

Morris County Heritage Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020

Present: Chair Kathy Murphy (via conference call), Vice Chair Larry Fast, Treasurer Epsey Farrell, Marty Kane, Joe Macasek, Amery Vasso (via conference call), Carol Barkin; Director Peg Shultz, History Program Development Specialist Nick Palatucci, and Archives Technician Amanda Hefferan

Absent/Excused: John Dunado

Call to Order: Director Peg Shultz called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library at 9:36 a.m. Vice Chair Larry Fast read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the January 11, 2020, meeting.

Financial Report: The 2020 departmental temporary budget was approved. The final budget is set to be approved in March.

Chair's Report:

- Chair Murphy stated that the annual report is still being completed.

Office Report:

- There is \$37,022 from the NJ Historical Commission for the re-grant program. The money has been allocated for 2020 and the reviewers completed their work in January. Award announcements are pending Freeholder resolution.
- Ms. Shultz reported that two Heritage Commission signs are missing. The Slater's Mill marker in Riverdale is thought to have been tossed in a dumpster by the demolition team and the Melville Mill marker is missing in Hanover Township. Carol Barkin reported the Melville Mill marker may have been removed by the Hanover Township Landmarks Committee. She will make inquiries.
- Thomas 'TC' McCourt of Dover has been appointed to the Commission by the Freeholders. We look forward to welcoming him at the March meeting.

Archives Technician Report: Amanda Hefferan is continuing to work on the blueprints and Mosquito Commission collections. She is looking into professional development webinars and class offerings for the coming year

History Program Development Specialist Report: Nick Palatucci is creating a plan and a report on the county marker program. He has prepared a schedule of 50th-anniversary programs. The first program is scheduled for February 25. Director Shultz will speak about the founding of the Heritage Commission in the 1970s, and Dr. Jude Pfister, Morristown National Historical Park, will speak on celebrating the bicentennial.

Subcommittee Reports:

Grants/Re-Grants: The re-grant award meeting was held on January 14, and decisions for funding were finalized by the three outside readers. Awards will be announced following the adoption of the county's 2020 budget and Freeholder approval.

Long-Range Planning: Updates to the Long-Range Plan were discussed.

Marker Program: Edits to the new county entrance marker text was discussed. A marker application for Foote's Pond in Morristown was presented to the members of the Commission. Staff and members of the Commission will visit Foote's Pond and report on their findings at the March meeting.

Public Programs/Exhibits: The Heritage Commission will be co-sponsoring the Canal Society Local History Symposium. The event will be held at the Cultural Center on April 25. Grant-writing workshops will be held on August 19 at the Morris County Library. The first in the special 50th- anniversary series of programs will be held on February 25 at the Morris County Library with special guest Jude Pfister of Morristown National Historic Park.

Publications: Final content for the winter 2020 edition of the *Heritage Review* was discussed.

Communication: Several newsletters and event notifications were received.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

The next Commission meeting will be held in the Commission's conference room at the Morris County Library on Tuesday, **March 10, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.** Please inform the Nick Palatucci if you are unable to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Barkin, Secretary,
Morris County Heritage Commission