## Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes Meeting of February 11, 2016

**Present:** Chair Kathy Murphy; Commissioners, John Dunado, Larry Fast, Epsey Farrell, Kathy Fisher, Joyce Kanigel, and Miriam Morris; Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz; and Archives Technician, Amanda Hefferan.

Absent: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Joseph Macasek, and Freeholder Director Kathryn DeFillippo.

Call to order: Chair Kathy Murphy called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library at 9:47 a.m. She read the Open Meeting Statement.

Minutes: the minutes for January 12, 2016, were accepted as amended.

Freeholder Report: no report: see Chair and Archivist/Acting Director's Report for February 11, 2016.

**Financial Report:** see the Expenditure Budget Activity to 2/8/2016 attached to the meeting package for February 11, 2016. The budget is expected to be confirmed in April.

**Chair Report:** see the Chair Report by Kathy Murphy for January 2016, attached to the meeting package for February 11, 2016. One last item remains to be brought over from Morris View.

**Archivist/Acting Director's Report:** dated February 11, 2016, attached to the meeting package for February 11, 2016.

**Archives:** items received from the Office of Public information are helping to fill gaps in both the photographic and paper collection.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Archives**: Kathy Murphy and Joe Macasek, Co-Chairs. See Archivist/Acting Director's report attached and given by Peg Shultz.

Grants/Re-grants: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair. See Archivist/Acting Director's report attached.

Long-Range Plan: Epsey Farrell, Kathy Fisher, Co-Chairs

The personnel committee is preparing a three-year staffing plan. Chair Fisher will complete the personnel charts upon receipt.

Marker Program: Kathy Fisher, Chair. See Archivist/Acting Director's report.

- Mount Kemble marker: Janet Foster will be submitting an application to replace and update the current marker in 2016.
- The Canal Street marker: Commissioner Morris expressed her criticism and disappointment in her fellow commissioners for their lack of transparency in the handling of the marker wording since October 2015. The revised text recommended by the rest of the committee has been submitted
- The Florham historic site marker at Fairleigh Dickinson University has been damaged and will need replacement.

Personnel: Kathy Murphy, Chair. See Archivist/Acting Director's report attached.

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**Public Programs/Exhibits**: **Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair**. See Archivist/Acting Director's report attached.

Joint program with NJHC: Social Media Workshop on March 31 at the Police Academy.

The Heritage Commission is cosponsoring the Morris Canal Symposium on April 16 at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum with the Canal Society of New Jersey.

## Publications: John Dunado, Chair.

- EBook: Gone to Wear the Victor's Crown: awaiting completion. Commissioner Dunado to make inquiries. Payment has not yet been released to Kiersten.
- **Heritage Review** Winter issue: Commissioners reviewed the first draft of the layout prepared by Vice-Chairman Fast.

New Business: no new business was brought to the table for discussion.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Miriam Morris, Secretary

The next Commission meeting is **Tuesday, March 8, 2016**, at 9:30 a.m. at the Commissions Conference Room at the County Library.

Please inform Ms. Shultz if you are unable to attend