

**Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes
Meeting of January 08, 2013**

Present: Commissioners Larry Fast, Daniel Beards, Epsey Farrell, Miriam Morris, Elliott Ruga, Virginia Vogt, James Woodruff; Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz.

Absent: Commissioners Kathy Fisher, Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika and Freeholder, John Krikus.

Call to order: Margaret Shultz called the meeting to order by at the County Cultural Center at 9:38 a.m. She read the Open Meeting Statement.

Organizational session: New members Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika and Elliot Ruga have replaced former Commissioners Henry Kafel and Tracy Kinsel. Officers for 2013 were nominated and voted upon. Results: Larry Fast, chairman; Virginia Vogt vice-chair; Miriam Morris, secretary; James Woodruff, treasurer. New committee assignments were made and the results recorded by the acting director.

Resolution to set Meeting Dates for 2013 was passed: (second Tuesday of the month with the February meeting on the second Thursday).

Minutes: November minutes were read and approved as amended, with members Elliot Ruga and James Woodruff abstaining.

Financial report: Margaret Shultz guided the Commissioners through the 2012 end-of-year report. Note: there will be more postage for December. It is intended to request that the \$10,000 earmarked for a grant application for a Preservation Plan for the Court House be rolled into 2013. The earliest anticipated date for 2013 budget approval is April.

Freeholder report: None

Chairman's report: The report was attached to the meeting package for January 8, 2013. Larry Fast had also attended the Freeholder Reorganization Meeting on January 4 and spoken with John Krikus, the newly appointed Freeholder liaison with the Morris County Heritage Commission. Hank Lyon has been appointed as alternate liaison with the Commission. Of interest: the Freeholders have appointed a Facilities Management Committee.

Archivist/acting director's report: Attached to the meeting package for January 8, 2013.

Committee reports:

Archives: Jim Woodruff, Chair

There will be a meeting of the Committee in February to address moving the most referenced archives from Morris View to the Cultural Center.

Grants/Re-grants: Virginia Vogt, Chair

- See Archivist/acting director's report.
- The Grant Committee meeting will be between November 19 and 21, 2013.
- Commissioner Farrell offered to email the Commissioners with her notes suggesting procedures for distributing grant packages to the Grant/Regrant Committee.

Long-Range Plan: Virginia Vogt, Chair

Commissioner Vogt will review the Long Range Plan at the February 14 Commission meeting.

Marker program: Dan Beards, Chair

- Commissioners, Beards and Woodruff had attended the Bethel AME Church Marker dedication. Freeholder Grossi and other dignitaries were present to celebrate the occasion.
- The Committee is waiting for fabrication of the Marker for the Morris Canal Culvert in Rockaway.
- The Marker application for Willow Hall from the Passaic River Coalition was not adequate.

Personnel: The required forms are being prepared.

Public Programs/Exhibits: James Woodruff, Chair

- Commissioner Woodruff had examined the lack of interest in the cancelled School House program, and had concluded that programs with a "how to" aspect draw more people. It is unclear if the program was under publicized. Commissioners will consider the merits of rescheduling with additional publicity to target teachers, and possibly as co-hosts with a Historical Society associated with a schoolhouse.
- Preservation might be a good topic for a future program.

Publications: Virginia Vogt and Epsy Farrell, Co-chairs

Commissioner Vogt and Chairman Fast will co-ordinate with Committee Chair-elect, Elliott Ruga, regarding the newsletter and Diane Publishing.

Communications: Secretary Vogt

- Notices and newsletters were passed out for review.
- Section 106 correspondences: Chairman Fast explained the Commission's advocacy role.
- Members had received emails regarding antennas

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed.

New Business: No New Business was discussed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Morris, Secretary

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