

**THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
MEETING
May 15, 2010**

Chairman Jim Horvath called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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, Betty Ann Fort, Helen Farrant, Joyce Lykes, and Erin Brennan. A quorum of Committee members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 20, 2010: Betty Ann Fort moved that the minutes from the public session of the March 20, 2010 meeting be approved. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved. Betty Ann then moved that the minutes from the executive session of the March 20, 2010 meeting be approved. Helen Farrant seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

May 3, 2010: Betty Ann moved that the minutes from the public session of the May 3, 2010 meeting be approved as amended. Helen seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved. Betty Ann then moved that the minutes from the executive session of the May 3, 2010 meeting be approved. Helen seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Jim Horvath noted for the record that Kim Costa was hired as the Museums' new Program Director and started on May 10.

FIFTH GRADE PROGRAM:

Jim noted that Doug Milne has agreed to portray Colonel Taylor. He also noted that no provision was made to engage crafters in the event of a rain date. Helen agreed to demonstrate pottery if no other crafter were available. A rain date will be called no later than 8:00 a.m.

The Committee then discussed the preparations for the program and agreed that at the start of each session parents and other adults should be advised of proper cell phone etiquette. All cell phones should be placed on vibrate, and if the call is absolutely necessary, the caller should step out of earshot of the program to minimize disruption.

GARDENS:

The hand-over at the Eversole Hall House (the "Hall House") did not occur because of threatening thunderstorms. The scout troop that handled the Hall House in 2009 will take on the Bouman Stickney Farmstead ("BSF") garden this year. Jim will ask the Program Director to contact the other interested scout troop to see if they could take on the BSF garden next year. The Committee also agreed to place a lock on the BSF garden and to give a key to the scout troop.

BRIDGE: Jim and Betty Ann met with the Township Engineer to discuss the extent of the BSF bridge repairs. He will prepare an application for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) regarding the repair. He believed that the Township Roads Department can perform the repairs. Cost will be approximately \$1,000 for the permit and \$5,000 for the repairs.

BARN DANCE:

The May 9 barn dance was a success despite it being Mothers' Day weekend. Several new people attended, possibly because of advertising on WDVR and HCTV. The Committee agreed that WDVR and HCTV should be added to the list of recipients of press releases.

Jim noted that the 2011 spring barn dance will be held the third Saturday in May. He will also ask the Program Director to confirm the October 2010 date with Betsy Gotta.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Jim asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Betty Ann made the motion and Joyce seconded the motion and the following resolution was unanimously passed:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Museum Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist and desires to authorize the exclusion of the public from the portion of the meeting in accordance with the act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the public shall be excluded from discussion of the subject matter set forth below:

Subject Matter	Basis Of Public Exclusion	Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public
Administrative Assistant	Personnel Matters	June 30, 2010

The Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

Erin Brennan moved that the Committee return to Open Session. Joyce seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:45 a.m.

LECTURE SERIES:

Chuck Scammel has confirmed that he is still giving the June lecture.

ADJOURNMENT: Betty Ann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.



Respectfully submitted
Erin Brennan, Secretary