

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
February 6, 2014

Erin Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. She announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised. The location had been moved to the Municipal Building due to icy conditions at the Bouman-Stickney driveway and a notice was posted there.

PRESENT: Erin Brennan, Betty Ann Fort, Helen Farrant, Nancy O'Malley, and Acting Program Director Margaret Smith (arrived at 8:10). A quorum of Committee members was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Erin Brennan asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Betty Ann Fort made the motion and Nancy O'Malley 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	April 30, 2013

The Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

Betty Ann moved that the Committee return to Open Session. Helen Farrant seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. The Committee returned to Open Session at 7:58 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nancy moved to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2013 open meeting. Betty Ann seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed. Betty Ann moved to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2013 executive session. Helen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

PROGRAMS:

January 18 Cooking Class with Connie Unangst: Six people attended and a good time was had by all.

February 2 Open House: Sweet Treats and Chocolate with Connie Unangst. Eleven people attended.

March 2 Open House: Butter making with Mercy Ingraham. The Museums must supply the cream. Betty Ann suggested contacting Readington Farms.

First Grade Program (March): Margaret Smith noted that the Three Bridges teachers have not yet responded.

Summer Lecture Series: Margaret noted that the July lecture is still open and asked for suggestions.

Stanton House History Event: Betty Ann advised that Charlie Scammell would like to hold a community event in the barn and perhaps in the house for Saturday, September 6. It will be a history of Stanton and Stanton houses as told by the current owners of those houses. It will be open to the public and be part of the Tercentennial Celebration. We will give the history of Bouman-Stickney. Betty Ann moved to approve the event. Nancy seconded the motion and it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the community event on the history of Stanton and Stanton houses to be held in the Wycoff-Wade Barn on Saturday, September 6, 2014 be, and it hereby is, approved.

Durling Farms Exhibit: Margaret noted that she was contacted by Bill Stevens, who had a collection of Durling Farms memorabilia and would like to exhibit it in the Municipal Building. She will meet with him.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead

Floor: The Committee agreed to have Jim Horvath contact Brick Floor Tile Inc. and ask if they have installers in the NJ/PA area.

Grounds Rentals: Margaret noted that the October wedding was cancelled. She refund the bride's deposit less a \$50.00 fee.

Margaret then presented the application of Lisa Ragucci to reserve the Grounds and Barn for a wedding on September 20, 2014; however she had not yet provided her deposit. Betty Ann moved that the application be approved, subject to receipt of the deposit. Helen seconded the motion and it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the grounds rental application of Lisa Ragucci to hold a wedding at the Bouman Stickney Farmstead on September 20, 2014, be, and it hereby is, approved, pending receipt of deposit.

Margaret also presented the application of Mane Stream, the therapeutic riding program in Oldwick, to hold their "Boot Scootin' Bar B Que" on May 31, 2014. Betty Ann moved that the application be approved, subject to receipt of the deposit. Nancy seconded the motion and it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the grounds rental application of Mane Stream to hold a fundraiser event at the Bouman Stickney Farmstead on May 31, 2014 be, and it hereby is, approved

Eversole Hall House: Margaret noted that the Museums received a \$750 grant from Benjamin Moore to be used on a painting job. The funds will be used to repair weather damage to the south exterior wall.

OTHER:

Budget: Nancy noted that the Township took \$30,000 from the Museum Trust.

NJ Historic Trust Grant Report: Margaret noted that the report was submitted.

ADJOURNMENT: Betty Ann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Brennan
Vice-Chair and Secretary