

Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission
MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting - 4:30pm, Wednesday February 23, 2022
Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse, 71 Main St., Flemington, NJ 08822
This meeting held by Zoom

Present: Chair Carol Cronheim, Vice Chair Gayle Maher, Cmr. Don Sherblom, Cmr. Nikki Shepardson. Staff: Executive Director Carrie Fellows, Assistant Program Analyst Lauren Lembo, Clerk Nancy Hanna.

Guest: Rikki Massand from TapInto

O.P.M.A. At 4:30pm, Chair Cronheim declared the meeting open and properly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

I. APPROVAL of January 26, 2022, MINUTES: Moved: Cmr. Shepardson; Second: Cmr. Sherblom; All in favor.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT Journalist Rikki Massand mentioned the articles in TapInto for Heritage Tourism and grant awards. He is looking for content to publish more in the future.

III. Chair's Report: Commissioners will re-evaluate the meeting dates for May and June for virtual versus in-person. The March 23 meeting will remain remote via teleconference. All other regular monthly meetings are anticipated to be held in-person at the Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse.

Nominating Committee: Chair Cronheim and Cmr. Shepardson met with, and reached out to, potential new commissioners.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Carrie Fellows

Revolution NJ: Committee's next webinar "Big Ideas: Concepts for 250th" takes place February 25 at noon, via Zoom.

Operations: Remote/rotational work schedules continue through March 4. Employee mask requirements and travel restrictions have been rescinded. A summer intern maybe be recruited, costs to be covered by the 2022 LAP grant under Salary & Wages.

V: REGRANT REPORT – Lauren Lembo

Local Arts Program (LAP) Grant: LAP agreements and revised budgets are due March 14.

County History Partnership Program (CHPP) Grant: CHPP agreements and revised budgets are due March 14.

Teen Arts Program: Plans are underway for the 2022 Hunterdon County Teen Arts Festival, following the same format as last year with five (5) regrantees contributing special events and programs.

County Special Project Grants: Five (5) applications were received; the review meeting will be held the end of March.

VI. COMMISSION PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Marker Committee: Cmr. Sherblom continues to work with GIS on templates for the HuntHistory website. High quality proofs of the most recent markers have been requested from the vendor.

Americans for the Arts: The draft contract is available; Director Fellows will review it.

VII. COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE/ COMMENTS – N/A

VIII: OLD BUSINESS

Document Storage: Cmr. Sherblom emailed Janice Armstrong regarding professional reports on file such as Historic Structure Reports for various county- and township funded historic preservation, archaeology, and other research projects so that they may be made available to the public.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – Vice Chair Maher acknowledged completion of the 2021 Annual Report and suggested a couple of minor edits prior to upload on the C&H website.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Director Fellows announced an exhibit of quilted items <https://florencegriswoldmuseum.org/exhibitions/> curated by textile historian Lynn Zacek Bassett at the Florence Griswold Museum in Connecticut, featuring pieces from Hunterdon County Historical Society's collection.

Cmr. Sherblom announced an in-person program on April 23, 2022 at the Vought House.

XI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No comments

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the C&H Commission, Chair Cronheim requested a motion to adjourn. Moved: Cmr. Sherblom; Second: Cmr. Shepardson; All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Hanna

Next meeting: March 23, 2022, 4:30pm – Virtual