Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes Meeting of June 14, 2016

Present: Kathy Murphy (11:38 a.m.), Larry Fast, Joyce Kanigel, Joseph Macasek and Miriam Morris, Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz, and Archives Technician Amanda Hefferan.

Absent: John Dunado, Epsey Farrell, Kathy Fisher, Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika and Freeholder Director Kathryn DeFillippo.

Call to order: Vice Chair Fast called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library at 9:47 a.m. He read the Open Meeting Statement.

Minutes: The minutes for May 10, 2016, were accepted as submitted (11:40 a.m.)

Freeholder Report: No Freeholder Report for May 2016.

Financial Report: See the Expenditure Budget activity report 6/9/2016 attached to the meeting package.

• There are preliminary expenditures on archival supplies.

Chair Report: No report

Archivist/Acting Director's Report: See the Archivist/Acting Director Report dated June 14, 2016, attached to the meeting package for June 14, 2016.

Archive Collection: Amanda Hefferan:

- Technician Hefferan estimated that it would take three to six months to enter all the information into Past Perfect.
- She is finding un-accessioned items and there appear to be some missing items at this stage.

Facilities

- Note: the scanner issue has been ongoing for mor than a year.
- The work station from Morris View should be able to access the library wifi, but not the Internet.

Miscellaneous

- Materials mailed to the Morris County libraries are placed in bins in a central holding area in Hoboken and delivered when the volume of mail is sufficient. This explains the delay in delivery of materials. Note: newsletters are on display in the County Library. The public has taken three hundred copies. The access to the newsletters raises awareness, and this is borne out by more questions from researchers and patrons.
- Facebook page: there have been visits from Germany and England.

Committee reports:

Archives: Kathy Murphy and Joe Macasek, Co-Chairs. See Archivist/Acting Director's report above and attached.

No further report

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

No further report

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

• The executive summary is being used in applications and other documents.

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

- The Pequannok marker needs repainting.
- Commissioner Macasek reported on a comment that the suggested wording for the Mount Kemble marker does not reflect the purpose and activities in the home.

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

• The personnel review is usually scheduled for June or July, but MCHC has not yet received a notice.

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

• No further report.

Publications: John Dunado, Chair. See Chair Report attached.

 Acting Director Shultz and the commissioners discussed the Mid-Century Modern topic that had been submitted to Commissioner Farrell for the Commissioner's Corner article. Mid-Century Modern is now eligible for Historic Register listing. It is important to raise consciousness about the styles so that they are not lost. There was discussion about programs (Janet Foster) or a symposium to be held early in 2017. MCHC could reach out to Morris County municipalities/history organizations for a listing of their Mid-Century Modern buildings, parks and playgrounds. Acting Director Shultz and Commissioner Fast will follow up with academic contacts.

New Business:

• No new business was brought to the table.

Correspondence: No Section 106 applications: several newsletters and event flyers

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Miriam Morris

The next Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

at the Commission Conference Room at the County Library.

Please inform Ms. Shultz if you are unable to attend