

**JANUARY 9, 2019 MEETING MINUTES  
EAST AMWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
East Amwell Municipal Building  
1070 Route 202, Ringoes, NJ**

**CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The meeting of the East Amwell Historic Preservation Committee was called to order at approximately 7:30 PM by the secretary. Secretary Sharon Brighthaupt read aloud the following: “In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a regular meeting of the East Amwell Historic Preservation Committee pursuant to the meeting notice published in the December 20, 2018 issue of the Hunterdon Democrat. Notice of this meeting was filed in the Township Clerk’s Office, sent to the Hunterdon Democrat, and the agenda was posted on the municipal bulletin board.”

**ROLL CALL 1/9/19**

Committee Member (term expires)	1/9/19	2/6/19	3/6/19	4/3/19	5/1/19	6/5/19	7/23/19	8/7/19	9/4/19	10/2/19	11/6/19	12/4/19
<b>Susan Berger (12/31/19) (Alt 1) CLASS A</b>	X											
<b>Jim Davidson (12/31/21) CLASS A</b>	X											
<b>Frances Gavigan (12/31/20) CLASS B</b>												
<b>Will Harrison (12/31/21) CLASS B</b>	X											
<b>Alexis Antricoli (12/31/19)</b>												
<b>Barbara Sageser (12/31/20) CLASS A</b>	X											
<b>Vacant Position (12/31/19) CLASS C</b>												
<b>Paul Sterchele (12/31/18) CLASS C</b>	X											
<b>Peg Sullivan (12/31/18) CLASS C</b>	X											
<b>Mary Van Horn (12/31/19) CLASS C</b>												
<b>Eda Schmalz</b>												

*Others present: Sharon Brighthaupt, Recording Secretary HPC*

**REORGANIZATION**

The secretary asked for nominations for 2019 Committee Chairperson. Jim Davidson nominated Barbara Sageser. Paul Sterchele seconded. Barbara Sageser asked if there were any other nominations for the position. None being heard, all in favor for Barbara Sageser to serve as 2019 Committee Chair. Barbara Sageser accepted the position.

The secretary asked for nominations for 2019 Vice-Chairperson. Jim Davidson nominated Will Harrison, Susan Berger seconded, all in favor. Will Harrison accepted the position.

Barbara Sageser asked for a nomination of someone to serve as liaison to the FOSPC and explained the person who serves will need to attend the FOSPC meetings and bring feedback to the HPC. Jim Davidson nominated Paul Sterchele to serve as Liaison, all in favor. Paul Sterchele accepted to serve as Liaison.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Noting no public present, Barbara Sageser asked for a motion to open and close to the public. Susan Berger made a motion seconded by Pauline Serafin. All favor.

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**PRESENTATION OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2018 MINUTES**

Barbara Sageser asked if there were any additions or corrections for the minutes. Will Harrison pointed out some date corrections needed for the minutes. The secretary agreed to make the corrections and with those corrections Susan Berger made a motion for the minutes to be accepted. Seconded by Will Harrison. All in favor. Minutes are approved.

**NEW MEMBER**

Jim Davidson mentioned a new member has signed up to serve on the HPC and has been accepted. Her name is Eda Schmalz, she has been an enthusiastic participant in past house tours and volunteered her services to Jim Davidson. She is a retired teacher and her husband is the president of the New Jersey beekeepers. She has gone through the training to be a Docent and has served at the East Amwell Museum three time already. She came to work on the Quick Collection with Barbara Sageser and Jim Davidson, they suggested she might want to become a member of the HPC and she applied. The committee looks forward to her attendance at the next meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**EAST AMWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE**

**QUICK COLLECTION UPDATE**

Jim Davidson moved onto the Quick Collection. He explained it has been worked on since 1989 and progress is finally being realized. All the flat files have been moved to the museum and within a week he expects all the files will be organized, cataloged, and sorted (at least on paper). There is a beautiful 1800's map of New Jersey that we would like to have framed and used in the museum. Next we will begin to sort the books. Many have already been cataloged and placed in boxes.

Jim expects to receive additional shelving and storage for the items not being currently displayed.

Jim Davidson thanked Will Harrison and his wife for decorating and participating as a docent during the holiday season at the East Amwell Museum. Peg Sullivan thanked Will Harrison and his wife for loaning their precious dining room possessions to make it seem like a real home for the holidays.

Jim Davidson reported there were approximately seventy visitors to the museum on Saturday and about forty on Sunday. There have been three displays thus far and a big crowd is expected for the Aman display for the upcoming weekend. He is well known and visitors are expected to come from far and wide.

The display to follow will be the East Amwell School student art work. We look forward to hosting the many student family and school visitors.

A show committee has been organized and is scheduling shows going forward. John Buchwalter has previously participated in the house tour. His Mother was an artist out of Flemington and he has about sixty to be sold. He has offered to donate 50% of sales to the East Amwell Museum. His display is scheduled for four weeks, taking us into April. Also, discussions have started for various different functions to take place at the museum. Grays water colors will be a future display Jim Davidson is discussing it with the current owners of the historic paintings and his mother who has the original proofs of the artists.

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The grant was approved in December. Twenty-five thousand will go back to the township to reimburse the loan. That should leave approximately seventeen thousand to go toward supporting the museum. We expect to be taking bids for painting the outside of the windows and make any necessary repairs.

Jim Davidson would like to place an ad in the VIP to look for chairs to be donated. Also, the roof may need to be replaced before too long and it will require a new grant application to be completed and submitted. There are currently no leaks, but it will be pricey to replace with slate. Shutters may also be considered.

Going forward we should consider hiring an archivist. During the next few years it will be necessary to hire someone at least part time to keep the museum open. The committee is open to other ideas for how grants should be used.

Peg Sullivan suggested we should try to cover the rugs to protect them from traffic going through the museum. Jim Davidson said he would consider solutions.

Jim Davidson will follow up regarding the open issues with the recent grants to ensure it is being completed.

**HISTORIC INVENTORY REVIEW UPDATE**

The article did not appear in the VIP making notice to the historic property owners. The secretary will follow-up with the VIP to again request it be placed in the VIP. Those who have ID's should get them updated. Photos taken on committee member phones should be sent to the secretary and she will download them to a thumb drive.

**BUDGET**

Barbara Sageser reported the budget was submitted, nothing has been heard yet.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Barbara Sageser passed on some mail for the Historical Society to Jim Davidson.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Barbara Sageser asked for a motion to open/close to the public. Seconded by Will Harrison. All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Paul Sterchele made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Barbara Sageser. All in favor.  
The next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:30PM.

/s/Sharon L. Brighthaupt, Recording Secretary

February 3, 2019

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