

**Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission  
MINUTES**

**Regular Monthly Meeting  
9:30 a.m., Thursday May 30th, 2013  
Bldg. # 1, Route 12 County Complex, Raritan Twp., NJ**

**Present:** Stephanie B. Stevens, Lora W. Jones, John Kuhl, Elizabeth M. Rice, Frank Curcio, Janet Marsh Hunt,

**Absent:** Jim Davidson, Chris Pickell, Staff Rick Steffey

**Staff Present:** Ken Bogen, Susan Holcombe-Pena

**I. O.P.M.A.**

At 9:45 a.m. Chair Stevens declared the meeting open and properly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**II. APPROVAL OF April 25th, 2013 MINUTES**

**Moved by Hunt to approve, Seconded by Kuhl, Motion Carried.**

No additions or corrections

**IV. GRANT REPORTS**

**NJSCA (New Jersey State Council on the Arts)**

No updates at this time.

**NJHC (New Jersey Historical Commission)**

Staff member Ken Bogen reported as reported at last month's meeting all reports have been submitted for 2014/2015 round. He is waiting to hear when monies will be awarded. Staff member Bogen reported that hopefully at the end of June we will hear something.

**Open Space Acquisition Assistance; & Historic Preservation Grant Program**

Staff member Ken Bogen reported that the Cultural & Heritage Committee meeting held on May 22, 2013 to review and evaluate each application submitted and make recommendations. Delaware Township shall receive \$73,500.00, East Amwell Township shall receive \$0.00, Readington Township shall receive \$0.00, HC Historical Society shall receive \$17,070.00, Hunterdon Land Trust shall receive \$99,368.00, and Union Forge Heritage Assn. shall receive \$8,300.00. **Chair Stevens entertained a motion to accept the figures, Commissioner Curcio seconded, moved by Commissioner Kuhl. All in favor. Motion Carried.**

**IV. COMMISSION PROJECTS**

**Arts**

**Kids Kulture:**

Commissioner Jones reported that they are finished until fall, final 2 more shows are scheduled. Commissioner Jones reported that Abe Lincoln will be completed and that she will try a different venue possibly something musical for the children. Commissioner Jones stated that the teachers thought the Lincoln Impersonator was hard to hear at times, and that there is no advanced lesson plans.

**Art Show at Prallsville Sawmill Gallery:**

Commissioner Hunt stated that the banner above the door looks great, thought would be that possibly our commission could do the same. Commissioner Jones stated that not too many people show up anymore, that it's been a rather disappointment.

#### Bus to Culture:

Commissioner Jones indicated that she has reached out to that committee in regards to obtaining their report of activities. Commissioner Jones had reminded them that the activity has to be art related and not paddling down the river as the activity.

#### Art Goes to School:

Chair Stevens reported that the last meeting for AGTS will be tomorrow May 31, 2013. At that point stats will be taken from the year to make their report for the parent organization.

### **History & Preservation**

#### Site Signs

Commissioner Kuhl reported that there is no change at this time.

#### Sites of Historic Interest:

Chair Stevens reported that Lebanon Township has provided photos for this project. Patty Liedner from GIS is looking at all of them. Chair Stevens has said that she has given up on Raritan at this time due to being promised multiple times and has had nothing to date. Flemington Borough Preservation has also said that "They will get around to it". Chair Stevens reported that Maryann Busher Raritan Assessor was contacted and said she would be glad to provide pictures for Raritan Township, and to direct the m to Patty Liedner from GIS. Commission Rice and Commissioner Curcio have been working with Clinton Township for photos.

#### Roads of Home:

Commissioner Curcio came to the table with information in regards to the trails in Hunterdon County that he has been documenting and he continues to write about them. Commissioner Curcio reported about Second annual heritage tour was a success. Two train tours completed the east and west. The entire county was covered in two months. Commission Curcio stated that it appeared to be a very popular tour.

#### Hunterdon's Civil War Vets:

Commission Kuhl had stated that the books are done and he has sold a box and half already. Chair Stevens asked about a "bulk" lot of books price or organization price. The price was agreed upon of \$12.00 a book in bulk lots of 10 or more, 6-9 books agreed upon price of \$13.00, and 1-5 at \$15.00 apiece.

#### 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HC

Commissioners Kuhl visited Paul Jennis to view the portraits/murals and he was impressed with the outcome so far. Stevens stated that Marcia Karrow plans to have an event at the County Library for the introduction and the commission has been invited to speak. Commissioner Rice thought a "key" might be beneficial for the mural, since it is full of detail, and helpful for lesson plans. Chair Stevens has also said that Marcia Karrow has in the works 70 lectures throughout the year. Janice Armstrong will give a "hands on" approach for little kids; interactive would be better to keep them interested instead of lecturing. Commissioner Rice will also contact Marcia in regards to the social media.

Chair Stevens asked Commissioner Jones about the progress on the "First 300 years of Hunterdon County" Book. Commissioner Jones said that there are no pictures as of yet and no final on Dick Stothoff industries as of yet. Many of the business have changed again and need to be updated.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

### Pickell/Rice: Architecture for 300<sup>th</sup>

Commissioner Rice reported that Commission Pickell has been working on drafting the text for first chapter.

### Farmer interviews

Staff member Susan Holcombe-Pena supplied the commission handouts of the municipalities with farmers that had been suggested for the interviews by representatives from their perspective municipalities. The commission was asked to review and add or deleted where needed. In about a week or so Chair Stevens will start sending out letters to the farmers. Chairs Stevens stated that now it appears she can get her photographer to make arrangements to go to theses farms for photos and interviews.

### 2013 Arts and History Expo

To date it appears that there are at least 18 participants for the Expo. After our meeting today, Linda Zdepski from the library gave the commission a walking tour of the tree grove in front of the library where the expo will be held. It appears that 20 tables and the 40 chairs the commission ordered should fit neatly in a row in the shade for our participants. Chair Stevens stated that Shoprite of Flemington will donate the sandwiches and cookies for the expo.

### HCPB/C&H Recognition 2014 / Graphics

Commissioner Rice brought some "samples" of the invitation she has been working on for the Recognition Awards. Rice has asked for input, any ideas for the invitations. She has been working along with staff Rick Steffey on this project.

## VII ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE:

- Chair Stevens discussed the May 11th Washington Crossing History Day for the State. Commissioner Kuhl stated that they did not go due to the unfavorable weather that day due to extreme wind and sudden down pours.
- Staff Susan Holcombe-Pena brought up to Chair Stevens the possibility of having a display case that would hold the C&H books available to the public here in building #1. Instead of paper on the wall an actual visual might be helpful in selling the books. Staff will look into finding a case within the county for that purpose if one is available. Staff Ken Bogen also suggested the library case too, but who would collect and hold the monies would be an issue.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, **Commissioner Kuhl moved to adjourn. Motion carried** Meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM

Respectfully submitted  
*Susan Holcombe-Pena*

