

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
June 4, 2020

Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the Webex meeting to order at 7:36 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, Museum Director, Margaret Smith and Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort were present. A quorum of Committee members was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sarah made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2020 meeting, as amended. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS –

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

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Barn Door –
 - Buildings and Grounds fixed the open door problem by making a new latch.
- Barn –
 - We need the painter to send us the final quote for staining the barn. Then the work can begin.
- Right-of-Way -
 - The committee discussed clearing the right-of-way from behind the barn to Tamarack Trail and the near the junction of Schamp Circle to provide an additional means of egress.
- Hunting –
 - Rene spoke at the Township Committee meeting and Sheila spoke at the Environmental Committee meeting on behalf of the Museum Committee. They emphasized the risks to the public should hunting on the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead property be allowed.
 - The Bouman-Stickney property has now been removed from the list of potential hunting sites for 2020.
 - The museum will write a request to have this property permanently removed from that list.

Eversole-Hall:

- Margaret installed a new flag pole.
- Margaret will ask Buildings and Grounds to de-poison ivy the area around and inside the well.

Cold Brook School:

- The committee discussed the updated gutter estimates that we received from 3 contractors.
- Sarah made a motion to contract Monteverde, to spend up to \$2500 on White 6" round gutters, 4" downspouts, drip edge and fascias. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: past

April and May Programs -

- All were cancelled due to the pandemic.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: upcoming

Camp Winnewald –

- The camp has cancelled the summer museum session.

Summer Lecture Series

- The Summer Lecture Series has been cancelled. The lecturers had difficulty embracing a virtual format.

Virtual Tour of the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead

- Margaret is compiling short video clips of the property to be posted on the website, Facebook and Instagram.

Artist Series

- Mario will get Marlene to follow-up with some of the artists about doing a short virtual teaser of their inspiration and process in art. The goal is to get the public interested in attending the series when it is held at the barn.

OTHER:

“What is it Wednesday” -

- Each week a small detail of an item from the museum’s archive is featured on Instagram and Facebook as a challenge to identify the actual item. The following day the item is revealed and the history and background is described.
- This challenge has been very successful and has received great feedback and comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Joyce moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sarah seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary