

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING
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Administrator, Amy Hollander called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

PRESENT: Betty Ann Fort, Jim Horvath, Nancy O'Malley, Erin Brennan, Joyce Lykes, Rich Grohoski

ALSO PRESENT: Museum Administrator A. Hollander

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Jim Horvath nominated Betty Ann Fort for Chair. Rich Grohoski seconded the nomination. All voted in favor. Nancy O'Malley nominated Jim Horvath for Vice Chair. Joyce Lykes seconded the nomination. All voted in favor. Nancy O'Malley was reappointed to the Museum Committee for a three year term expiring on December 31, 2009 by the Township Committee. Jim Horvath was reappointed to the Museum Committee for a three year term expiring on December 31, 2009 by the Township Committee.

MEETING DATES: Established and published

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Museum Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from November 2, 2006. Jim Horvath made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Museum Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from December 7, 2006. Jim Horvath made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Noted

OLD BUSINESS:

Bouman-Stickney Farmstead

Bridge: John Hansen of Ferrarro Engineering and engineer for the Township Zoning Board evaluated the bridge situation and believes that the bridge can be repaired if all replacement is done in kind using wood beams, and that the opening stays the same size, and no excavation is needed for the masonry wall. Administrator will speak to Billy Hunt and Rudl Fencing to discuss costs and options. Administrator will remind Kevin to cover gap on bridge.

Guest House

Oil tank—Remediation was begun before Christmas. Due to rain the 6 foot deep hole was left open and was filled with water. The broken drain line caused the sump pump to continually fill the hole. Due to power outages the sump went off and the cellar began to fill with water. The hole should be filled by Monday with sand and covered. The restoration company will return to remove contaminated dirt and to smooth out hole and plant grass seed.

Power line—The Museum suffered a power outage due to a downed branch. JCP&L came out turned off Power. K-Electric fixed the problem and JCP&L turned it back on. Paul from K-Electric recommends laying electric underground via Schomp circle. Costs may be prohibitive. Administrator will add to long range plan.

Heat pump—Administrator will remind Kevin Fischer to provide us with efficiency report on heat system proposed. K-Electric believes the Guest House wiring to be deficient. Administrator will speak to Kevin to insure sufficient ampage to run 3 computers, heating unit, and appliances.

Hall House

Cellar Plaster—Mike Hanrahan spoke with Circelli and it has been determined that we have to cover the cost of the plaster repair in the cellar as there is no evidence that the work Circelli did caused the damage.

Grant—The Museum Committee paid for the \$7500 line item of the storm windows out of our 2006 budget. The Township paid the balance of the over budget costs for the Hall House restoration. We will pay for the oil tank remediation out of our 2006 budget and in part out of the 2007 budget. Betty Ann Fort will meet with Vita Mekovetz and Tom Carro to determine future maintenance and repair responsibility issues. She will propose a line item be put into the Township annual budget to cover any major repairs. We will make sure to report any of these issues asap to Vita as we are made aware of them.

Second Floor—BA Fort and Amy Hollander will meet to do an initial clean out

Gingerbread Program—Program was very successful bringing in over 65 people.—Next year the Committee would like to expand on this event with a holiday party, craft show, or craft classes. Committee will discuss this at next meeting.

First Grade—Administrator will send out dates

Joint Meeting with Historic Preservation Committee: Meeting scheduled for January 20 at 9 am at Pat Fisher Olsen's home at 141 Pinebank Road. Agenda will include Book project, shared space in guest house, walking tours and archives. Jim Horvath and Pat Fisher-Olsen will meet to discuss any other agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS:

Township—Betty Ann Fort proposed that the Committee meet once a year with Township Committee Liaison Frank Gatti to help keep apprised of the Township's input on the Museum's programs and growth.

Sixth Grade Program—Sue Reardon requested a program on Colonial Christmas for the annual Cultural and Heritage Fair. Administrator put program together and presented it in Dec 2006. This will be repeated in 2007 and future years as requested.

Annual Schedule—Administrator will add Memorial Day Parade to schedule as well as new exhibit dates Nov. 9-18 and our Holiday Party for Dec. 9. Administrator will speak with Kim Costa to confirm Hall House dates and ask about the inclusion of Outwater's Militia and Baseball Program to her activities.

Municipal exhibit—school books

Fall exhibit—Stickney or Vintage Clothing through the decades

Joyce Lykes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Amy Hollander, Museum Administrator