

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

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Vice Chairperson Jim Horvath called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Museum Administrator A. Hollander

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Museum Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from May 5, 2005. Nancy O'Malley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

We have spent \$4,918.54 to date

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Noted

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Cold Brook School—Great press in the Ledger. Several calls in response to the article. Administrator will contact Tewksbury for the money for the program.

Hunterdon Youth Facility—Administrator has spoken with the program supervisors and has requested that only students who require community service hours will be sent, or anyone who shows a strong interest in volunteering.

Barn Dance—Committee discussed changing the format of this event due to its sparse attendance. It was suggested that we will again host a spring and fall dance at the Bouman Stickney Farmstead, but that we reserved the daytime community events to the Hall House (once it is restoration is finished) which is more visible and might draw a larger crowd. The Administrator will draw up a proposal for this which may coordinate with Demonstrations of Historic Baseball.

Lecture Series—Administrator will ask the Mayor to announce the lecture series at the Township Meeting. Administrator will print 300 flyers to be distributed by members of the Museum Committee. Administrator will call Elric Endersby to see if he has need of any supplies. Administrator will contact Kevin Ficher regarding acquiring chairs and tables for the event. Rich Grohoski and Jim Horvath will meet at the Museum at 5 pm to set up parking lot, lights and put out signs. Nancy O'Malley and Joyce Lykes will coordinate the refreshments and meet to set up on Friday at 6pm.

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Pheasants Forever—At the last meeting it was decided that the field in front of the Bouman Stickney house would not be seeded with native grasses and that the funds allocated for this would be redirected to the removal of the invasive plants like multiflora rose as well the additional planting of winter fruit bearing trees which will provide sustenance for the native birds in these habitats.

Volunteers—Administrator has scheduled a call for volunteer meeting on Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> and has requested that all Committee Members be in attendance. Jim Horvath will post a sign at the Hall House.

Summer Intern—Leslie Lykes will be appointed the summer camp and collections intern

Horn Book—Museum Committee voted to table discussions about selling horn books at the museum. Administrator will run the samples by Betty Ann Fort, Daniela Johnson and some of the Readington Teachers for their opinion.

Liberty Village Outlet—Requested brochures to put in their information center. Administrator will send them out. Administrator will revise the brochures to include a calendar of events

Fences--\$1500 was set aside for the fence budget at the Hall House. It will be stockade on three sides and picket on one. It will be made of cedar and the height will be four feet. Administrator will ask Richie Adesso if he can construct the areas of the fence that are near the house, but not install them until after the preservation project is completed.

Garden—Administrator will call neighbor to get wood for garden beds

Capital Funds—Vita Mekovetz asked the committee to submit any Capital budget requests to her. The Museum Committee has decided that they would like to complete the projects on hand before more money is requested.

Plaster—Administrator will contact plasterer interviewed in Hunterdon Life Magazine for quotes on work on the first floor of the Farmstead.

*ADJOURNMENT:* The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hollander  
Museum Administrator