

**WARREN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL  
CULTURAL & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD**  
500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue  
Oxford, NJ 07863

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON  
January 20, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Rosseland called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Laurie Rapisardi, Charles Fineran, Karin White, Jane Primerano, and Mark Young

**Members Absent:** Rick Gardner and Alex Ibarra,

**Staff Present:** Gina Rosseland, Olivia Stettler, Commissioner Lori Ciesla, Art Charlton, Corey Tierney

**Staff Absent:**

**INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

Ms. Rosseland read the opening statement.

**Reorganization**

Ms. Rosseland opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Ms. Primerano nominated Ms. Rapisardi to remain as chair, seconded by Mr. Fineran. All voted in favor. Motion carried to have Ms. Rapisardi as Chair of the Board.

Ms. Rosseland opened the floor for Vice-Chair nominations. Ms. Primerano nominated Mr. Fineran to remain as Vice-Chair, seconded by Mr. Young. All voted in favor. Motion carried to have Mr. Fineran as Vice-Chair of the Board.

Ms. Rosseland opened the floor for Board Secretary. Mr. Fineran nominated Ms. Primerano as Board Secretary, seconded by Ms. White. All voted in favor. Motion carried to have Ms. Primerano as Board Secretary.

The 2026 Meeting Dates were reviewed. Mr. Fineran made a motion to approve the 2026 BCHAB meeting dates as the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm, seconded by Mr. Young. All voted in favor. Motion carried to approve the 2026 Meeting Dates.

**MINUTES**

The December 8th, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Fineran made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Primerano. All voted in favor. Minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **COUNTY MUSEUMS / CHPP GRANTS:**

Ms. Rosseland stated that the final report for the CHPP Grant was submitted and approved. Ms. Rosseland reported that the CHPP Grant Panel is scheduled for February 13th, and the LAP Grant Panel will be scheduled soon.

### **COUNTY ARTS PROGRAMS / LAP GRANTS:**

Ms. Rosseland reported that the Arts Grant funded performers and events are being planned for the year, including 3 assisted care performers and Rev 250 musical acts. Ms. Rosseland stated that she is searching for Rev War speakers to visit Shippen Manor, and coordinating with the 2<sup>nd</sup> NJ Regiment to hold a Rev War Day on History Trail Weekend.

### **REV 250 ART CONTEST**

Ms. Rosseland stated that she will be connecting with Mr. Ibarra and Ms. White about the Rev250 Art Contest soon.

### **REVOLUTIONARY SCHOOLS WITH WARREN HILLS**

Ms. Rosseland reported that she is coordinating a meeting at Shippen Manor with the photography teacher at Warren Hills to test light and sound for the project.

### **2026 PRIORITIES:**

Ms. Rosseland reported that the sign for the Historic Marker Grant is finished and will be installed when the weather is more appropriate.

Ms. Rosseland reported that she had not heard back from the Colonial Musketeers. Ms. Rapisardi asked what dates would be ideal, and stated that she would reach out to the group. Ms. Rosseland answered that the dates would be decided based on the other events and the budget for the performances. There was discussion about the Colonial Musketeers and History Trail Day groups.

Ms. Rosseland asked the Board for suggestions on speakers for Shippen Manor with knowledge of the Revolutionary War or local genology. Ms. Rapisardi suggested Joan Seldis who is knowledgeable of local history and families. Ms. Rapisardi also suggested Ray Fry and Richard Kron as possible speakers.

Ms. Rosseland explained the funding available for possible Rev250 concerts at Garrett Wall Park and asked if the Board had any objection to moving forward with these performances. Mr. Young voiced his support of the concerts and asked that neighboring concert events be taken into account when selecting a date for the event. There was a discussion about possible performing groups and the success of past concerts.

Ms. Rosseland reported that she cannot take on the running of the Teen Arts program. There was a discussion about what Teen Arts is, what the organizer role would entail, and if a college or other entity may be able to take it over.

Ms. Rapisardi stated that she would like the board to focus on more Rev250 events, and motivate the municipalities to incorporate Rev250 into their own events. There was discussion about the Rev250 efforts of other counties and their respective Rev War history. Ms. Rosseland mentioned that though Warren County was not a battleground County, there is plenty of historical Rev War significance to

the area. Ms. Rapisardi stated that outreach to the municipalities to motivate participation in Rev250 should be a priority. There was a discussion about logistics related to sending mass emails to the municipalities.

Ms. Rapisardi stated that a gala or barn dance for the Rev 250 could be beneficial for the County. Ms. Rosseland stated that the Tavern Talks could be an option for an additional Rev 250 event.

Ms. Rosseland reported that she will look into getting a Rev NJ Partner sign for Shippen Manor, though it would require further approvals and funding.

Mr. Young supported municipal outreach as a priority for the board, especially emphasizing “retrofitting” existing events to fit Rev 250 efforts. Mr. Young stated that a gala would be enjoyable for the County and would not be a large undertaking.

Ms. Rapisardi mentioned that Commissioner support would be important when considering hosting another gala event. There was a discussion about reasonable ticket price and what may be appropriate for a Rev 250 Gala. Mr. Young shared that seeking out sponsors could be an option to support the event.

Ms. Rosseland agreed to pass the Board’s ideas along to Mr. Tierney and to discuss next steps and feasibility. There was a discussion about including a parade in the priorities list.

Mr. Charlton shared a message from Commissioner Ciesla emphasizing a barn dance and a parade as priorities for Rev 250. Ms. Rosseland asked what venue would be considered for a barn dance. Mr. Charlton mentioned that Brook Hollow Winery may be a suitable option.

Ms. Rosseland summarized the 2026 priorities: a gala, a parade, and a barn dance.

Ms. White mentioned that Tavern Talks would be great to repeat in 2026. Mr. Charlton described what would be involved in a Tavern Talk. Mr. Young stated that Tiptons Tavern would be a possible host site, other board members offered Manskirt Brewery in Hackettstown, and Four Sisters Winery.

Ms. Rosseland stated that she would reach out to the State to figure out the requirements to host a Tavern Talk and whether the NJ reinactors would be available. There was a discussion about local sites with historic significance to the American Revolution.

Mr. Young suggested a speaker from Drive-by History for Rev talks at Shippen. There was a discussion about hosting events at cemeteries and walk throughs during the History Trail Weekend.

Mr. Fineran mentioned that the Delaware River Sojourn will be camping at Worthington for two nights, which presents an opportunity to table information for the campers.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT** (open)

None.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held February 17th, 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Primerano. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Olivia Stettler  
Clerk, Land Preservation Dept.