

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 4, 2010

Acting Chairman Jim Horvath called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.. He announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised.

**PRESENT:** Jim Horvath, Erin Brennan, Helen Farrant, Betty Ann Fort, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, and Museum Administrator Amy Hollander.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The review and approval of the minutes from the December 7, 2009 meeting was tabled until February 1.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:**

*Chairman:* Jim Horvath asked for nominations for Chairman of the Committee. Erin Brennan nominated Jim Horvath and moved that the nominations be closed. Betty Ann Fort seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED,** that Jim Horvath be appointed Chairman of the Museum Committee to serve until the next organizational meeting currently scheduled for January 2011.

*Vice-Chairman:* Jim then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Erin nominated Betty Ann and moved that the nominations be closed. Helen Farrant seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED,** that Betty Ann Fort be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Museum Committee to serve until the next organizational meeting currently scheduled for January 2011.

*Treasurer:* Jim then asked for nominations for Treasurer. Betty Ann nominated Nancy O'Malley and moved that the nominations be closed. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED,** that Nancy O'Malley be appointed Treasurer of the Museum Committee to serve until the next organizational meeting currently scheduled for January 2011.

*Secretary:* Jim then asked for nominations for Secretary. Betty Ann nominated Erin Brennan and moved that the nominations be closed. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED,** that Erin Brennan be appointed Secretary of the Museum Committee to serve until the next organizational meeting currently scheduled for January 2011.

*Schedule of Meetings:* The Museum Administrator presented the 2010 Museum Committee Meeting Schedule to the Committee for review. Betty Ann moved that the schedule be approved. Nancy seconded the motion. The Committee therefore unanimously

**RESOLVED,** that the 2010 Museum Committee Meeting Schedule presented to the Committee is hereby authorized, approved and ratified.

Erin will inform the Township Administrator of the change in meeting dates and ask that the dates be advertised.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Painting:* The Administrator reported that the funds for the painting of the exterior trim of the Bouman Stickney Farmstead ("BSF") had been encumbered.

*Back Railing:* The Administrator reported that Gene Coyle & Sons Ornamental Ironworks examined the BSF back railing and determined that only the top rail had to be replaced as the balusters were affixed quite deeply into the masonry. The replacement of the railing would cost approximately \$850 and had been encumbered from the 2009 budget. The failing masonry around the balusters and the newel post could be repaired in the spring. Betty Ann moved that the encumbrance of the \$850 for the railing repair be acknowledged and ratified. Nancy seconded the motion and it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Committee hereby ratifies the encumbrance of \$850 from the Museum's 2009 budget to replace the top rail of the back railing at the Bouman Stickney Farmstead.

*Chimneys:* The Administrator reported that McPuff had cleaned the chimneys from the two hearths (three flues) but did not replace the screen guard because it was too windy. He will do this another day. The total cost was \$500.

*Windows:* The Administrator reported that she had sent a picture of the squirrel damage to the restorer but has not yet heard from him.

*BSF Front Ramp:* The Committee discussed the feasibility of replacing the plywood ramp with an earthen ramp, which would be safer and less obtrusive.

*ADA Policy:* The Administrator reminded the members of the Committee to submit their portions of the draft ADA policy as soon as possible.

*SNAP:* The Administrator reported that more work was required to transfer the files, which will be finished shortly.

*BSF Kitchen Floor:* The Committee discussed the painting project and agreed that it must be done around school programs and open houses.

*Girl Scout Appreciation:* The Committee noted the appreciation event for Troop 1527 will take place on January 8.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Budget:* The Committee agreed to discuss the 2010 budget at the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

*Fall Exhibit:* The Committee agreed to hold the Fall exhibit in November.

*Countywide Cultural Resource Network:* The Administrator mentioned a conversation she had with Terry McNealy of the Hunterdon County Historical Society. Terry thought it would be a good idea if all the cultural resource organizations in the county could join together for an event or a meeting. The

Administrator thought this would be a good opportunity to network with other county organizations and, if possible, share resources and expertise. The Committee agreed and urged her to keep abreast of its progress.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Betty Ann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned 9:30 p.m.



Respectfully submitted  
Erin Brennan, Secretary of the Museum Committee