

Morris County Heritage Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2019

Present: Chair Kathy Murphy, Vice Chair Larry Fast, Esey Farrell, Marty Kane, Joe Macasek, John Dunado (conference call), Amery Vasso (conference call), and Freeholder Liaison John Krickus; Director Peg Shultz, History Program Development Specialist Nick Palatucci, and Archives Technician Amanda Hefferan.

Absent/Excused: None

Call to Order: Chair Kathy Murphy called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library at 9:35 a.m. She read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the October 8, 2019, meeting.

Financial Report:

- The 2020 departmental budget proposal was approved by county administration.
- Invoices are being processed as received.
- A new printer/scanner was ordered for Nick Palatucci.

Chair Report:

- Chair Murphy commented on the successful marker dedication at the Lake Hopatcong station.
- Ms. Murphy welcomed Freeholder John Krickus
- Commissioners were asked to make suggestions for vacant Commissioner positions to either Chair Murphy or Director Peg Shultz.

Freeholder's Report: Freeholder Krickus informed the Commissioners of the Courthouse press which has been posted to the county website.

Office Report: Ms. Shultz recapped the Lake Hopatcong station marker dedication and thanked those who were in attendance. Maintenance work has been completed on several historic site markers throughout the county

Archives Report:

- Ms. Hefferan continues the cleaning and rehousing projects on the archival collection.
- Several research requests were received.

Subcommittee Reports:

Grants:

- Site visits for the 2019 re-grants have been completed.
- Three outside reviewers for the 2020 re-grants have been selected.
- The 2020 Re-grant Application is posted online, with an application deadline of December 4, 2019.

Long-Range Plan:

- Updates to the Long-Range Plan were discussed.

Marker Program: The dedication ceremony for the Lake Hopatcong marker was held on October 28. Kathy Murphy, Larry Fast, Peg Shultz, and Amanda Hefferan were in attendance. Marty Kane acted as emcee in his role as President of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. Freeholder DeFillipo and Mayor DeFillipo were also in attendance. Nick Palatucci is developing preliminary text for the county entrance replacement markers.

Personnel: The Commissioners discussed the need to fill the two open Commissioner positions. Chair Murphy again asked that suggestions be submitted to herself and Ms. Shultz.

Publications:

- The Fall 2019 newsletter was received from the print shop and distributed to history organizations and local libraries.
- Articles for the Winter 2019 newsletter were discussed.

Public Programs:

- The Constitution Week (September 17-23) exhibit was de-installed. John Torkos will be bringing a collection of WWI items for the Veterans Day exhibit. The theme will be "Coming Home and the Armistice."
- Mr. Palatucci is working on programming for the coming 50th-anniversary celebration.

Communications: Several newsletters and event notifications were received.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

The next Commission meeting will be held in the Commission's Conference Room at the Morris County Library on Tuesday, **December 10, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.** Please inform the staff if you are unable to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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