

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUMS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 1, 2024

Chairman Rene Rao called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 Rene Rao, Sheila Paciullo, Mario Orlandi, Christina Spring, Joyce Lykes and Museum Director Margaret Smith were in attendance. Members Sarah John and Nancy O'Malley, and Township Committee Liaison Vincent Panico were absent. A quorum of Committee members was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from January 4, 2024 were reviewed. Mario made a motion to approve as amended, and Sheila seconded. Sheila, Chrissy, Mario and Sarah (in absentia) voted in favor. Rene and Joyce did not vote, as they were absent from that meeting.

**BUSINESS –**

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

**BUDGET:**

- **Grants:**

**PROPERTIES:**

*Bouman Stickney Farmstead:*

- **Emergency Exit:** no update at this time.
- **Accessibility Ramp:** Ron Christy wants to meet on site with our Museum Director and some Committee members to discuss options. Margaret will get some dates from Committee members to set up a meeting.
- **Porch Repair Update:** Township Officials Rich Sheola and Vincent Panico indicated that they want to take a look at the architect's report and estimates already received.

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*Eversole-Hall:*

- Nothing at this time

*Cold Brook School:*

- Nothing at this time

*Taylor's Mill:*

- Nothing at this time

**PROGRAMS/EVENTS:** past

- No update

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**Upcoming Programming and Events:**

- **February 4 Open House** – Volunteers needed

- **March 3 Open House-** Volunteers needed
- **April 4 Open House-** Lost Art Lacers
- **May 5 Enslows-** Washington and His Spies show
- **Viking Visionaries Day** - May 21<sup>st</sup>- About 12-15 middle school students will visit the EHH for their “Civics Day” to help with the garden and other maintenance tasks. Committee to consider ideas for the students to work on in the event of rain.

**Discuss The Dorothy Stickney Art Series Program:** nothing at this time.

**OTHER:**

**Request to film on Museum property**

- An inquiry was made by a film production company expressing interest in filming at two museum locations. The representative, a location scout, called into the meeting to describe the film storyline and their interest in filming both inside and outside the house and barn on the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead and possibly at the Eversole-Hall House. The Committee and film representative exchanged questions and answers to gather more information. The Committee expressed concerns about filming inside museum buildings and on historic property as well as having to check on the use of Township property. The film production representative was told that the Committee, Museums Director, etc. need to discuss this matter further, no commitment was given.

The Committee further discussed the filming request and many aspects that needed to be addressed. It was decided to hold a Museums Committee Special Meeting as soon as it could be scheduled.

**Long Range Plan:**

- No update at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Joyce moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mario seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Paciullo  
Vice Chair