

**NOVEMBER 19, 2014 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 7:30 PM by Chairwoman Barbara Sageser. 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 23, 2014 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 11/19/14**

Committee Member (term expires)	1/15/14	2/19/14	3/19/14	4/16/14	5/21/14	6/18/14	7/16/14	8/20/14	9/17/14	10/15/14	11/19/14	12/17/14
Jim Davidson (12//31/17)		7:45		X			X	X			X	
Frances Gavigan (12/31/16)	X				7:55	X	X	X	7:45	X	7:45	
Will Harrison, alt #1 (12/31/14)	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	
Suzanne Koeniger, alt #2 (12/31/14)	n/a	n/a	X	X	X	X			X	X		
Barbara Sageser (12/31/16)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Pauline Serafin (12/31/16)	X	7:43	X	X	X	X	8:40		X	X	X	
Paul Sterchele (12/31/14)		X		X	X	X	X		X	X		
Peg Sullivan (12/31/14)	X			X	X		X	X	X		X	
Mary Van Horn (12/31/15)		X			X	7:40		X	X	X		
vacant (12/31/14)												
vacant Alt #3 (12/31/14)												

*Others present: Committee Secretary Sharon Brighthaupt*

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairwoman Sageser asked for a motion to open to the public. Pauline Serafin made a motion, seconded by Jim Davidson.

It was noted there were no members of the public present at this time. Pauline Serafin made a motion to close to the public seconded by Will Harrison.

**PRESENTATION OF October 15, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

Chairwoman Sageser asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Will Harrison made a motion for the minutes to be accepted as presented. Pauline Serafin seconded. All in favor, the minutes are accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CALENDAR PROJECT UPDATE**

Pauline Serafin reported that Frances Gavigan planned to meet with the County earlier this week. She was working on adding in the advertisers. Pauline reported approximately \$2,000 had been collected so far from the advertisers. There was a very good community response and excitement for the calendar project. In addition to advertisers, there were also some who wanted to lend their support by making donations.

Will Harrison opened a discussion about getting the word out to the public to make them aware of the calendar and its availability. They will be made available at the Township building, and an announcement will be in the VIP.

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Chairwoman Sageser and Jim Davidson began a discussion about the calendar project and oversight by the committee of the on-going details of the project. The preference is for the calendar to be a committee project. The group discussed the importance of the quality of the finished product, and the enthusiasm of the advertisers who are looking forward to this and potential future calendars going forward.

Since the advertising has been successful Pauline Serafin suggested we increase the number of calendars printed in the first batch to 1000, instead of the original 600 previously discussed. It would make extras available to leave with the advertisers for their use or for them to give to their customers.

Frances Gavigan arrived and began to explain what she has accomplished to date on the calendar. She has included the committee meeting dates and the holidays. She showed some example calendar pages to the committee members. She elaborated on the difficulties she has encountered translating the information from the business cards provided by the advertisers. The degradation of the scanned images is causing additional challenges. The photos and captions are set. She has placed mini photos and placed captions next to them. She is creating custom templates for many of the ads.

Additional proofreading needs to be done. Pauline Serafin would like to proofread all the advertisers information before the calendar goes to the printer. Chairwoman Sageser commented on the crispness of the grid and the attractive color flow of the gray scale on the samples.

Frances Gavigan suggested it would be necessary to take the proofs back to the advertisers to be sure they agree with the changes she has made to their information to make it fit.

Frances Gavigan suggested using some of the drawings from Dr. Larison's book in some of the open spaces on the calendar. Chairwoman Sageser and the other committee members expressed their preference for it to be less crowded. –

It was determined we should have 1200 calendars printed and make them available at several locations for pick-up. Extras will be given to the advertisers for their use.

Will Harrison suggested we include a phone number or a web address for advertisers who might want to be included in the calendar next year. Also, Jim Davidson would like the card for the Historical Society information gathering to be included. Will Harrison asked that the Recycling Depot dates be included.

**EAST AMWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE**

Jim Davidson called attention to the new pictures located in the lobby of the Municipal Building. The Historical Society will be collecting memorabilia going forward. They will buy it if necessary. Recently they acquired plans for the Black River and Western Train Station from the 1930's when the Pennsylvania Railroad re-did it, from Ebay. A process will be developed for the community to donate, people can buy items at nominal fees and the Historical Society will purchase items from them. Recently the Historical Society obtained approximately 120 photos from Lisa Skyler. They plan to upload the photos to the Historical Society Website. The count is close to 1,000 pictures at this time. The Society is on Facebook and they are working on a Website. There are six programs planned for 2015. A cemetery has been discovered in the Township that was formerly forgotten. The Historical Society is working to obtain access to the property, It is supposed to contain 200 graves and is located west of the Atlantic

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Equine and next to the Conservancy property. The house tour sold out in 12 hours, Pauline Serafin has obtained a bigger bus and a few more tickets are now available.

Dave Harding has been nominated to fill a position on the County Cultural and Heritage Committee. The society has voted unanimously for him, but it also has to go before the County Freeholders.

Chairwoman Sageser mentioned that Ilona English dropped off some items she obtained in a collection during her tenure with the East Amwell Heritage Society, copies of the Pauline Bond booklet about her life in East Amwell. She has donated the items to the Society so they can be sold. She also provided some County background books for safekeeping.

**CLAWSON HOUSE REHABILITATION UPDATE**

Chairwoman Sageser reported that the bid from Unlimited Builders has been accepted. The bid was \$107,250. We have a grant of \$61,800. One-half of the grant is in hand and the remainder of the amount not covered by the grant will be provided from the Open Space Fund. There is also a second grant of \$19,000 to be used for preparation for the final addition and for work on the basement. Bonds and insurance must be in place before work can begin.

**QUICK COLLECTION UPDATE**

We did find one book we can use as a model for how we will move forward with storing the collection. Some new sheets have been ordered.

**HISTORIC INVENTORY REVIEW UPDATE**

To date has not progressed further.

**COUNTY AWARDS DINNER**

The celebration has been changed to December 3, 2014 at 11:00 AM. Chairwoman Sageser will prepare the letter in support of Stephanie Stevens. RSVP's are required if you intend to attend.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Peg Sullivan proposed a program be made available on weekends to youth about local historical figures. Jim Davidson will bring up the subject at the next Historical Society Meeting to see if there is interest.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None of note.

Chairwoman Sageser asked if there are any other announcements to be made. None being heard, she asked for a motion to open to the public.

Peg Sullivan made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Will Harrison. None being present, Peg Sullivan made a motion to close to the public, seconded by Will Harrison.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Sageser declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50PM.

The next Historical Preservation meeting is scheduled on December 17, 2014 at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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/s/Sharon Brighthaupt, Secretary