Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes Meeting of September 10, 2013

Present: Commissioners Larry Fast, Epsey Farrell, Kathy Fisher, Miriam Morris, Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Virginia Vogt, and Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz.

Absent: Commissioners Kathy Murphy, Elliott Ruga, James Woodruff and Freeholder John Krickus.

Call to order: Larry Fast called the meeting to order at the County Cultural Center at 9:34 a.m. He read the Open Meeting Statement.

Minutes: the July minutes were read and approved with abstention by Commissioners Fisher, Nadzeika and Vogt.

Financial report: the monthly budget for 2013 was attached to the meeting package for September 10, 2013. Expenses for developing the e-book should fit within the 2013 Special Projects budget. Budget preparation for 2014 is ongoing.

Freeholder report: No response from the Freeholders.

Chairman's report: attached to the meeting package for September 10, 2013. No further report.

Office Report: attached to the meeting package for September 10, 2013.

- The commission is receiving compliments on the summer newsletter.
- Archival storage: at the meeting with Commissioner Woodruff and Acting Director Shultz, County Administrator John Bonanni raised the idea of a purpose built archive. Acting Director Shultz has access to model archive building plans in Middlesex and Hunterdon counties where the archives are under the county clerk.

Committee reports:

Archives: Jim Woodruff, 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

• Regarding QR codes the commissioners agreed not to apply for one at this time but to keep an eye on the developing technologies.

Marker program: Kathy Fisher, Chair

See Archivist/Acting Director's report. Ruth Pace has completed cleaning and painting markers for this season. She is awaiting responses regarding information queries from Roxbury Township Historical Society and about the Kinnelon Butternut tree.

• The committee approved the marker for Netcong "Church in the Glen."

Personnel: James Woodruff, Chair:

• No further report

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Public Programs/Exhibits: James Woodruff, Chair:

See Archivist/Acting Director's report.

• Commissioners Fisher and Morris will assist at the Section 106 program.

Publications: Elliott Ruga, Chair.

- Commissioner Ruga had conducted a telephone conference with the committee and David Mitros regarding <u>Gone to Wear the Victor's Crown.</u> Members will be available to help proofread chapters after the newsletter is published.
- **Communications:** Secretary Morris passed out notices and newsletters for review. She noted that the Roxbury historical community was disappointed by the SHPO response to the Canal Street bridge question.

Old Business:

• There was no old business.

New Business:

• There was no new business.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Miriam Morris, Secretary

The next Commission meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, **October 8** at 9:30 a.m. Please inform Ms. Shultz if you are unable to attend.