

**Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes
Meeting of March 12, 2013**

Present: Commissioners Larry Fast, Daniel Beards, Kathleen Fisher, Miriam Morris, Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Elliot Ruga, Virginia Vogt, James Woodruff and Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz.

Absent: Commissioners Esey Farrell and Freeholder, John Krikus.

Call to order: Larry Fast called the meeting to order at the County Cultural Center at 9:41 a.m.

He read the Open Meeting Statement.

Minutes: February minutes were read and approved with abstention by Commissioner Ruga.

Financial report: monthly budget for 2013 attached to the meeting package for March 12, 2013. Margaret Shultz drew attention to the expenditures on pages two, three and four. The budget is progressing but the earliest anticipated date for 2013 budget approval by the State remains April.

Freeholder report: None

Chairman's report: The report was attached to the meeting package for March, 12 2013.

- Regarding the NJ 350th and "The Future was Invented Here," Chairman Fast will also be representing Historic Speedwell. The NJ350 group plans a long term relationship beyond 2014.

Archivist/acting director's report: Attached to the meeting package for March 12, 2013.

- Washington Township marker: note that the State is starting a refurbishing program.
- Acting Director Shultz and Commissioner Fisher attended a town meeting with Governor Christie.

Committee reports:

Archives: Jim Woodruff, Chair

- The Archives room is waiting for sprinkler system specifications. The whole arrangement has to meet fire marshal approval. Progress is anticipated, with a small work force to carry out the main move from Morris View.

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

- Commissioner Nadzeika is overseeing the 2014 GOS application.

Long-Range Plan: Virginia Vogt, Chair

Commissioner Vogt had prepared and revised an LRP review, which is attached to the March 2013 meeting package.

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Marker program: Dan Beards, Chair

- There should be a general review of the positioning of the markers for car friendliness.
- Commissioner Beards will drive around to critique positioning.
- Commissioner Ruga suggested a mobile phone app. for the marker program.
- There was mention of counterfeit markers: about three exist.

Personnel: James Woodruff: The forms have been submitted to the county Human Resources Department.

Public Programs/Exhibits: James Woodruff, Chair: no further report

Publications: Elliott Ruga, Chair.

- Chairman Fast will assemble the winter/spring newsletter as the editing progresses (March 18 onwards).
- Commissioner Beards will generate amplified marker histories for use in future newsletters.
- Commissioner Ruga offered to write the Commissioner's Corner about the situation with NJGSPT funding and the New Jersey Keep it Green campaign.
- Chairman Fast has signed with Diane Publishing to reprint "Gone to Wear the Victor's Crown."

Communications: Secretary Morris

- Notices and newsletters were passed out for review. Note: the MUA had omitted to file for a Section 106 review for the Whitehead Road property; the case is ongoing.

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed.

New Business: Acting director Shultz suggested that Section 106 Review might be a good topic for a workshop for County and Township Professionals and History groups. Picatinny's Jason Huggan, Cultural Resources Manager and Garrison Archeologist, might be an ideal presenter, because of the extensive review program being developed for Picatinny.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Morris, Secretary

The next Commission meeting will be held on **Friday, April 12**, at 9:30 a.m.
Please inform Ms. Shultz if you are unable to attend.