

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUMS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
September 5, 2024

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, Sheila Paciullo, Joyce Lykes, Sarah John, Nancy O'Malley, Christina Spring, and Museum Director Margaret Smith were in attendance. A member of the public was present. Member Mario Orlandi and Township Committee Liaison Vincent Panico were absent. A quorum of Committee members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from August 1, 2024 were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve, and Joyce seconded. Joyce, Christina, Sarah, Sheila, and Nancy voted in favor. Rene did not vote, as she was absent from the meeting.

BUSINESS –

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

BUDGET:

- CHPP Grant – 2025 Application – submitted to the Township Committee for review.
- For the next meeting, the committee will brainstorm a wishlist of items for the remaining 2024 budget funds.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- There is evidence of carpenter bee damage in several boards of the barn. Public Works says that they are too busy to do the work right now. Sarah asked if this kind of repair work needs SHPO approval, and Margaret said she'd check with Pat Fisher-Olsen from the Historic Preservation Commission.

Eversole-Hall:

- The fence still needs more staining. Margaret will put out a request for volunteers on the sign in front of the house.
- Margaret will seek quotes for repainting the house.

Cold Brook School:

- Margaret bought a smoke detector to replace the expired one

Taylor's Mill:

- Repair work has begun from the earthquake damage

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: Past Programs

- Friday Aug. 2- Lecture on the History of Raw Milk by Dr. Edward Tindall DVM: 30 visitors and 4 volunteers
- Friday Mornings at the Museums: 8/9: 3 children and 2 volunteers; 8/16: 4 children and 1

- volunteer
- Friday Aug 23- Lecture on the Revolutionary World of the Free Black Soldier by Larry Kidder: 12 visitors and 4 volunteers

Upcoming Programming and Events:

- Sunday September 8- Open House- Beer Brewing by Michael Carver 11-4 Chrissy, Rene, Sheila, and volunteer Sharon can help out.
- Sunday, October 6- Open House 1-4 at BSF
- Saturday, October 12- Barn Dance 7-9pm

2024 Program Schedule

Date	Program	Presenter
09/08/24	Beer Brewing	Michael Carver
10/06/24	OH	
10/12/24	Barn Dance	Betsy Gotta
11/03/24	OH	
12/08/24	Dutch Christmas	Enslows

Discuss The Dorothy Stickney Art Series Program: nothing at this time

Program Director Search:

-A viable candidate submitted a resume. Margaret reached out to the candidate for an interview, but she had already taken another job.

OTHER:

-A new teenage volunteer and neighbor to the Bouman Stickney Farmstead property has been helping with submitting advertisements to various digital sources.

ADJOURNMENT: Nancy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah John
Secretary