIB Pins, JIB stand up, posters, donation jars, tablecloths, decorations, Christmas bulbs, etc.

Adjourn - **Next meeting – Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00, municipal building.**