

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUMS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
December 5, 2024

Chairman Rene Rao 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 Rene Rao, Sheila Paciullo, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, and Christina Spring were in attendance. Members Mario Orlandi and Sarah John were absent. A quorum of Committee members was present. Assistant Museums Director Margaret Smith was present. Museums Director- in training, Emily Jerzewski was absent. Township Committee Liaison Vincent Panico was absent. One member of the public was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from November 7, 2024 were reviewed. Joyce made a motion to approve with changes noted, and Nancy seconded. Joyce, Rene, Sheila, Nancy voted in favor. Christina did not vote, as she was absent from that meeting.

BUSINESS –

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The committee reviewed and discussed the report prepared by Margaret Smith, Assistant Museums Director.

BUDGET:

- The Committee discussed requesting that any remaining funds from the 2024 Museums Budget be applied to the fund needed for Bouman-Stickney porch repair.
- The CHPP Grant final report must be completed, as mentioned by Margaret Smith.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman-Stickney Farmstead:

- Pat Fisher Olsen, Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee, met with Margaret, Emily, and Rene to look at the carpenter bee damage on the walls of the barn. She said minor repairs could be made without requiring a historic contractor.
- The committee spoke about the status of the porch work, but no update was available.

Eversole-Hall:

- It was recommended that painting and staining wait until Spring/Summer due to the weather.

Cold Brook School:

- The Township Committee announced funding for the roof replacement. The work should be done in 2025. However, the Museums Director and Assistant Director still had not been notified or given the details.

Taylor's Mill:

- Nothing at this time.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: Past Programs

Homeschool Program- November 13 In attendance were 14 children and parents.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: Upcoming Programs

- Sunday, December 8- Dutch Christmas Committee discussed that volunteers are needed at the event and for decorating, to be done Dec. 5-7, timing to be determined based on volunteers. Cookie bakers also needed.
- Possible programs for 2025 and the 250th are being considered.

Discuss The Dorothy Stickney Art Series Program: Committee said due to lack of program ideas and volunteers, the topic will be removed for 2025

OTHER:

ADJOURNMENT: Nancy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Paciullo, Vice Chair RMC