

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
July 9, 2020

Chairman Sheila Paciullo called the Webex meeting to order at 7:40 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 were present. Township Liaison, Betty Ann Fort was absent. A quorum of Committee members was present. Also present was Marlene Orlandi, a public attendee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2020 meeting, as amended. Rene seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS –

Grant

- Margaret completed and submitted the The County History Partnership Program (CHPP) interim report.
- Due to the current COVID situation, we will most likely be using only a percentage of the intended allowable uses.
- The granting agencies understand the situation and are trying to find a way that we may be able to convert the funds to be used for other purposes.

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

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Barn –
 - The invoice to stain the barn has been submitted to the township. Now we're waiting for the painter to begin.
- Right-of-Way -
 - Mario will represent the museum and comment at the next Township Committee meeting.
- Hunting –
 - While the Bouman-Stickney property has been removed for 2020, it has not yet been permanently removed.
 - The Township Committee is still discussing all properties for the future.
- Garden –
 - New volunteers are willing and ready to help with very needed weeding.

Eversole-Hall:

- Nothing to report.

Cold Brook School:

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- Gutters -
 - Margaret prepared and submitted the application and associated documentation to the historic preservation committee for approval. If we get on their agenda, we should be invited to attend their July 14th meeting for the review process.
 - Margaret also contacted the vendor and submitted the invoice to the township.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: past

Virtual Tour of the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead

- Margaret has compiled short video clips of the property and activities and posted them on the website, Facebook and Instagram.
- They're great!

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: upcoming

Lecture Series – Open House

- Revisited finding speakers/presenters willing in doing virtual presentations.

Artist Series

- Marlene Orlandi spoke about her idea to use virtual format for a Stickney, Life with Father, reading in cooperation with the Readington Theater group (Rob Nonni). She will get back to the committee once she discusses the idea with Rob Nonni.
- She also discussed the possibility of other artists doing short virtual presentations. She will follow-up.

OTHER:

Margaret will send a “thank you” note for a donation the museum received from our longtime, faithful supporter.

ADJOURNMENT: Joyce moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sarah seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Farrant
Secretary