

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
August 2, 2012

Chairman Jim Horvath called the meeting to order at 7:37 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, Betty Ann Fort, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, Program Director Kimberly Costa and Museum Assistant Margaret Smith. A quorum of Committee members was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Erin Brennan moved to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2012 meeting, as amended. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND MUSEUM ASSISTANT'S REPORTS:** The Committee reviewed and discussed the reports. Discussion topics included minor repairs to the bridge and obtaining tax id numbers from crafters.

**PROGRAMS:**

*New School Policy:* The Committee discussed the school district's new policy regarding trips. According to the new Humanities Supervisor and Superintendent, the individual teachers will decide if their class will participate in the Museums' school programs. They are under no compulsion to do so and all expenses must be paid by parents. While all of the fourth and fifth grade classes have agreed to participate in the programs, the first and third grades have not yet responded to the Program Director's inquiries (possibly due to summer vacation). The Program Director will follow up at the end of August and Betty Ann Fort and the Program Director will set up a meeting with the Superintendent and the Humanities Supervisor to discuss the Museums' role in the school curriculum.

*July Lecture:* Twenty-seven people attended the lecture on the Camden and Amboy Railroad. The next lecture, *Ghosts of Central New Jersey*, is scheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Monday Mornings at the Museum:* The July program was a success with 15, 18, 22 and 10 children attending over the four weeks. The program will return in 2013.

*September Events:* An open hearth cooking class will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> and a stenciling demonstration will be held at the open house on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Properties:**

*Bouman Stickney Farmstead:*

Repainting: The mason repointed the stone on the west side of the house at a cost of \$1290.

Collection: The Program Director reported that all items in the kitchen, parlor, and bedroom have been photographed and entered into PastPerfect.

Valence: The insurance company assured the Program Director that a check would be sent to cover replacement of the valance that was never returned after the furnace puff back.

*Eversole Hall House:* The Program Director asked if the sidewalk in front of the house could be removed. It is not period correct and it has heaved, causing a hazard. The Committee agreed and the Program Director will contact Buildings and Grounds to have it removed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Erin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Betty Ann seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Erin Brennan".

Erin Brennan  
Secretary