

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

approved

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Chairperson Betty Ann Fort called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

**PRESENT:** Betty Ann Fort, Nancy O'Malley, Rich Grohoski, Joyce Lykes

**ALSO PRESENT:** Museum Administrator A. Hollander, Mike and Patrick Hanrahan

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Museum Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from November 19, 2005. Rich Grohoski made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Noted

**REPORT ON HALL HOUSE:** Mike Hanrahan, Architect presented an update on the Hall House Restoration project. The Township received two bids in December: one from Hahr construction at \$86,000 and one from Circelli construction at \$75,000. The firm recommended after a review of both bids to accept the Circelli Bid. This recommendation was presented at the Township Meeting on December 19 and the contract was awarded. The bid included three alternates. The firm recommends that we spend the additional \$8500 on storm windows for the house. Darlene Mitchell at the Township will be sending out the contracts and processing them. Museum Committee will rent a truck and storage unit and have the contents of the house moved out by February 1. Mike will contact the Trust with all the necessary information and Circelli with the start date. Administrator will attend weekly meetings once construction begins. The April Newsletter will address the paint color.

**ELECTION OF OFFCIERS:** Joyce Lykes nominated Betty Ann Fort for Chair. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Joyce Lykes nominated Jim Horvath for Vice Chair. Nancy O'Malley seconded the Motion. All voted in favor.

**MEETING DATES FOR 2006:** The Museum Committee will continue to hold meetings the first Thursday and Third Saturday of the Month at 7:30 pm and 9:30am respectively. The Saturday meeting will focus on work projects.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Hall House: Date set on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am to move the collection to storage. Administrator will try to rally volunteers, will arrange for a rental truck to move the boxes and will procure a padlock for the storage unit from Kevin Fisher. Jim Horvath will contact Stowaway Storage to rent a unit for three months. Administrator will contact cub scout troop scheduled for a program that morning and reschedule later in the day.

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Ann Reno Barn: Joyce Lykes proposed a resolution to lend the Township up to \$2000 from the Museum Trust to pay for the fumigation and storage of the historic Ann Reno Barn which will eventually be rebuilt as part of an environmental Center at the P. Lomar property. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Guest House: To date, a gravel road was put in. All the rough plumbing was completed. The walls have been framed out, but the stair has not been framed. Administrator will touch base with Kevin Fisher regarding the oil tank removal.

Exhibit Review: We had approximately 120 people attend the exhibit. The photographer gave us the photos with their mats. Administrator will make an archival portfolio with images and possible a power point presentation. Administrator recommended that the annual exhibit be moved to the fall or spring.

Holiday reception: Administrator suggested that the reception be held at the Sunday Open House next year. Administrator will see about booking a program on Colonial Dance and music for this occasion.

Fence report: Fence installed looks good. Gate was placed on the wrong side. Rudl Fencing said this is because it was the only section that wasn't sloped. The Committee voted to leave the gate where it is.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

ALHFAM Conference: Joyce Lykes made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$350 plus mileage for the Administrator to attend the regional conference in Sleepy Hollow. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Administrator will contact historic Dutch house in the region and visit them in conjunction with conference.

Bryer Tree- Richard Breyer's wife has asked if she can donate a flowering tree to the museum in Richard's name. Committee has approved and would like to add a bench from our budget in his name as well. Administrator will look into native flowering possibly fruit bearing trees.

Kas: Municipal Law will not allow the museum to purchase objects at auction. Administrator will get several estimates on making a reproduction Kas for the museum.

Newsletter: Text edited and approved with changes.

Memorial Day Parade: Administrator will contact school district about children for School house parade. 2 children per grade from 3-8. Rich will dress as school master.

Encumbered budget—Administrator will get estimate for Cold Brook School Fence.

Nancy O'Malley made a motion to adjourn at 9:40pm. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*ADJOURNMENT:* The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm. Respectfully submitted  
Amy Hollander, Museum Administrator