

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
MEETING
December 5, 2013

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, Betty Ann Fort, Helen Farrant, and Nancy O'Malley. A quorum of Committee members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nancy O'Malley moved to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2013 meeting. Erin Brennan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed with Helen Farrant and Betty Ann Fort abstaining.

ACTING PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Committee reviewed and discussed the report.

PROGRAMS:

December 1 Open House: Thirty people attended the St. Niklaas Day event. The event was less attended than in previous years, due to the Whitehouse Fire Company Santa Claus event and the Flemington Holiday parade happening at the same time.

January Open Hearth Cooking: The cooking class to be held in January is full.

PROPERTIES:

Cold Brook School. Jim noted that Buildings and Grounds can winterize Cold Brook School.

Bouman Stickney Farmstead. Jim noted that Mr. Scammel will deliver a half load of split firewood. The Committee agreed to hold a work party to stack the wood on the 21st. Jim will also ask Chuck Waters if he can build a screen door to replace the warped door to the porch. As the door is a non-standard size, a custom made door would be too expensive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Jim Horvath asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Erin made the motion and Betty Ann Fort seconded the motion with the following resolution being 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
Program Director	Personnel Matters	March 30, 2013

The Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Erin moved that the Committee return to Open Session. Nancy seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. The Committee returned to Open Session at 8:44 p.m.

OTHER MATTERS:

Raritan Valley Dutch: Jim noted that there were several Dutch house museums throughout Central New Jersey. The Committee discussed ways to reach out to them for expertise and fellowship.

Nancy noted that the interim report for the New Jersey Historic Trust Grant will be due in February. She also asked about the encumbering paperwork for the beetle extermination.

ADJOURNMENT: Erin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Brennan
Secretary