

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 4, 2014

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, Nancy O'Malley, Joyce Lykes, Betty Ann Fort, and Program Director Margaret Smith. A quorum of Committee members was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Nancy O'Malley moved to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2014 meeting. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** The Committee reviewed and discussed the report. In particular, the Committee discussed the reduction in the NJ Historic Trust grant due to the lower salaries and expenses resulting from Kim Costa's resignation last year.

**PROGRAMS:**

*Monday Mornings:* A total of 30 children attended over the four sessions.

*Open Houses:* Bea Tassot of Tassot Apiaries will do a demonstration and lecture on September 7. The Healy's will do open hearth cooking on October 5<sup>th</sup> and Connie Unangst will do open hearth cooking on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Cold Brook School:* Terminex exterminated the powder post beetles but a boric acid residue remains on all surfaces. The Committee agreed to use the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting as a work day to clean up the school.

**PROPERTIES:**

*Bouman Stickney Farmstead*

Trees: The Committee discussed the tree pruning requirements and Bartlett's estimate. Margaret Smith will obtain two more estimates.

Pond: Margaret talked with Scott Jesseman about the pond. He advised that the pond must be sluiced and dredged.

Garden: Margaret advised that a Girl Scout would like to work on the garden for her Silver Award. The Committee requested that the Scout come to a meeting and give a presentation on her project.

**OTHER:**

*Rentals:* Margaret presented the following rental applications for approval by the Committee:

Terry Saunder	Sweet 16 Party	October 25, 2014 (resubmitted due to change in end time--10 pm)
Stephen K. Pruzick (Readington Trail Association)	Barn Dance	November 8, 2014
Laura West	Wedding	October 10, 2015

Erin Brennan moved that the applications be approved. Nancy seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

*Township Alcohol Policy:* The Committee reviewed the Township's alcohol policy for events at Township parks to ensure that the Museums' policy corresponds. The Committee agreed that both policies require clarification. Jim Horvath will discuss it with Township attorney Sharon Dragon.

*Internship:* Erin, Margaret, Betty Ann Fort and Jim will meet to draft a letter to professors.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Betty Ann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Erin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Brennan  
Vice-Chair and Secretary