

Morris County Heritage Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2020

Present: Chair Kathy Murphy, Vice Chair Larry Fast, Treasurer Epsey Farrell, Secretary Carol Barkin, John Dunado, Marty Kane, Joe Macasek, T.C. McCourt, Director Peg Shultz, Archives Technician Amanda Hefferan, History Program Development Specialist Nick Palatucci

Absent/Excused: Amery Vasso

Call to Order: Chair Kathy Murphy called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library and on Zoom at 9:37 a.m. Chair Murphy read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the November 10, 2020 meeting.

Chair Report: Worked with Freeholder DeFillippo on the Trust appointments. Freeholder DeFillippo and Kathy Murphy worked out appointments to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust for Marty Kane and Larry Fast who will stay on that commission.

Office Report by Peg Shultz: All invoices were submitted to A/P. Mail delivery reduced to three days a week. The microfilm color add-on has been ordered. Archives are closed to on-site researchers.

Archives Technician Report: Ms. Hefferan is transcribing the articles for the 50th Anniversary digital newsletter. Her work continues deep cleaning and organizing the collections and answering queries. She is also consulting with St. Elizabeth's University as they go through their collection.

History Program Development Specialist Report: Mr. Palatucci is working on the County website update committee. All vouchers have been distributed to 2020 re-grantees. The final report is almost complete for the NJHC. The new markers' locations are still being decided and new personnel at the county will be installing them as the former ones have retired.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Long Range Plan:** Work on the long-range plan will begin in the coming months.
- **Marker Program:** Four new county entrance markers to be installed. All 2020 scheduled marker maintenance has been completed. Hurd Park marker still under consideration.

- **Public Programs/Exhibits:** All 2020 programming was canceled due to Covid and that information has been posted to the MCHC webpage. Virtual programming is now under consideration. The MCHC 50th anniversary exhibit at the Morris County Library will remain up, with Ms. Hefferan updating the display cases.
- **Publications:** The 50th Anniversary digital newsletter is scheduled to be posted in late December. This newsletter is intended to kick-off the rescheduled 50th anniversary celebration and programs.

Communication: Newsletters were received from Green Pond, Boonton and the Morris County Tourism Bureau.

The meeting was adjourned: 10:37 a.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Barkin, Secretary