

**Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes
Meeting of May 14, 2013**

Present: Commissioners Larry Fast, Kathy Fisher, Kathy Murphy, Miriam Morris, Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Elliott Ruga, Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz, Intern Amanda Hefferan.

Absent: Commissioner Esey Farrell, Virginia Vogt, James Woodruff and Freeholder John Krickus.

Call to order: Larry Fast called the meeting to order at the County Cultural Center at 9:47 a.m. He read the Open Meeting Statement.

Minutes: the April minutes were read and approved with abstentions by Commissioners Fisher and Murphy.

Financial report: the monthly budget for 2013 was attached to the meeting package for May 14, 2013. The postage expenditure is up because of direct mailing the newsletter to the County libraries. Recycling the disused marker has added \$94.

Freeholder report: None. Chairman Fast had spoken with Freeholder John Krickus.

Chairman's report: attached to the meeting package for May 14, 2013.

- Newsletter: there will be further discussion of the special issue which will include the Mountain Lakes article, and Denville's one-hundredth anniversary.
- Chairman Fast has come up with a list of conservators for Buildings and Grounds to approach for restoring the Lady Justice Statue from the Court House.

Office Report: attached to the meeting package for May 14, 2013.

- GOS Grant application: the signature forms are signed and submitted.
- Shultz and Commissioner Nadzeika have been exploring eligibility for funding an HSR for the Court House. Commissioner Ruga suggested partnering with another 501c organization possibly the Bar Association in order to become eligible.
- Archival Storage: Peg Shultz is looking into the archival storage suitability of the C.A.C. Building, Central Avenue, Greystone.

Intern Report: a report on Mosquito Commission collection is added to the meeting package.

- Intern Hefferan will also complete re-housing the Greystone archive; work begun by her in summer 2012.

Committee reports:

Archives: Jim Woodruff, Chair

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

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

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

Long-Range Plan: Virginia Vogt, Chair

- No further report

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Marker program: Kathy Fisher, Chair

- No further report

Personnel: James Woodruff, Chair:

- No further report

Public Programs/Exhibits: James Woodruff, Chair:

- Archivist Shultz and Commissioners Fisher and Morris helped with the Historic Gardens program on May 14 at the Haggerty Center. It was well attended.
- Friday, September 20 is the tentative date for the Section 106 program. Acting Director Shultz is exploring if this can be a County mandated session. Venue TBA

Publications: Elliott Ruga, Chair.

- Regarding the conversion of the MCHC library to I-book format Commissioner Ruga will convert a MCHC paper booklet to PDF format in order to pursue a quote for e-book conversion.
- Regarding the special newsletter edition for Mountain Lakes and Denville, Commissioner Ruga suggested an online only edition.

Communications: Secretary Morris - Notices and newsletters were passed out for review.

- Regarding Western Avenue, Gillespie Tower: Commissioner Ruga had sent a letter to the project manager of Cardno ATC regarding the AT&T proposed RF project and is awaiting a response.

Old Business: Commissioner Murphy will explain the HSR process and funding to Freeholder Scappiccio.

New Business:

- Applications received for County Markers for German Valley in Washington Township and the Stanhope Methodist Church in Netcong. Acting Director Shultz.
- Commissioner Murphy informed the Commissioners about a proposal to replace the double arched stone bridge over the Rariton River near the Mount Olive Municipal Building.
- Commissioner Murphy reported the Joe Macasek is working with the Mount Olive Nature Trails department on a trail to start at the Netcong Train Station and run through Muscanetcong, Plane Street and along the Morris Canal towpath.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Morris, Secretary

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