

**WARREN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL
CULTURAL & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD**

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue
Oxford, NJ 07863

**Introductory Meeting Notes
October 15, 2019**

Members Present: Nancy Miller, Charles Fineran, Jane Primerano, Laurie Rapisardi, Jeanette Iurato

Staff Present: Corey Tierney, Christina Roberts, Gina Rosseland, Dennis Austin

Introductions & Discussion

Mr. Tierney opened the informal meeting at 3:05 pm and polled members on the dates and times of future meetings. All members present provided introductions and a brief overview of their background.

Mr. Tierney explained how the Cultural & Heritage Commission was dissolved in October 2018, the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs was moved under the Department of Land Preservation. The new Board will oversee historical programming, grants administered through the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and assist the Freeholders with planning of the County's bicentennial celebration.

Mr. Charlton will also add a new column for meeting minutes to the Department's webpage on the County website.

Ms. Rosseland spoke of her previous teaching experience and upcoming events she is planning at Shippen Manor. She has also been working with several schools to get students involved in various programs at the Manor. Open health cooking demos during events are available again at the Manor. A local volunteer has been working on cleaning up the herb garden. Vo-tech students may be helping with the raised garden beds. More volunteers are being sought to assist with events.

Upcoming maintenance issues at Shippen Manor were discussed. The Freeholders set aside \$300,000 for repairs to the building and safety upgrades. The accepting of donations, specifically for the Manor was discussed. Getting more volunteers interested in the Friends of Shippen group would also be beneficial.

Mr. Austin discussed the arts grants, mini-grants, and other programs he coordinates. During the summer, the lawn concert series is also held at Shippen Manor. There are art shows held at the administration building, strolling banjo and accordion players at the Farmers Fair, and the Black Maria film program at Centenary College. Ms. Miller suggested Mr. Austin provide a list of all of the funding opportunities available throughout the year.

Ms. Iurato suggested gathering a network of public and private organizations in the county that support local history groups and seek volunteers. A list of the local historical groups and societies should also be compiled for outreach.

Bicentennial Commemoration Celebration - Mr. Tierney requested members come up with some ideas by the next meeting for the bicentennial celebration, which will be from 2024-2025. Ms. Iurato suggested there be an online presence for this Board to help get more people involved.

NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2019.

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2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

November 19, 2019	December 17, 2019
January 21, 2020	February 18, 2020
March 17, 2020	April 21, 2020
May 19, 2020	June 16, 2020
July 21, 2020	August 18, 2020
September 15, 2020	October 20, 2020
November 17, 2020	December 15, 2020

Meetings are held at 3:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday
of each month, unless otherwise noted.

LOCATION:
Department of Land Preservation
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