

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUMS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
February 6, 2025

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 Assistant Museum Director Margaret Smith and Museum Director in Training Emily Jerzewski 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 December 5, 2024 were reviewed. Joyce made a motion to approve as amended, and Nancy seconded. Joyce, Rene, Christina, Sheila, and Nancy voted in favor. Sarah did not vote, as she was absent from the meeting.

**BUSINESS –
ELECTIONS:**

Chair: Sarah John nominated Rene Rao for chair. Christina Spring seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice chair: Rene Rao nominated Sheila Paciullo for Vice Chair. Christina Spring seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary: Nancy nominated Sarah John for Secretary. Joyce seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Sarah John nominated Nancy O’Malley for Treasurer. Christina Spring seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Schedule for 2025

Month	Date	Month	Date
January	9*	August	7
February	6	September	4
March	6	October	2
April	3	November	6
May	1	December	4
June	5	January ‘26	8*
July	10		

Sheila made a motion to approve the dates for the 2025 year. Nancy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Programming for 2025: The committee reviewed the dates and proposed programming for 2025. Discussion points included options for presenters in the unassigned spots, as well as concerns over needing more adult volunteers to help with the school programs. See dates and schedule in minutes below, under Upcoming Programs.

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

BUDGET:

- CHPP Grant – approved for \$9,000 this year

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Porch- no updates at this time

Eversole-Hall:

- Nothing at this time

Cold Brook School:

- Pat Fisher-Olsen helped to complete the Design Review Application for the roof project and the State Historic Preservation Office Application was submitted.
- Cedar shakes and a contractor were chosen.

Taylor’s Mill:

- Nothing at this time

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: Past Programs

December 8 Sinterklaasfeest

- o 50 adults, 12 kids, 9 volunteers
- o Enslows, Klaus, and Joyce’s crafts were a success!

February 2 Open House

- o 45 visitors, 3 volunteers, 2 staff
- o A surprisingly large visitation for a non-program event!

Upcoming Programming and Events:

Open House March 2 - Chocolate Making with Susan McLellan Plaisted- volunteers needed, especially for helping with parking guidance.

Date	Event
04/06/25	18th c. Clothing
05/04/25	Lafayette: Music for the Marquis
05/31/25	Barn Dance
06/27/25	Lecture - Colonial Soldier
07/25/25	Lecture - Cocktails

08/15/25	Lecture - Stanton History
09/07/25	TBD (music group?)
10/05/25	TBD (Possibly Janine Quimby and Jen Kaltenbach-witches/midwife lecture with apothecary)
10/11/25	Barn Dance
11/02/25	TBD maybe lace
12/07/25	Dutch Christmas

Upcoming School Programs:

Date	Time	School/Grades	Location of Program
3/17	12:30 - 1:40	WHS First Grades	BSF
3/19	12:30 - 1:40	WHS First Grades	BSF
3/21	12:30 - 1:40	WHS First Grades	BSF
3/24	12:30 - 1:40	WHS First Grades	BSF
3/26	12:30 - 1:40	WHS First Grades	BSF
4/2	9:30-11:00	TBS First Grades	BSF
4/3	9:30-11:00	TBS First Grades	BSF
4/10	9:30-11:00	TBS First Grades	BSF
4/11	9:30-11:00	TBS First Grades	BSF
4/28	9:00-11:45	HBS Fifth Grades	BSF
4/29	9:00-11:45	HBS Fifth Grades	BSF
5/1	9:00-11:45	HBS Fifth Grades	BSF
5/2	9:00-11:45	HBS Fifth Grades	BSF
5/5 rain date	9:00-11:45	HBS Fifth Grades	BSF
5/6 rain date	9:00-11:45	HBS Fifth Grades	BSF

5/19	9:15-11:45	WHS Third Grades	EHH/MB
5/20	9:15-11:45	WHS Third Grades	EHH/MB
6/4	9:00-11:45	TBS Third Grades	EHH/MB
6/6	9:00-11:45	TBS Third Grades	EHH/MB
6/9 rain date	9:00-11:45	TBS Third Grades	EHH/MB
6/10 rain date	9:00-11:45	TBS Third Grades	EHH/MB

Looking ahead to the 250th:

- June 7 2026– Rug Hookers program in the barn with coordinating for the 250th

OTHER:

Lynn Henderson, founder of the non-profit NJ Animeals and Lisa Hall, president of the non-profit Readington Trail Association, would like to attend the next meeting to talk about the potential for creating a community memorial for people's pets on the Bouman Stickney property.

ADJOURNMENT: Sarah moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah John
Secretary