

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUMS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 7, 2023

Chairman Rene Rao called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 Rene Rao, Sarah John, Nancy O'Malley, Joyce Lykes, Mario Orlandi, Sheila Paciullo, Helen Farrant, and Museum Director Margaret Smith were in attendance. Township Committee Liaison Vincent Panico was absent. A quorum of Committee members was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from August 3rd, 2023 were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve as amended, and Joyce seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**BUSINESS –**

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

**BUDGET:**

**PROPERTIES:**

*Bouman Stickney Farmstead:*

- **Emergency Exit:** no new information
- **New Kiosks:** Two new kiosks were installed up at the parking lot, with one specifically designated for museum use
- **Driveway:** The driveway was chip/sealed by the township DPW. They plan to give it another coat in two years.
- **Guest House:**
  - Margaret met with asbestos technicians to grab samples from the kitchen. The results will be sent to public works.
  - While working on the long-term plan, Margaret looked into the oil tank removal status from 2006. According to archived Museums minutes, it appears that the oil tanks were removed and remediated, but Township Permitting will check for official records.
  - The electrical panel is badly rusted and Buildings and Grounds will have an electrician look at it.
- **New Roof-** the new roof needs treatment to protect it from UV exposure now, and will again in 18-24 months.

*Eversole-Hall:*

- Nothing at this time

*Cold Brook School:*

- Nothing at this time

**PROGRAMS/EVENTS:** past

- **Movie filming:** *Fathers Day* took place on Museums property on Aug. 5th, and 6th
- **August 4 Flag lecture:** 30 visitors, 4 Board Members, 3 volunteers

- **August 25 Witchcraft lecture:** 65 visitors, 4 Board Members, 3 volunteers. Parking went incredibly well, too!
- **Friday Mornings at the Museum:** Children's Camp Aug. 4 (canceled), 11, 18, and 25. An average of 5 Campers and 2 volunteers

### **PROGRAMS/EVENTS:**

#### **Upcoming Programming and Events:**

- **September 9th Music Program** - History of American Popular Song
- **October 8th-** Metal Detecting
- **October 14th-** Barn Dance
- **November 5th-** Open House- cross-stitch demonstration

### **OTHER:**

**Long Range Plan:** The committee started working on revising the long range plan from 2006 in order to bring it up to date. The committee will review the prior plan and make revisions at the next meeting.

**Social Media:** For the time being, the Museums Director will continue to maintain the social media platforms on behalf of the Museums Committee.

**Rockafellows Mill Artifacts:** Margaret claimed some items of interest for the Museums from the recently acquired property, and buildings and grounds will move those items to the guesthouse at BSF.

**Eversole-Hall House Sign Use Request:** Well Testing in October will be featured in between Museums programming

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sarah moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah John  
Secretary