



**WEST MILFORD HERITAGE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 8, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Tonya Cubby, Thomas Decker, Kristen Koerner, Kerry O'Brien, Hans Niederstrasser, Michael Van Hooker, Council Liaison Michael Chazukow (L)

**ABSENT:** Harry Bedford, Robert Pawlo

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Current Utilities—OR Elect: June \$255.18, July \$118.35; PSEG: June \$26.52, July -\$24.69; UGI Services: June \$8.46, July \$6.10.
- Trust Account: \$29,125.46 including \$27.55 interest for June.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

- The June 13, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved on a **motion** by Kerry O'Brien with a **second** by Thomas Decker.

**MUSEUM BUSINESS:**

- Conversion of Historic Preservation Commission meeting tapes into digital format – On hold.
- Donation of display cabinet with Lions Artifacts – On hold. Tonya Cubby to reach out to the Lions members to inquire about their assistance in getting the case mounted.
- Exterior Painting: One quote received, to date.
- Stone Foundation Repair: Eric Coulson will be submitting a quote for the stone foundation repair.
- Report on WM Museum Visitor Numbers: June = 17 visitors signed in; July = 7 visitors signed in; Aug = 4 signed in, to date.
- The Committee reviewed Museum Staffing for Aug – Sept.
- Maintenance at Museum –Interior/Exterior maintenance items: Gardens and gutters on rear to be attended to.
- Museum Exhibits and Programs – Michael Van Hooker donated his grandfather's collection of local Native American artifacts and he will set up a display. Thomas Decker is working on displays for Newfoundland School and Postsville.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Geoffrey Syme (Library Board) submitted the attached proposed collaboration with the Museum, the WM Library, WM77TV and WM Schools for a video "recollection" series. Heritage Committee agreed to provide a draft list of proposed speakers and provide available historical information to speakers who are selected.
- Contra-Band will perform on Aug 19, 2023 at 2pm at the Museum. Tonya Cubby printed flyers and posted on the Township sign and website, and Tom Decker offered to distribute flyers around town. Harry Bedford will post signs around town.
- Township Anniversary Booklet: On hold.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

*The following were reviewed by the Committee:*

- Ringwood Manor – Living History Timeline and Encampment August 12 & 13, 10am to 3pm.
- History News Magazine
- Passaic County Historical Society – Exhibit at The Paterson Museum July 8 to Sept 24, 2023
- AASLH – Weekly Dispatches and Job Flash
- NJ Historical Commission Newsletter July 2023.
- NJ Council of Arts \$30 Million in Grant Announcement

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm by unanimous consent. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Approved: September 12, 2023