

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
February 2, 2023

Vice-Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the meeting to order at 7:35 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, Sarah John, Nancy O'Malley, Mario Orlandi, Museum Director Margaret Smith, and Township Liaison Vincent Panico were in attendance. Rene Rao and Helen Farrant were absent. A quorum of Committee members was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from January 5th, 2023 were reviewed. Mario motioned for approval of the amended minutes, and Nancy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS –

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

BUDGET:

- **CHPP 2023** Awarded 2023 CHPP Grant. There will be a recipient recognition meeting on February 7th

- **Hunterdon County Historic Preservation Grant**
The application is finished, shared with the Township, and sent on to the county for review.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- **House Roof**
 - Project to begin in early March, weather permitting.
- **Walking Bridge**
 - The walking bridge has now been reinforced and replaced by the Township Buildings and Grounds.
- **Porch**
 - Grant request submitted for funding porch replacement

Eversole-Hall:

- Nothing at this time

Cold Brook School:

- Nothing at this time

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: past

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Upcoming Programming and Events:

Partners in History- School Programs

- **School Groups**
 - **April 20,21,24,25, Rain 26, 28** HBS fifth grade at BSF
 - **May 15,16, Rain 18,19** TBS third grade at EHH/Town Hall
 - **March 22, 28, 29, 30, 31** WHS first grades at BSF

OTHER:

Hunterdon Historic Archives:

Margaret toured the county archives. There are some older maps and paintings in the BSF attic that would possibly be better preserved on the county level. Don Cornelius, the manuscript curator at the HCHS and the state archive building, would be able to come and see our collections to determine if any of our items would be better preserved in the humidity, temperature, and insect controlled space at the county. The caveat would be that once we give it to the county, it no longer belongs to Readington.

Book donation offer to Museums or archives:

Mike Whelan, offered a book of Laws of the State of New Jersey from 1800 with an inscription on the inside for the clerk of Readington NJ. The committee would like to see the inscription to consider if it would be best kept in our collection or if it would be more appropriate for the Hunterdon County Archives.

Request to detect:

John Murphy, a solo metal detector enthusiast, requested permission to detect property. The committee decided we would prefer to continue working with just the group that had already explored the property.

Goals and Missions Five Year Plan:

The committee reviewed and discussed our Five Year Plan, reviewing the upcoming projects and the timeline for those projects.

Hunterdon Happenings:

The museums was nominated in the Hunterdon Happening Best Places Museum Nominations:

Places: Historic Spot -Bouman-Stickney Farmstead

Places: Museum -The Readington Museums

ADJOURNMENT: Sarah moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mario seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah John
Secretary