

**Morris County Heritage Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2020 (via Zoom)**

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

**Absent/Excused:** Director Peg Shultz

**Call to Order:** Due to social distancing requirements, the meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. via Zoom. Kathy Murphy, Chair, read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

**Minutes:** A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as is from the September 8, 2020 meeting.

**Office Report:** Ms. Hefferan reported expenditures on archival supplies and book binding materials. Ms. Hefferan traveled throughout the county to visit and photograph each of the 155 County Heritage markers. Addresses were confirmed. Five markers are missing. Mr. Palatucci and Ms. Hefferan are spending time updating the Marker database with correct addresses. Four markers have been restored including Fosterfields, Speedwell, Railroad Embankment, and Acorn Hall.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Archives:** The archives continue to be closed to on-site researchers.
- **Grants/Re-Grants:** The final 20% payment vouchers are prepared and will be sent when final reports are in from the grantees.
- **Marker Program:** The county entrance replacement markers project is moving forward. The recommended text has been forwarded to County Administration and Freeholder Liaison, Kathy DeFillippo
- **Public Programs/Exhibits:** All public programming has been postponed due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines and the projected lack of available space. PR announcing the 2021 rescheduling will be sent to the Office of Public Information for distribution to media outlets when appropriate.
- **Publications:** The most recent newsletter is complete and will be sent for printing and posted on the website.

**Communication:** Six newsletters were received from historical organizations.

**The meeting was adjourned:** 10:24 a.m.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carol Barkin, Secretary**