

**Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes
Meeting of April 12, 2013**

Present: Commissioners Larry Fast, Miriam Morris, Elliott Ruga, Virginia Vogt, James Woodruff and Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz.

Absent: Commissioners Epsey Farrell, Kathleen Fisher, Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika and Freeholder John Krikus.

Call to order: Larry Fast called the meeting to order at the County Cultural Center at 9:41 a.m. He read the Open Meeting Statement.

Minutes: the March minutes were read and approved as amended.

Financial report: the monthly budget for 2013 was attached to the meeting package for April 12, 2013. The budget has been approved.

Freeholder report: None

Chairman's report: attached to the meeting package for April 12, 2013.

- Newsletter: there was discussion of publication options for the Mountain Lakes article, and the possibility of an insert or special issue that would include Denville's one-hundredth anniversary.
- Commissioner selection: the freeholders have chosen Kathy Murphy now retired from employment with Mount Olive Township and nominated by Deputy Freeholder Director, David Scappichio former Mayor of Mount Olive. She is experienced with historic preservation grant applications.

Archivist/acting director's report: attached to the meeting package for April 12, 2013.

- Chairman Fast signed the final paperwork to register Peg Shultz as an accepted Civil servant.
- GOS Grant application: this was submitted in time, but the SAGE system has broken down and applicants were unable to process the signature forms by the deadline. There is no penalty.
- Washington Township marker: the wording will be changed to include mention of the Lutheran Church where the marker will be sited.
- Regarding Jill Hawke's departure from the Edison and Morristown National Parks, there will be a temporary site supervisor.
- Shultz attended a digitization course: the already digitized MCH material will be accessed through Rutgers without using up MCHC server space.
- Section 106 workshop: Jonathan Kinney of SHPO agreed to be a presenter. Jason Huggan of Picatinny will be able to present subject to ongoing furloughs.

Committee reports:

Archives: Jim Woodruff, Chair

- Commissioner Woodruff is working on room layouts to ¼"-1' 0" scale. Negotiations to extend the chain link fence are ongoing.

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

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

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Long-Range Plan: Virginia Vogt, Chair

- No further report

Marker program: Kathy Fisher, Chair

- No further report

Personnel: James Woodruff, Chair:

- No further report

Public Programs/Exhibits: James Woodruff, Chair:

- Twenty people attended the NJCH program on April 5. Note the Historic Gardens program 6-8 p.m. on May 14 at the Haggerty Center.

Publications: Elliott Ruga, Chair.

- Commissioner Ruga is exploring the conversion of the MCHC library to I-book format and its distribution.
- Regarding the special newsletter edition for Mountain Lakes and Denville: Commissioner Vogt will research articles pertaining to Denville's One-hundredth.
- 2014 and the NJ350 may also warrant a special edition of the Heritage Review.

Communications: Secretary Morris

- Notices and newsletters were passed out for review. Note: the DEP and SHPO have decided upon demolition of the Whitehead Road property under Section 106 review. Western Avenue water tower antenna: is this listed, and will the proposed antenna add height?

Old Business: no old business was discussed.

New Business: no new business was discussed.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Morris, Secretary

The next Commission meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 14**, at 9:30 a.m.
Please inform Ms. Shultz if you are unable to attend.