

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
May 7, 2020

Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the Webex meeting to order at 7:38 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 Sheila Paciullo, Mario Orlandi, Joyce Lykes, Nancy O'Malley, Sarah John, Rene Rao, Helen Farrant, and Museum Director, Margaret Smith were present. Township Liaison Betty Ann Fort was absent. A quorum of Committee members was present. Member of the public, Anne Owen also attended the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mario made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2020 meeting, as amended. Rene seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS –

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

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Garden Gate Lock –
 - A lock was put on the garden gate because someone was digging up the beds.
 - Now the issue is resolved and beds are in happy repose.
- Barn –
 - The barn needs to be stained/treated again.
 - Margaret will contact Jim Knowles.

Eversole-Hall:

- The committee discussed paint for the outhouse.

Cold Brook School:

- Margaret received estimates from 3 contractors.
- The committee discussed gutter placement, dimensions and color choices.
- Margaret will relay the committee's questions to the contractors.
- The committee will revisit the gutter issue in the June meeting.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: past

April and May Programs -

- All were cancelled due to the pandemic.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: upcoming

Mondays at the Museum – Summer program for children

Summer Lecture Series

- Margaret is investigating a virtual platform for the programs

OTHER:

“What is it Wednesday” -

- Every Wednesday Margaret is posting a very close-up image of an item in the collection on Instagram and Facebook. The following day Margaret fully reveals the item and provides a bit of descriptive history.

Hunting on Bouman-Stickney Property -

- Anne Owen, representative from the Readington Trail Association and Open Space Committee spoke about a new request they received regarding permission to hunt deer (bow and gun) on the property. She addressed the safety issue to people and horses.
- The committee is maintaining their decision from 2017 to not allow hunting on the property.
- Margaret will make Betty Ann aware of this situation.

ADJOURNMENT: Rene moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mario seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary