

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUMS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 2024

Chairman Rene Rao called the meeting to order at 7:33 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, Joyce Lykes, Sarah John, Nancy O'Malley, Christina Spring, and Museum Director Margaret Smith were in attendance. A member of the public was present. Members Mario Orlandi, Sheila Paciullo, and Township Committee Liaison Vincent Panico were absent. A quorum of Committee members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from May 2, 2024 were reviewed. Joyce made a motion to approve, and Nancy seconded. Joyce, Rene, Sarah, and Nancy voted in favor. Christina did not vote, as she was absent from the meeting.

BUSINESS –

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

BUDGET:

- Nothing at this time

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- **Bridge and Porch Damage:** Both the bridge and porch were damaged in the recent storms. The township Buildings and Grounds cleaned out the runoff and gravel piles. They also repaired the porch panels and screens. One of the trees behind the patio lost one of its major limbs.
- **Porch:** No updates on new bids for the porch repair.

Eversole-Hall:

- The fence still needs more staining. Margaret will put out a sign asking for volunteers toward the end of August.

Cold Brook School:

- Tarp was pulled off/damaged during the storm. People from the community reached out about the issue. Buildings and Grounds has fixed the tarp.

Taylor's Mill:

- Nothing at this time

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: Past Programs

- **May 5** - Enslows, Washington and his Spies: 18 visitors and 4 volunteers attended
- **May 11** - Barn Dance: 55 visitors packed the barn along with 4 volunteers. Note for us all to remember for next time: Betsy wants to remember to have THREE rows for the Virginia reel if we have this big a group again.

- **May 28-** Colonial Taverns: 30 visitors with 4 volunteers

Past School Programming:

- First Grade: TBS May 10, 15, 24, 29; Third Grade: TBS June 5, 10 Completed.
- Viking Visionary Day May 21: 10 students painted the EHH fence

Upcoming Programming and Events:

- Friday Aug. 2- Lecture on the History of Raw Milk by Dr. Edward Tindall DVM
- Friday Aug 23- Lecture on the Revolutionary World of the Free Black Soldier by Larry Kidder
- Sunday September 8- Open House- Beer Brewing by Michael Carver
- Friday Mornings at the Museums: Possibly running on the 9th and 16th of August

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

OTHER:

ADJOURNMENT: Nancy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sarah seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah John
Secretary