

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2022

Township Liaison Betty Ann Fort called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. She announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised.

PRESENT: Committee Members Sheila Paciullo, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, Mario Orlandi, Sarah John, Rene Rao, Helen Farrant, Museum Director Margaret Smith, and Township Liaison Betty Ann Fort were in attendance. A quorum of Committee members was present. Consultant Michael Cuba was in attendance

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from December 2nd were reviewed. Mario Orlandi motioned for approval, as amended, and Nancy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**BUSINESS –
ELECTIONS:**

Chair: Sheila Paciullo nominated Rene Rao for chair. Helen Farrant seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice chair: Sarah John nominated Sheila Paciullo for Vice Chair. Joyce Lykes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Sheila Paciullo nominated Nancy O'Malley for Treasurer. Joyce Lykes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary: Helen Farrant nominated Sarah John for Secretary. Joyce Lykes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The committee reviewed and discussed the report.

BUDGET:

CHPP Grant: Margaret has submitted the final report.

HPG/Open Space grant -Margaret has submitted the grant agreement to the Hunterdon County Dept. of Planning after receiving approval from the Readington Township Committee.

Additional Grant Opportunities:

NJ Historic Trust Capital Level I Grant -Preserve NJ Historic Pres. Fund is a possibility. Margaret signed up for a January workshop in order to learn more, and will pass the joining information along to other interested committee members.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Chris Pickell's fee will need to be increased to \$7750 to include architectural plans for the roof in addition to his plans for the porch. Sheila made a motion to add \$1500 to the original approved amount of \$6,250 to bring the total to \$7750 for the architectural plans. Joyce seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ramp: The township is preparing to raise the ground up to the stoop.

Eversole-Hall:

- See notes under “Other” for our question/answer session with Michael Cuba.

Cold Brook School:

- Nothing at this time

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: past

- None since the last meeting

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: upcoming

Upcoming Programming:

Lectures:

June - Dana Bala – Cookbook over the centuries

July - David Reading -Local cemeteries and Readington descendants

August - Gregory Herman - Indian burial grounds on top of Cushetunk Mountain

Open House:

October - Enslowes -All Hallows’ Eve

School Programs

The Three Bridges dates for 3rd grade visit to Townhall and the Eversole-Hall House were rescheduled due to conflicts. The dates now are:

Whitehouse School 3rd grade trips will be May 18th and May 19th, with rain dates for May 20th and May 23rd. (2 classes of approx. 35 students attend the first day, and 3 classes of approx. 45 students attend the second day.)

Three Bridges School 3rd grade trips will be May 25th and June 1 with rain dates of June 6th and June 8th (2 classes of approx. 36 students each day.)

OTHER:

Meeting Dates for 2022:

Nancy made a motion to schedule the following meeting dates for 2022 for the first Thursday of each month. Sheila seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Month	Dates	Month	Dates
January	6	July	7
February	3	August	4
March	3	September	1
April	7	October	6
May	5	November	3
June	2	December	1
		January 2023	5

The committee discussed the virtues and challenges of leaving the meetings as virtual. Helen made a motion that meetings will be held virtually through July of 2022 and then the committee will reevaluate based on current health data. Nancy seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Art Series

The committee discussed and viewed a policy for the Art Series, as well as a waiver for liability regarding artwork.

Question and Answer session with Consultant Michael Cuba

Our historical consultant Michael Cuba attended the meeting to discuss his findings with the Eversole-Hall house. He provided an overview of his report, focusing on the gravest of the findings. The items of utmost importance involve removing the excess moisture from the structural elements of the home. Michael Cuba suggested several avenues we could take to begin this process, and also suggested where we should reach out for further information and expert guidance. To begin, he agreed that having air quality tested is an important step.

Our Girl Scout Tatiana Hinka is asking for options for volunteer time. She is going to clean all 150 of the letters that go on the Hall House sign for us.

ADJOURNMENT: Sheila moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah John
Secretary