

Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes

Meeting of June 10, 2014

Present: Chairman Larry Fast and Commissioners Kathy Fisher, Joyce Kanigel, Miriam Morris, Kathy Murphy, Elliott Ruga, Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz

Absent: Epsey Farrell, Joseph Macasek, Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika and Freeholder Kathy DeFillippo

Call to order: Chairman Larry Fast called the meeting to order at the County Cultural Center at 9:40 a.m. He read the Open Meeting Statement.

Minutes: Commissioner Fisher made a motion to accept the minutes of May 13, 2014 as corrected: seconded Commissioner Murphy: approved.

Financial Report: the MCHC expense report dated June 6, 2014 was attached to the package for June 10, 2014. There were minimal expenses in May. Expenditure is awaiting resolution of the MCHC relocation. The \$10,000 set aside for the Court House in 2012 may be redirected to the moving expenses by internal resolution.

Freeholder Report: no report

Chairman's Report: attached to the meeting package for June 10, 2014

- Chairman Fast elaborated on his activity with the Morris County Historic Preservation grant application Review Board.

Office Report: attached to the meeting package for June 10, 2014.

- Mary Jo Buchanan is retiring from her position as Assistant County Administrator. The position will be taken over by Cathy Burd.
- MCHC relocation: Acting Director Shultz and Commissioner Fisher are preparing a spread sheet to help compare the potential sites. Shultz is waiting for a directive from Cathy Burd before arranging for an in-depth assessment. The complex requirements of the County Archives need to be communicated to the freeholders.
- Acting Director Shultz attended a workshop: Financial Planning and Tools for Collecting Organizations held at the Morris Museum.

Committee reports:

Archives: Kathy Fisher, Chair

Commissioner Farrell's comments in favor of Glen Alpin were emailed to the MCHC prior to the meeting. Harding Township Committee has already endorsed Glen Alpin's use for the archives and would cooperate with the county. Commissioners agreed that:

- The Commission should take some lead in the choice between Glen Alpin and the Roxbury School House.
- The freeholders need to understand the importance and value of the archives.
- There is a general need to promote MCHC and clarify its mission.

Grants/Re-grants: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair

See Archivist/Acting Director's report. No further information.

Long-Range Plan: Epsey Farrell, Kathy Fisher, Co-Chairs

There has been no further action on the plan.

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Marker program: Kathy Fisher, Chair

Kinnelon Butternut Tree: the consultant is pressing the vendor to expedite interpretation of the DNA results.

Personnel: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair

No report.

Public Programs/Exhibits: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair

No further action.

Publications: Elliott Ruga, Chair

See Archivist/Acting Director's report.

- Fall newsletter: Chairman Fast has some articles collected.

Old Business:

- Morris Canal Pier removal/protection in Denville. Commissioners Fisher and Macasek have raised awareness of the historic importance of the piers with Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco and Assemblyman Michael Patrick Carroll.
- The Acroterian report: the questions regarding the inclusion of historic sites remain open. MCHC should press to receive copies of the surveys as they are developed.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Morris, Secretary

The next Commission meeting will be held on **Friday, July 11, 2014** at 9:30 a.m.
Please inform Ms. Shultz if you are unable to attend.