

**East Amwell Township Historic Preservation Committee  
Minutes of Meeting held on: February 22, 2011**

**In attendance:**

Chairperson: Barbara Sageser

Members, Frances Gavigan, Paul Sterchele, Peg Sullivan,

Historian: Jim Davidson

Secretary: Martha Pittore

**Absent:** Kathy Cannelongo, Jennifer Floyd, Dave Harding, Pauline Serafin, Mary Van Horn,

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Barbara Sageser at 7:30 p.m.

**Statement of Compliance:**

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, this meeting was noticed as a regular meeting in the February 3, 2011 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Times of Trenton, Courier News, Star Ledger, and posted on the bulletin board on February 22, 2011.

**Approval of Minutes of Meeting January 25, 2011:** HPC recommended minor corrections to the minutes. These changes will be incorporated into the original which will be filed and distributed. A motion was made by Peg Sullivan to approve amended minutes, second by Frances Gavigan and carried. Abstentions: Peg Sullivan.

**Open to Public:**

A motion was made by Frances Gavigan to open the meeting to the public. No public was in attendance. A motion was made by Jim Davidson to close the meeting to the public. Motions carried.

**Old Business:**

**Brief Discussion on HPC Ordinance:** Barbara Sageser led a detailed discussion on Chapter 86 -Ordinance 90-06 adopted on 4/26/1990 specific to item E-Committee Responsibilities. HPC is in compliance with most of the items and will focus on items that need additional work.

**Scheduling Presentations:** HPC briefly discussed the following presentations:

- A Tour of architectural styles sponsored by East Amwell Historical Society will be held on April 10, 2011 led by Historic Architect, Chris Pickel.
- Barn tour-J. Davidson stated he will provide additional information sometime in March.

**Report on old Ringoes pamphlet grant:** Barbara Sageser stated Tim Matheny agreed the use of left over monies from an old grant. HPC will use the grant to fund subscription of on-line service to reach the public with photos from the Quick Collection.

**Report on memo to Planning Board re historic sites:** Barbara Sageser referred to her memo to the Planning Board dated 9, 2011, wherein the HPC advises the Planning Board adopt as a reference for historic sites in East Amwell, the publication Hunterdon County

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Master Plan Sites of Historic Interest, dated November 1979. In addition, the HPC advises that the East Amwell Deed Research Parts I and II by Dennis Bertland Associates, 2005 and 2006 be included as further reference.

**Report Dipplotio Farmhouse:** (former Cavalier-Prall Farm homestead Block 18, lot 1: Barbara Sageser stated she attended a meeting with Kat Cannelongo, and FOSPC Chair, Glorianne Robbi in order to discuss the project. A memo dated February 10, 2011 was prepared for East Amwell Township Committee consideration to provide positive progress on the property by the SADC. Resolution 28-11 was approved by the Township Committee with the following options for SADC consideration:

- Option 1-Existing farmhouse is repurposed as a farm office. Barbara Sageser stated the original Proposal for improvement of Cavalier farm submitted by the owner suggested conversion to a farm office.
- Option 2-SADC considers a division of property of 105 acres to allow construction of new residence without threatening the old farmhouse. Frances Gavigan referred to SADC policy on division of permanently preserved farmland which states landowner requesting division must be approved by CADB and SADC. SADC objective is to retain large masses of viable agriculture land; SADC shall determine if parcels of permanently preserved farms should be divided for agricultural purpose and whether resulting parcels are viable.

The SADC meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2011 and will be attended by representatives of HPC.

**New Business:**

**Historic preservation grant application for Clawson House:** Jim Davidson stated it is important to request a specific amount of money and use, with a phased approach. HPC decided to form a subcommittee because the application deadline is April 1, 2011. Dave Harding and Kat Cannelongo will be contacted since they are familiar with last grant application. HPC held a brief discussion on Clawson Park use; materials and windows, which were an issue on the last grant application. An updated estimate price was discussed; (F. Gavigan suggested contacting Adam Wengryn.) HPC members will continue to work on this project.

**Form two person teams to learn tutorial and begin scheduling sessions to accession and catalogue the Quick collection; and aid in placing collection materials in acid free boxes.** Barbara Sageser stated Jennie Floyd will write a tutorial to begin accessioning to train HPC members to catalogue the Quick Collection. HPC will work on this project and displaying of artifacts from Quick collection. HPC will perform an inventory of material stored in the storage unit.

**Endangered historic structure nominations:** Barbara Sageser stated the Most Endangered Historic Buildings or Structures competition is announced by the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission with entry deadline of March 4, 2011. Entries should include name of structure, address, historical background and why it should be preserved. Barbara Sageser will email HPC with address link. .

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**Correspondence:** None.

**Approval of Bills:**

- Martha Pittore-January hours 6.75 @ \$12.84=\$86.75

A motion was made by Jim Davidson, second by Paul Sterchele for approval. Motion carried.

**Open to the Public:** Waived. No public was in attendance.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., at the East Amwell Municipal Building.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by motion of Frances Gavigan, second Barbara Sageser and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Martha Pittore, Secretary  
Historic Preservation Committee