

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING
December 7, 2006

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

PRESENT: Betty Ann Fort, Jim Horvath, Nancy O'Malley, Erin Brennan, Joyce Lykes, Rich Grohoski

ALSO PRESENT: Museum Administrator A. Hollander, David and Marie Mattera

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tabled until next meeting

CORRESPONDENCE: Noted

Acknowledgement of Scout Bridge Project

OLD BUSINESS:

Bouman-Stickney Farmstead

Bridge: Road Department and Buildings and Grounds lifted plate off and cleared rotted wood. Administrator made drawing of structure. Stone wall needs some repointing but structure is sound. Wood timber beams need sistering and planking needs to be replaced. Betty Ann will speak with zoning board engineer about design issues. Work will have to wait until spring. River will have to be diverted for stone work. Side rails will need to be repaired/replaced as well.

Guest House: Kevin Fischer has proposed a Heat Pump dual system for the Guest house. The main system would be in the garage and a small secondary system set up for the meeting room. Administrator will speak to Chris Pickell re: the advisability of a heat pump for the building. Administrator will add to letter for Kevin Fischer a reminder that we would like the specs on Heat pump system re: BTU needs of the coldest day of the year.

Jim Horvath recommends the addition of a small powder room in the upstairs office with toilet and sink as well as a sink and small counter for microwave and refrigerator for this room as well. He also wants to make sure we have a small 2 burner cook stove in the meeting room. The Committee agreed. Also the committee decided to install track lighting in meeting room and in the ground floor exhibit area as well as outlets in the unfinished storage bay. Fluorescent light will remain upstairs in the office but we will ask Chris to change the double outlets upstairs to have four plugs each.

Administrator will speak to Chris Pickell and have the plans updated. Committee will reevaluate plans for any additional changes

Hall House

Betty Ann will schedule a meeting immediately with Committee members, Vita Mekovitz, Tom Carro and Administrator to discuss over budget issues and to determine who will pay which portions of this project.

Gate was installed incorrectly and Rudl will fix it at no charge

PSEG cleaned and evaluated heaters and pronounced them effective and efficient with no need to replace them

Administrator will coordinate Saturday work meetings to finish work at the Hall House

Joint Meeting with Historic Preservation Committee: Meeting is suggested for January 20 at Pat Fisher Olsen's home.

NEW BUSINESS:

DSL—Administrator will speak to township about what system they use before making any changes to the Museum's current set up

Newsletter—Committee suggests Newsletter include an article on the Boy scout Bridge and The Books Donated re: Cold brook School

Joyce Lykes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Erin Brennan, Museum Committee Member