

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
January 5, 2023

Vice-Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the meeting to order at 7:34 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, Helen Farrant, Joyce Lykes, Sarah John, Nancy O'Malley, and Museum Director Margaret Smith were in attendance. Rene Rao, Mario Orlandi, and Township Liaison Vincent Panico were absent. A quorum of Committee members was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from December 1st, 2022 were reviewed. Sarah motioned for approval of the amended minutes, and Nancy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**BUSINESS –
ELECTIONS:**

Chair: Sarah John nominated Rene Rao for chair. Sheila Paciullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Secretary: Sheila Paciullo nominated Sarah John for Secretary. Helen Farrant seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

BUDGET:

- **CHPP 2023** Our grant was approved in the amount of \$3,800. The Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission would like to recognize all grant recipients at one of the upcoming Board of County Commissioners meetings. The date will be either January 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. or February 7, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
 - The committee discussed the findings and recommendations of the commission, and started brainstorming ideas for how to improve aspects of the application for next year.

- **Hunterdon County Historic Preservation Grant**
Margaret reviewed the application and began reviewing the materials and documents needed to submit for the BSF porch. Rich Sheola suggested that the committee request \$175,000.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- **House Roof**

- Project to begin in early March, weather permitting. Sheila expressed concern about overlap with school programs and debris if those events overlap. The committee decided to wait and see if there is a problem before reacting to the potential situation.
- **Walking Bridge**
 - The walking bridge over to the guest house was removed for reconstruction by Township Buildings and Grounds. The bridge will be out for an unknown period of time.

Eversole-Hall:

- Nothing at this time

Cold Brook School:

- Nothing at this time

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: past

- **Metal detecting club** with Mitchell Speert
The second visit revealed a few pieces, including a chain and a nail.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

Upcoming Programming and Events:

- **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:

Volunteers:

- Tatiana continues to clean letters for the sign in front of the Eversole Hall House.

Meeting Dates for 2023:

The committee reviewed and approved the following meeting dates for the upcoming year:

2023-24 Readington Township Museums' Committee Meeting Schedule

Month	Dates	Month	Dates
February	2	August	3
March	2	September	7
April	6	October	5
May	4	November	2
June	1	December	7
		January 2024	4

The Museum Committee meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Until further notice, meetings will be held virtually.

ADJOURNMENT: Sarah moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah John
Secretary