

**DECEMBER 5, 2018 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 January 25, 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 12/5/18

Committee Member (term expires)	1/3/18	2/7/18	3/7/18	4/4/18	5/2/18	6/6/18	7/4/18	8/1/18	9/5/18	10/3/18	11/7/18	12/5/18		
Susan Berger (12/31/19) (Alt I) CLASS A	X	X	CANCELLED	X			CANCELLED	X			7:38	X		
Jim Davidson (12//31/21) CLASS A	7:35	X			7:40	X		X	X					X
Frances Gavigan (12/31/20) CLASS B	X				X			7:35		X			X	
Will Harrison (12/31/21) CLASS B	X	X			X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
Alexis Antricoli (12/31/19)												X		
Barbara Sageser (12/31/20) CLASS A	X	X			X	X		X		X		X	X	X
Pauline Serafin (12/31/19) CLASS C	X	X				X		X		X	X		X	X
Paul Sterchele (12/31/18) CLASS C	X	X			X	X		X		X	X	X		X
Peg Sullivan (12/31/18) CLASS C	X					X				X		X	X	X
Mary Van Horn (12/31/19) CLASS C						X		X		X		X	X	
John Allen (12/31/18) (Alt II) CLASS B	X	X		X	X	X		X	X		X	X		

Others present: Sharon Brighthaupt, Recording Secretary HPC

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE NOBEMBER 7, 2018 MINUTES

Barbara Sageser asked if there were any additions or corrections for the minutes. None being heard, Will Harrison made a motion for the minutes to be accepted as presented, seconded by Peg Sullivan. All in favor. Minutes are approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EAST AMWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Jim Davidson noted the calendars are complete and distribution has started. There were 1,400 printed and approximately 1,100 have been used so far. Calendars were given to the attendees of the recent historic house tour which included four historic homes. Jim Davidson thanked all those from the committee who served as docent. He advised that going forward the Clawson House will formally be known and referred to as the East Amwell Museum. The computer has been connected and the scanners are up and running. He also found a movie camera the Society bought several years ago and moved it to the museum. The second display of art work has been placed on display and another is scheduled to follow including a

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Sourland wildlife photo exhibit. Committees are being set up to assist with moving the exhibits forward. A meeting is scheduled with the school to explore ways the museum can be used to include the young people.

Will Harrison asked about the on-line sign-up system to be activated for the volunteers. Jim Davidson reported he spoke to Alexis Antricoli and she is working on it.

HISTORIC INVENTORY REVIEW UPDATE

Barbara Sageser brought her records from the previously completed work. She explained the method used for the work completed in the past and identified what is currently missing. The work has been difficult as the tax records have changed on many and there are few descriptions to rely on. She asked for volunteers to work in groups of two to photograph and identify the properties to help complete the project. Member volunteers will contact her to get their section of the list to work on. She will split up the list of the remaining properties and make the assignments. Those volunteers will need to pick up the camera and the dry erase board as they begin their section. All volunteers will need to have an official ID to show when they are doing the photographs.

Discussion about noticing the property owners to make them aware there may be people coming around to take photographs. It was decided the secretary will send a notice to the VIP for inclusion in the January issue to make residents aware it is taking place. In that notice we will ask residents who do not want to be bothered participating to send an email message to the committee secretary.

BUDGET

Barbara Sageser made a motion the remaining balance left in the committee budget be allocated to the calendar project to help defray the cost of production. Pauline Serafin seconded. All in favor. Barbara Sageser notified the CFO that this was the plan for the remaining funds in the budget for 2018.

Discussion followed regarding how much the committee should request for the budget for 2019. It was agreed now that the East Amwell Museum is operating there will be charges incurred for additional historical storage materials. It was agreed the budget request should be \$1,850 for 2019. Pauline Serafin made a motion seconded by Peg Sullivan. All in favor.

QUICK COLLECTION UPDATE

Additional progress should be easier going forward now that the Museum is open and the archives can be move.

CORRESPONDENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The secretary notified the members the January meeting date will need to be discussed. The next scheduled committee meeting is scheduled for the same date of the Township Committee reorganization for 2019. The Historic Preservation Committee meeting cannot take place until after the TC reorganization takes

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place. The committee members discussed and decided they would change the Historic Preservation Committee meeting for January (only) to the second Wednesday, January 9, 2019. Beginning in February 2019 the regular meeting date will return to the first Wednesday of the month. Pauline Serafin made a motion the January meeting take place on the 9th, seconded by Will Harrison. All in favor.

Jim Davidson mentioned a few new donations to the museum have been delivered recently. A dictionary/Bible stand and a Native American artifact found in the Township.

Pauline Serafin acknowledged John Allen for his contributions to the committee. She presented him with a record album of civil war music, and she and other members would like to encourage him to reconsider his resignation and return in 2019.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Davidson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Will Harrison. All in favor.
The next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:30PM.

/s/ Sharon L. Brighthaupt

Sharon L. Brighthaupt, Recording Secretary

December 31, 2018
