

**Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes
Meeting of October 9, 2012**

Present: Commissioners Larry Fast, Henry Kafel, Tracy Kinsel, Dan Beards, Miriam Morris, James Woodruff, Archivist/Acting Director Peg Shultz.

Absent: Commissioners Virginia Vogt and Epsy Farrell.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fast at the County Cultural Center at 9:38 a.m. The Open Meeting Statement was read.

Minutes: The September minutes were read and approved. Tracy Kinsel abstained.

Financial report: The financial report was presented by Mr. Kinsel and Ms. Shultz. Year to date expenditures are on track. Ms. Shultz submitted the 2013 budget proposal to the county treasurer's office on October 5.

Freeholder report: None.

Chairman's report: Chairman Fast reported that he worked on the newsletter layout and design; was at the booth at the fall festival with Mrs Morris and Ms. Shultz. He continued to work on the civil war book project with Diane Publishing; and has continued to work on the Speedwell-Edison initiative. He indicated the focus will be redirected in this venture due to the departure of Mark Texel and the retirement of the site director at Menlo Park. He attended the Lewis Marker dedication ceremony. Mr. Fast also reported he spoke with Freeholder Director Chegwiddden about commission staffing issues and the Historic Structures Report for the courthouse.

Archivist/acting director's report: Ms. Shultz prepared the final report for the re-grant program. It was submitted and approved by the county treasurer's office for and sent to the NJHC via the SAGE system.

Ms. Shultz will attend the dedication of the Lewis Morris plaque at the pocket park on October 12. Ms. Shultz will say a few words on behalf of the commission at the ceremony.

Committee reports:

Archives: James Woodruff, Chair

Ms. Shultz reported on changes at Morris View. The dept of Human Services is now storing Medicaid records in the rooms across from the archive space. Discussions have begun with an unknown outside vendor to rent space on the 3rd floor. Both pose security issues for the archival materials.

Grants/Re-grants: Virginia Vogt, Chair

In Mrs. Vogt's absence, Ms. Shultz indicated that the final report for the 2012 grant has been prepared. Ms. Shultz has started to work on the 2013 grant program. The re-grant application review meeting is being scheduled. The outside reviewers will be Mary Jo Mathias, Executive Director of the Sussex county Arts and Heritage Council and Richard Kearney, Electronic Resources Librarian at William Paterson University. The tentative date for the meeting will be November 15.

Exhibits/Programs: Jim Woodruff, Chair

Chairman Woodruff reports plans for the October program on schoolhouses is underway. Former commissioner Mary Prendergast and Becky Hoskins of the Park Commission will be the presenters. Mrs. Prendergast will speak on the role of the one room school house and public education in the nineteenth century and Ms. Hoskins presentation will focus on the Washington Valley Schoolhouse. However due to low registrations, rescheduling the program may be necessary.

Long-Range Plan: Virginia Vogt, Chair

No report.

Markers: Dan Beards, Chair

The AME Church marker proof was approved and the order has been placed with Lake Shore Industries. Vice Chairman Kafel suggested installing the pole ahead of time to expedite mounting of the plaque. The marker is expected to be shipped on or about October 31. Work has started on drafting the text for the Morris Canal stone arch in Rockaway Borough. Peg Shultz will work with David Mitros on the text.

Personnel: Henry Kafel

No report.

Publications: Virginia Vogt and Epsey Farrell, Co-chairs

Ms. Shultz will follow up with county counsel re: the Diane Publishing agreement.

Communications: Ms. Shultz

Several newsletters, announcements, and section 106 reviews were received and noted. The Commission will continue follow up regarding the Ledgewood, Canal Street Bridge.

Old Business: No old business was reported

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Shultz, Archivist/Acting Director

The next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday November 8, at 9:30 a.m.
Please inform Ms. Shultz if you are unable to attend.