

Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes

Meeting of July 11, 2014 DRAFT

Present: Chairman Larry Fast and Commissioners Kathy Fisher, Joyce Kanigel, Joseph Macasek, Miriam Morris, Kathy Murphy, Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Elliott Ruga, Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz

Absent: Epsey Farrell 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: the minutes for June 10, 2014 were approved as presented.

Financial Report: the MCHC budget balance dated July 11, 2014 was attached to the package for July 11, 2014. This reflected the news letter mailing. Regarding the \$10,000 held over, Acting Director Shultz mentioned that some of this could be earmarked for outside consultant fees for a full archives assessment once a site is selected. She would approach the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts for a recommendation.

Freeholder Report: no report.

Chairman's Report: attached to the meeting package for July 11, 2014

- Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund: Chairman Fast commented on the approval of the Review Board's recommendations by the freeholders.
- Commissioner Murphy brought attention to the recently released Morris County Open Space Report, which strongly supports historic preservation, and recommended that all commissioners available attend the next freeholder meetings to show support for historic preservation during the public sessions.
- The MCHC relocation continues to be reviewed by all parties. The Buildings and Grounds and Engineering Departments will strongly influence the decision.

Office Report: attached to the meeting package for July 11, 2014.

Acting Director Shultz reported on progress with re-grants, markers and publications in spite of the multiple impediments to operating the MCHC at this time.

Committee reports:

Archives: Kathy Fisher, Chair

- Commissioner Fisher has been looking into a lead on wire mesh shelving.
- Chairman Fast attended the NJ State Invention Symposium at Rutgers and reported on their newly developed digital archiving department. There was discussion of the possibility of the MCHCC joining Rutgers in a pilot project.
- Archivist Shultz has been following leads regarding de-lamination of early archival materials.

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

See Archivist/Acting Director's report. Commissioner Nadzeika complimented Acting Director Shultz on the professional presentation of the final report.

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

There has been no further action on the plan. Work will begin in late fall.

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Marker program: Kathy Fisher, Chair

- Kinnelon Butternut Tree: the report has been received and reviewed. Commissioner Fisher recommended a marker for the L'Ecole Museum in Kinnelon. This will be voted upon by the commissioners at the September meeting.
- Commissioner Fisher presented details on the Taylortown Road marker for Hog Mountain Quarry, which was approved for a marker by the MCHC.

Personnel: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair

The mid term review is pending and will be sent to the new human resources director, Staci Santucci Esq.

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. Acting Director Shultz suggested that publication should be available before the fall festivals begin.
- Commissioner Ruga offered to prepare an article about the NJTPA Morris Canal Greenway working group.

Old Business

Commissioner Fisher is pursuing the issue raised regarding the Acroterian report.

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Morris, Secretary

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