

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Approved

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Vice Chairperson Jim Horvath called the meeting to order at 9:40am

**PRESENT:** Jim Horvath, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, Rich Grohoski

**ALSO PRESENT:** Museum Administrator A. Hollander, Michael J. Mills, Architect

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Museum Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from February 19, 2005. Nancy O'Malley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Noted

Nancy O'Malley made a motion to approve the inclusion of a photo of a Readington Museum Quilt in a book on Hunterdon County Quilts. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Nancy O'Malley made a motion to approve sending the Museum Administrator to a timber framing workshop in April for up to three days and two nights at \$100 a night and \$35 dollars a day plus a \$30 budget for meals and 30 cent/ mile travel. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All voted in favor

CAP Assessment—Michael Mills, AIA presented his credentials and reviewed the process for the Assessment. This would constitute a one day walk through to determine the needs of the buildings and a comprehensive report detailing his recommendations as a professional. His fee would be \$4,500 including all expenses. He estimated Paul's fee to be at \$4,000. After the presentation, Mr. Mills toured the property, and the Museum committee discussed the resumes and references of both Mr. Mills and the collections Assessor working with him, Paul Himmelstein. Rich Grohoski made a motion to allow the finance committee to authorize the professional service contracts with Michael Mills and Paul Himmelstein not to exceed \$8,500 subject to the approval of the Township Committee. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All Approved.

Hall House—The administrator met with the Architecture Firm of Clarke Caton and Hintz. They will bear the responsibility of administrating the trust grant, the administrator will attend regular project meetings and facilitate the paper work between the township, the trust and the architectural firm.

Guest House—Currently there is an issue of the zoning for the guest house. Jim Horvath and Betty Ann Fort are working with the township to establish with the zoning officer that the Township is not subject to its own zoning rules.

WHIP—Administrator reported on the meeting with WHIP, Pheasants forever, the Museum, and the Township. Work will begin this year clearing field seven in the fall of 2005. The rest of the clearing will be done in 2006 and then all the fields will be planted.

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The Township will be coordinating the funds for this project. The administrator will facilitate onsite work.

Eagle Scout—Administrator will coordinate with local scout leader to put together project for Eagle Scout Ritchie Adesso.

Trails—Administrator will contact Al Rebovich to see if he wishes to take lead on this project still.

First grade—Program was successful. The Democrat published a wonderful article

House Tour for Managers of State Owned Historic Sites—12 Managers attended morning tour and afternoon round table discussion at the Museum.

Lecture Series—Flyer Approved as amended image of Taylor's Mill to replace Red Mill.

Facility Improvement—Cold Brook School Window repaired, paint cleaned. There is a leak in Bathroom at BSF. Administrator will report to Kevin Fischer.

Newsletter approved as amended.

Personnel—Administrator evaluation process discussed

New Business—

Ordinance—Jim Horvath reviewed ordinance to establish the museum committee. He resolves that the finance committee to be limited to three members of the museum committee. All voted to pass the resolution. Jim Horvath appoints Joyce Lykes and Nancy O'Malley to the finance committee and will serve as the third member subject to the approval of the chairperson of the Museum Committee.

Nancy O'Malley made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

*ADJOURNMENT:* The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hollander  
Museum Administrator