

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 8, 2015

Chairman Jim Horvath called the meeting to order at 7:33 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, Helen Farrant, and Program Director Margaret Smith. A quorum of Committee members was present.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:

Election of Officers

Chairman: Jim Horvath asked for a nomination for Chairman. Erin Brennan moved that Jim Horvath be nominated as Chairman. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Vice-Chairman: Jim then asked for a nomination for Vice-Chairman. Joyce Lykes moved that Erin Brennan be nominated as Vice-Chairman. Helen Farrant seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Secretary: Jim next asked for a nomination for Secretary. Joyce moved that Erin Brennan be nominated as Secretary. Helen seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Treasurer: Jim then asked for a nomination for Treasurer. Helen moved that Nancy O'Malley be nominated as Treasurer. Erin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Meeting Schedule: Jim presented the 2015 meeting schedule to the Committee for approval, noting that meetings were scheduled for the first Thursday and third Saturday of each month, and that a meeting also be schedule for Thursday, January 7, 2016. Helen moved that the schedule be approved. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joyce moved to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2014 meeting, as amended. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed with Erin abstaining.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Committee reviewed and discussed the report. In particular, the Committee discussed power washing the barn and the sealant to be used.

RENTALS: The Program Director presented the following barn and grounds rental applications for approval:

Jessica Wilds and Scott Zur	June 5, 2015	Wedding
Stephanie Broad and Rod Russel	September 12, 2015	Wedding
Laura Brackeen	October 10, 2015	Wedding

Helen moved that all three applications be approved. Erin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

PROGRAMS:

First Grade: The Program Director noted that first graders from Three Bridges will meet Vrouw Bouman on March 3, 4, 5 and 6; first graders from Whitehouse will meet her on March 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Third Grade: The third grade program will be held on June 1 and 2 (Three Bridges) and June 11 and 12 (Whitehouse).

Fifth Grade: The Program Director noted that the fifth grade teachers had not yet gotten back to her with suggested dates for the program. Jim will ask Betty Ann Fort to follow up with the school.

Open Houses: Connie Unangst will do open hearth cooking on February 1st.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead

Trees: The Program Director confirmed that funds had been encumbered for tree pruning.

Bird Houses: Eagle Scout candidate Matthew Sidler gave a presentation on the completion of his project to build and place bluebird houses on the property. He presented a map of the open space surrounding the farmstead indicating the placement of the 10 birdhouses. The Committee thanked Matthew for his work and Jim asked him to write a press release on the project that the Program Director will have placed in the newspapers.

Eversole Hall House

Porch: The Committee discussed the need to replace the porch due to the rotting wood. Jim asked the Committee and Program Director to suggest carpenters to bid on the project.

Hunterdon Paint Sign: Helen presented a design of the proposed sign to the Committee. The Committee agreed on the sign.

OTHER:

Internship: Barbara Krasner and Jim met with the Township Administrator. Barbara's internship will be brought before the Township Committee on January 19th.

Budget: Nancy noted that \$14,066.44 was spent in 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: Joyce moved that the meeting be adjourned. Erin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Brennan
Vice-Chair and Secretary