

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 4, 2016

Chairman Erin Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:33 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:** Committee Members Erin Brennan, Nancy O'Malley, Sheila Paciullo, Mario Orlandi, Helen Farrant, Museum Director Margaret Smith attended. A quorum of Committee members was present. Committee member, Joyce Lykes and Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort were absent. Sarah John (member of the public) attended.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Nancy O'Malley moved to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2016 meeting. Sheila Paciullo seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**BUSINESS -**

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

**GRANT:**

- Margaret met with Gabrielle Bolarakis, from Recreation, about merging with a nonprofit (501c3) group, "Friends of Readington Rec" so as to open up more grant options.
- Mario volunteered to act as the museum contact.
- There are two upcoming workshops –
  - 9/15 The mandatory ADA workshop. Margaret and Nancy will go.
  - 9/21 CHPP. Margaret will go to the evening session.

**PROGRAMS:** past

*Monday Mornings at the Musuem:*

- There were four well attended sessions.
- Sarah John said that three parents were very pleased with the program and would like to be able to have more sessions.

*July 29 Tea Lecture:*

- 21 people attended the fun and informative lecture.
- Black, Green and Oolong teas were discussed and tasted
- We collected \$95 in donations.

**PROGRAMS:** upcoming

*August 26 Lecture - Beer:*

- Set and ready to go.

*Municipal Building Exhibit:*

- All materials have been collected.
- Exhibit should be installed by next week.

*Fourth Grade at Cold Brook School:*

- Dates are set - Oct. 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.
- We will need to order more slates.

## **RENTAL POLICY:**

### *Additional Permit Fee:*

- Margaret has contacted the remaining contracted renters concerning the need for fire and tent permits – a fee of \$55. All agreed but there was some negativity toward the township.
- Mario made the motion to have the Museum absorb the permit fee for those renters. (The renters will still be required to get the permits.) Sheila seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

### *Applications:*

- Security deposit checks were received for two potential 2017 weddings. These will be returned with an explanation that reservations are on hold due to rental policy modifications.
- The committee will meet on August 20 to discuss the Rental Policy.

## **PROPERTIES:**

### *Bouman Stickney Farmstead:*

#### Security

- Installing a camera by the corn crib will require a conduit for the wiring and will double the installation price.
- Margaret will investigate other options

#### Smokehouse

- Margaret will give Derrick a copy of the tax-exempt certificate to purchase bricks.
- The smokehouse is complete but in pieces. Hinges and a lock are needed.
- Assembly will be in August.
- Placement must be determined.

#### Painting the Barn, Corn Crib, Garden Fence

- The Barn needs to be re-coated with the same product that was used last year. This is an on-going maintenance issue that should be addressed every 18 months to protect the siding.
- The Corn Crib siding should be painted in order to protect it. This is a job for a professional.
- The Garden Fence should be treated to help extend its lifespan. This is a good project for the Scouts.

#### Bees in office

- Resolved. ☺

### *Eversole-Hall:*

- Still working on the electrical issue.

### *Cold Brook School:*

- Needs a cleaning before the Fourth Grade program in October.

### *Taylor's Mill: (nothing to report)*

**OTHER:**

- The museum will participate in the Hunterdon Heritage Museum Days by being open 1-5pm on September 18 and 25.
- The museum declined the acquisition of a rope bed due to lack of room.
- Nancy made a motion to accept trees from the Open Space Advisory Board and to plant them in the appropriate places by the pond and the property line behind the barn. Sheila seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mario moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sheila seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant  
Secretary