

**Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes  
Meeting of November 9, 2010**

**Present:** Commissioners Dave Bogert, Larry Fast, Tracy Kinsel, Henry Kafel, Karen Ann Kurlander; archivist Peg Shultz; Freeholder liaison Jim Murray.

**Absent:** Commissioners Epsy Farrell, Kathy Fisher, Virginia Vogt, and James Woodruff.

The meeting was called to order at the Morris County Cultural Center at 9:47 a.m. by Mr. Fast when a quorum was gathered. The Open Meeting statement was read.

**Minutes:** October minutes were read and approved as corrected.

**Financial report, Mr. Kinsel.** We are basically on budget. The small amount of unspent money will be used to purchase archival mesh shelving and a new copier to replace the recently defunct one. Mr. Bogart moved we vote on the expenditure by e-mail when we had the final amount. Passed.

**Freeholder's report, Freeholder Murray.** Mr. Murray was not reelected; the Freeholders Board will have two new members. He will miss being the MCHC liaison, and hopes to continue a relationship in the future. He also hopes the Board will continue to support us, as history is essential. He expects a further reduction in the Open Space Tax and a salary freeze, but not a reduction in funding for historic preservation. He mentioned the Post House on East Main Street in Brookside is up for sale. It's from the 1700s and the owner would consider an offer from someone interested in preserving it.

**Chairman's report, Mr. Fast.** He worked the Heritage Commission booth at the Morristown Festival on October 3, and thanks Jim Woodruff for doing the setup, and Kathy Fisher and Dave Bogert for their long hours working.

At the Great Swamp Watershed Association's dinner gala on October 14, he was able to speak about the MCHC with many regional politicians, from Rep. Frelinghuysen to township committee members, and with Freeholder Nordstrom's husband, who has extensive involvement in GSWA. The goals, missions, and problems of the historic community and the stewards of the natural environment are very similar.

On October 20, he represented MCHC at Morris County's "Call to Service" evening program held at the Police Academy. There was sparse attendance from the general public, but elected and volunteer attendees from municipal governments were a focused audience. He explained our services and re-grant programs. It was also a good opportunity interdepartmental interaction. Ms. Shultz provided assistance with another department's trifold display. His full report is attached.

**Office report, Ms. Shultz.** She continued to be busy managing the administrative, clerical and archival responsibilities. Ms. Fuchs has been coming in when her academic schedule allows on Wednesday mornings. October also brought preparations for the Morristown festival, the FY 2011 budget, and the 2011 regrant program. She received the signed resolution for the grant program; outside reviewers this year will be Susan Finn Kraft of Lenape Lifeways in Sussex County and Richard Kearny, Electronic Resources Librarian and library liaison to the history department at William Paterson University.

**Archives:** Ms. Shultz secured the donation of six map cases for the "A" room in the cultural center to house blueprints and other oversize items stored in the vault. The cases were donated by TDI Power in Hackettstown. The County Road Department

will assist with pickup of the cases, hopefully by November 10. She is also putting together an order for archival supplies for the mosquito commission.

**Grants/Re-grants:** The regrant applications were due November 5 and have been distributed to the members of the grant committee and the outside reviewers. The grant review meeting is scheduled for November 18.

**Marker Program:** Lakeshore has notified MCHC that the Vreeland Outkitchen marker is expected to ship after 11/23. Additional marker paint and replacement poles were ordered and have arrived.

**Public Programs:** In October Ms. Shultz met with Planning and Developments GIS dept to review the marker/ GIS project. She will be proofreading each marker page and reviewing the photos. Overall, the project is moving forward nicely. Her full report is attached.

**Subcommittee reports:**

**Archives: Larry Fast.** Ms. Vogt is working with Mr. Fast and Ms. Shultz on new website language describing the limited access to the archives.

**Grants/Re-grants: Dave Bogert.** There is \$20K to award and \$36K requested in thirteen applications, including three GOS grants.

**Long Range Planning: Kathy Fisher & Jim Woodruff.** No report. The "final" document is needed.

**Marker Program: Kathy Fisher.** Already covered.

**Personnel: Henry Kafel.** No new business to report.

**Publications: Karen Ann Kurlander.** No new business to report.

**Public Programs/Exhibits:** Possible spring program will cover cemeteries, perhaps in two parts – administrative and hands-on. Both Washington Township Historical Society and Morris County Historical Society are interested in cosponsoring a program.

**Communications:** There were newspaper articles on the 10 Most program, grant program, and a photo of the Old Stone Union Church marker in an otherwise un-MCHC-related article.

Section 106 matters: From NJDOT, notice of an informal hearing on the Prospect Street Bridge in Dover. From Richard Grubb & Associates, seeking comments on Waterloo Bridge Road over the Musconetcong in Mt. Olive; and on a Freshwater Wetlands Permit Application for 700 Pottersville Road, Chester Twp. (seeking an addition <750 square feet to a dwelling). From the FCC, comments on a proposed Verizon tower at 1 E. Springtown Road, Long Valley.

**Old business:** None discussed.

**New business:** Mrs. Kurlander is leaving the commission at the end of her term in December. The Commission will ask the people currently on its list of replacement candidates and recommend a name to the Freeholders, hopefully by their December meeting.

At Mr. Bogert's request, the Commission and Ms. Shultz discussed service levels going forward, juggling her need to be at the office versus her need to take required time off, as well as how to handle the delicate matter of having an approved part-time assistant budget but not being able to bring in a person. There is a hiring freeze and soon a salary freeze, according to the Freeholders.

**Adjournment:** 10:55 a.m. when Mr. Kinsel left and there was no longer a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ann Kurlander  
Secretary

The next Commission meeting will be held **on Tuesday, December 14, at 9:30** a.m. at the Morris County Cultural Center, beginning with a reorganization meeting. Please contact Peg Shultz if you are unable to attend.