

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS  
MUSEUMS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 3, 2024

Chairman Rene Rao called the meeting to order at 7:31 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, Joyce Lykes, Christina Spring, Mario Orlandi were in attendance. Members Nancy O'Malley and Sarah Johns were absent. A member of the public was present. Museum Director Margaret Smith and Township Committee Liaison Vincent Panico were absent. A quorum of Committee members was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from September 5, 2024 were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve as presented, and Joyce seconded. Joyce, Christina, Rene, Sheila voted in favor. Mario did not vote, as he was absent from the meeting.

**BUSINESS –**

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

**BUDGET:**

- CHPP Grant – 2025 Application – Approved by the Township Committee and submitted to the Hunterdon Cultural and Heritage Commission.
- The committee discussed items needed using remaining 2024 budget funds. A motion to approve up to \$1,500, for the purchase of a computer for the new Museum Director, was made by Joyce, seconded by Mario. All 5 members were in favor. Also, some costumes are needed for the new Museum Director. The committee inquired about the TC date set to encumber funds.

**PROPERTIES:**

*Bouman Stickney Farmstead:*

- No update was available on the carpenter bee damage on the walls of the barn.
- The committee spoke about the status of the porch work, but no update was available.

*Eversole-Hall:*

- A request for volunteers was posted on the sign in front of the house. No one contacted the Museums. Painting, staining, gardening is still needed. There were suggestions to reach out to high school students and scout groups.

*Cold Brook School:*

- Nothing at this time.

*Taylor's Mill:*

- Nothing at this time.

**PROGRAMS/EVENTS: Past Programs**

- Sunday, September 8- Open House and Beer Brewing : 35 visitors and 4 volunteers

**Upcoming Programming and Events:**

- Sunday, October 6- Open House 1-4 at BSF **\*\*Cancelled\*\***
- Saturday, October 12- Barn Dance 7-9pm
- Sunday, November 3- Open House
- Homeschool Program- November 13- Meet Vrouw Bowman

2024 Program Schedule

Date	Program	Presenter
09/08/24	Beer Brewing	Michael Carver
10/06/24	OH <b>**Cancelled**</b>	
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

**Program Director Search:**

-Two candidates were interviewed by several committee members and Margaret Smith. One was selected for further consideration and approval by the TC.

**OTHER:**

-Joyce offered to repair some costumes which have been set aside.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Joyce moved that the meeting be adjourned. Christina seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Paciullo,  
Vice Chair RMC