

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 7, 2015

Vice Chairperson, Erin Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. She announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act had been met and that the meeting had been duly advertised.

**PRESENT:** Erin Brennan, Nancy O'Malley, Joyce Lykes, Program Director Margaret Smith, and Museum Intern, Barbara Krasner. A quorum of Committee members was present. Committee Members Betty Ann Fort, Frank Gatti, Helen Farrant and were absent. James Horvath arrived at 8:01.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** James Horvath moved to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2015 meeting. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

**SCOUT PROJECT**

Alex Jason returned to share research and plans for building a grain bin behind the screened porch of the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. His Exhibits included pictures and sketches of well with dimensions. He interviewed Chris Pickell, historical architect of Flemington, and adopted his advice to put 5 foot stakes into the ground to secure the object. He will use pine that is freshly treated and stained. Alex will fundraise and seek donations for materials. The project should take a year and a half to complete, but in any event, must be completed before Alex turns 18. The Committee asked Alex to keep them apprised of his progress.

Joyce Lykes moved that the project be approved as submitted. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

**PROGRAMS:**

*Oral History* – Barbara discussed June lecture. She will have four interviews to use and prepare for discussion.

**PROPERTIES:**

*Bouman Stickney Farmstead*

Trees: After discussion about the most appropriate trees to plant, Nancy O'Malley recommended to change tree selection to Newtown Pippin and Grimes Golden. Joyce Lykes moved to approve the new selection. James Horvath seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Wycoff-Wade Barn: James Horvath moved to approve the proposal from James Knowles to power wash and treat the barn's exterior. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Stored wood floor was moved to the Reno Barn to prevent water damage during power washing.

*Signs:*

James Horvath moved that Museums fund Whitehouse/Mechanicsville Historic District signs at reasonable price. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.

The Committee discussed the material for the signs and agreed that “MDF” would be the most cost-effective

**OTHER:**

*Donations:*

Erin Brennan moved to accept a donation of an Old Dutch Bible from Mary Harrison. James Horvath seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

Joyce Lykes moved to accept a donation of 1800 – 1900 dresses and hats from Mary Harrison of Drehook Road. James Horvath seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.

James Horvath moved to accept a donation of pictures of a Girls Camp from the 1960’s. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

Joyce Lykes moved to accept a donation of three Stickney/Lindsay books. James Horvath seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

*Exhibit:*

Crates and pictures for the egg exhibit were reviewed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Joyce Lykes moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy O’Malley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Smith  
Program Director