

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUMS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
August 1, 2024

Vice Chairman Sheila Paciullo 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 Sheila Paciullo, Joyce Lykes, Sarah John, Nancy O'Malley, Christina Spring, Mario Orlandi, Museum Director Margaret Smith, and Township Committee Liaison Vincent Panico were in attendance. A member of the public was present. Member Rene Rao was absent. A quorum of Committee members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from July 11, 2024 were reviewed. Christina made a motion to approve, and Nancy seconded. Joyce, Christina, Sarah, and Nancy voted in favor. Sheila and Mario did not vote, as they were absent from the meeting.

BUSINESS –

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

BUDGET:

- CHPP Grant – 2025 Application – Margaret reviewed application guidelines and attended the CHPP 2025 Application Technical Assistance Workshop. Margaret would ideally like to have the grant finished before the first Township Committee meeting in September
- The Township Committee approved adding the position of an assistant. Margaret suggested the possibility of hiring a new director and switching Margaret to the assistant position for succession planning purposes.

PROPERTIES:

Bouman Stickney Farmstead:

- Nothing at this time

Eversole-Hall:

- The fence still needs more staining. Margaret plans to put out a sign asking for volunteers toward the end of August.
- Sarah noticed that the blue paint needs some touching up on the front of the building. She will check it to see if any of the paint upstairs is still usable.

Cold Brook School:

- The tarp is back up

Taylor's Mill:

- Nothing at this time

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: Past Programs

- Nothing since the last meeting

Upcoming Programming and Events:

- Friday Aug. 2- Lecture on the History of Raw Milk by Dr. Edward Tindall DVM
- Friday Mornings at the Museums: 9th and 16th of August– so far 5 children have signed up
- 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 (rain date is available)

2024 Program Schedule

Date	Program	Presenter
08/02/24	Lecture - History of the Raw Milk Industry	Dr Edward Tindall DVM
08/23/24	Lecture -Jacob Francis -Free Black soldier	Larry Kidder
09/08/24	Beer Brewing	Michael Carver
10/06/24	OH	
10/12/24	Barn Dance	Betsy Gotta
11/03/24	OH	
12/08/24	Dutch Christmas	Enslows

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

OTHER:

-Sarah made a motion to authorize up to \$50 for the purchase of a new fan for Friday lectures. Mario seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

-Margaret mentioned that there are a few boards on the barn that need to be replaced from carpenter bee damage. She will ask Buildings and Grounds to provide an estimate for the replacement boards. Also, there might be old boards available in the Reno barn for repairs.

ADJOURNMENT: Nancy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joyce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah John
Secretary