

**Cultural and Historical Affairs Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 13, 2015**

The Bethany Beach Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee held a meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, in the Bethany Beach Town Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

Members present: Carol Olmstead, who presided; Carole Calef; Mary Lou Urquhart; Jan Kinsella; Margaret Young; and Julie Malewski, Events Director/Media Coordinator.

Absent Members: Vicky Drury; Mary Lou McNerney; Cathy Davis; Theo Loppatto;

Also present: Molly Daisey, Administrative Secretary.

**Call to Order**

Ms. Olmstead called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from August 25, 2015 meeting**

After a few minor changes, Ms. Urquhart made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Calef and unanimously approved.

I. Announcements

- Ms. Olmstead showed everyone the picture of the painting of Val Montanari's house. She had the picture framed at Sea Needles. Everyone was pleased with how it turned out. Ms. Olmstead is thinking the frame should hang near the front desk of the museum.

II. Cultural Events

- a. Everything is all set for next Wednesday's "Haunted Lighthouse Tales and Sea Superstitions" that is being held at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Malewski will follow up with Ed Okonowicz to see if he need anything for his presentation. And to inquire if he plans on selling his book at the event. There is an ad running in today's issue of the Wave and in this Friday's Coastal Point. Only item left to plan is the light refreshments that will be served. Ms. Kinsella will get the cookies and candy corn. Ms. Olmstead will take care of the paper products, hot apple cider, small bottles of water and fall decorations.
- b. The next event will be the "Fort Miles" event. Everyone agreed that a Tuesday or Wednesday in February would work. Ms. Olmstead will reach out to Dan Lyons about scheduling the date.
- c. Ms. Olmstead has tried to contact someone at First State National Park in Delaware about doing a presentation. She has left message but not heard back

from anyone yet. Being the time of year it is, there may only be someone in the office a few days a week.

- d. Ms. Malewski introduced the idea of doing a candlelight Christmas tour of the historical homes in Bethany Beach. Ms. Olmstead said that these homes are privately owned. Ms. Urquhart commented that a lot of time goes into tours such as these. The South Coastal Library begins planning their Summer Cottage Tour a year in advance. However, this would be something to think about for a future event.
- e. Update on teaching residents how to research the age of your home. Ms. Loppatto is the contact person for this, it will be discussed at the next meeting.

### III. Report on September Coastal Museum Committee Meeting

- a. Ms. Olmstead was not able to attend the meeting, however Ms. Loppatto did attend. At the meeting each town gave an update on recent activities. Bethany Beach reported that we had Periers Day on July 27, 2015 where La Vie En Rose (French Band) performed and Christain Levaufre was in attendance to this event. We have completed our Oral History DVD's which are now available in the museum on the kiosk. South Bethany Beach, Ocean View and Fenwick Island each spoke about events that they themselves had had. Each town does their own event. The Coastal Museum Committee meets regularly during the year, however, not in the summer. They are nowhere near having a museum, but their next meeting is on Monday.

### IV. Update Regarding Ongoing Projects

- a. Ms. Calef was asked to reach out to several historical homes to inquire about a historical marker at the home. Ms. Olmstead thinks that sending out a letter would be a better idea. Therefore the homeowner could reach out to the committee if they are interested, rather than 'feeling they have been put on the spot' with a phone call. This letter along with a brochure will be mailed to everyone. Ms. Olmstead has drafted a letter to send and gave everyone a copy. Ms. Olmstead will make the changes everyone agreed on and sent it to Ms. Malewski, who will mail the letter out. It was also mentioned that there should be stationary for items like this.
- b. The labels for the pictures in Town Hall have been completed. They just need to be matched up with the photo. Ms. Olmstead will take care of that.
- c. The Oral History DVD's will be mailed out to everyone that helped with this project.
- d. The Museum in Town Hall is getting visitors, evident by the signatures in the guest book. Ms. Malewski suggested doing a flyer about the Museum to let

people know it is there. She will create the flyer and post it around town and possibly, every few months run the as in the local papers.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November. Mrs. Olmstead will confirm this.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Molly Daisey  
Administrative Secretary