Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes Meeting of March 14, 2014

Present: Commissioners Larry Fast, Epsey Farrell, Kathy Fisher, Joseph Macasek, Miriam Morris, Kathy Murphy, Virginia Vogt, Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz

Absent: Commissioners Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Elliott Ruga and Freeholder Kathy DeFillippo.

Call to order: Commissioners Larry Fast called the meeting to order at the County Cultural Center at 9:35 a.m. He read the Open Meeting Statement

Minutes: The draft February minutes were approved as amended by motion of Commissioner Farrell and seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

Financial report: The 2014 budget is close to approval by the Freeholders.

Freeholder report: Freeholder DeFillippo has been following up with the Park Commission and the issues of housing the Morris County Archives and associated office and meeting space. She has requested a full personnel briefing.

Chairman's report: attached to the meeting package for March 14, 2014. The Heritage Commission is in need of a new location in the near future. This would be addressed at the Freeholders Facilities meeting the week of March17. The Park Commission had not given notice at the outset of ongoing changes at the Cultural Center.

Office Report: attached to the meeting package for March 14, 2014.

- <u>Rescheduled Meetings</u>: Commissioner Farrell moved to accept the amended meeting dates. The motion was passed unanimously. Note: the meeting dates are now posted on the web site.
- <u>Grant/Regrants</u>: Acting Director Shultz is waiting for the Kinnelon's payment voucher.
- Markers: a maintenance and care report has been prepared.
- <u>Publications</u>: Commissioner Morris had drafted an announcement about the change to internet publication of the Heritage Review in 2015. This will be edited and then designed by Chairman Fast and Commissioner Macasek.
- <u>Special Project</u>: the County Clerk's amplified listing is delayed.

Committee reports:

Archives: Kathy Fisher, Chair

See Archivist/Acting Director's report. No further information.

Grants/Re-grants: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair

See Archivist/Acting Director's report. No further information.

Long-Range Plan: Virginia Vogt, Chair

See Long Range Plan Annual Review. Commissioner Fisher requested a listing of items exceeding and or falling behind their goals.

Marker program: Kathy Fisher, Chair

See Archivist/Acting Director's report. <u>Kinnelon Butternut Tree</u>: the parties are waiting for the DNA report results.

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Personnel: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair

Commissioner Vogt expressed her concerns about the lack of a clear process and timetable for handling the personnel report. Freeholder DeFillippo and Kathy Burd of the County Human Resouces department are working out an appropriate supervisory chain for the mid-year review.

Public Programs/Exhibits: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair:

No report

Publications: Elliott Ruga, Chair

See Archivist/Acting Director's report. No further information

Old Business: None

New Business:

Commissioner Macasek reminded the commissioners about the Morris Canal Greenway Conference on March 27 at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. He will be giving a talk in Denville on March 28th.

Commissioners discussed the threat of removal of the remains of the Morris Canal piers in Denville.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Miriam Morris, Secretary

The next Commission meeting will be held on **Friday, April 11, 2014** at 9:30 a.m. Please inform Ms. Shultz if you are unable to attend.