

**Farragut Museum Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**January 24, 2023**

**Members Present**

Dot LaMarche, Chairperson  
Sue-Ann Hansler, Gift Shop Manager  
Joyce Moran, Scheduler  
Bill Rhodes, Secretary  
Bill Battle  
Beverley Hammond  
Henry Bird  
Paul Bergen  
Robert Keaton, Student Rep.

**Members Absent**

Annie Judkins, Vice Chairperson  
David White, Alderman

**Town Staff Present**

Karen Tindal, Tourism Manager  
Hallie Riddle, Tourism Coordinator

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dot LaMarche at 1PM. Attendees were introduced.

**2. Leadership Changes:** Karen Tindal announced that Julia Barham, Historic Resources Coordinator for the past 14 years, had resigned to take another job. Interviews for Julia's successor have been scheduled and the position will be filled in the near future. In the interim, Karen will assume Julia's duties until the successor has been hired.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 2022 meeting were approved by vote with no changes.

**4. Historic Resources Coordinator's Report:** Karen Tindal provided additional details regarding the departure of Julia Barham and discussed the impacts. Additionally, the Margaret Angel paintings exhibit in the rear gallery was discussed.

Upcoming events include our Black History Month presentation scheduled for Feb 26 and being presented once again by the Bright Star Touring Group. The 45-minute presentation is titled Groundbreaking Geniuses. The performance will begin at 2PM. Karen and the Town's Tourism and PR departments are handling radio and newspaper announcements.

**5. Volunteer Schedule and Gift Shop Report:** Scheduler Joyce Moran discussed the museum schedule for February as well as the need for more volunteers. The schedule was disseminated to volunteers a few days later. The gift shop report was discussed by Sue-Ann Hansler. January sales had been better than in the previous few months. Additional items were being purchased for resale.

**6. New Business:** Karen Tindal announced that renovation of the Farragut Town Hall will begin in late June 2023. This extensive renovation will require that our museum will be closed for between 12 and 18 months beginning in June, although the museum itself will not be renovated. Office trailers for Town, and possibly, County offices will be erected temporarily onsite.

The Battle of Campbell's Station 160th Anniversary re-enactment is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 2023 at 2PM. We expect to open the museum as much as possible on the date of the re-enactment. Major issues are yet to be ironed out. The next Battle re-enactment meeting is scheduled for February 28 at Noon.

Two new museum presentations were discussed and scheduled as follows. April 16 at 2PM - "Midshipman David Farragut" will discuss the early life and naval career of Midshipman Farragut from his birth on the shores of the Tennessee River in 1801 through his naval experiences in the War of 1812. A second new presentation, "The Battle of Mobile Bay" will be given on May 21, 2023, to discuss Admiral Farragut's strategies and performance at the 1864 Battle of Mobile Bay in 1864. Both presentations will be by Bill Rhodes and both will begin at 2PM with refreshments by Beverley Hammond beginning at 1PM.

Paul Bergen volunteered to make a presentation on Civil War artillery that will coincide with the Campbell's Station re-enactment.

**7. Old Business:** The installation of an electric eye at the museum door has been deferred due to the upcoming renovation.

**8. Next Meeting:** The next Museum Volunteer Committee meeting will be held on February 28 at 1PM. In the Town Hall Community Room.

**9. Adjournment:** The January Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:55.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS. SEE YOU NEXT MONTH.**