

**JUNE 17, 2015 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 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 December 18, 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 6/17/15**

Committee Member (term expires)	1/21/15	2/18/15	3/18/15	4/15/15	5/20/15	6/17/15	7/15/15	8/19/15	9/16/15	10/21/15	11/18/15	12/16/15
Jim Davidson (12//31/17)	7:35	X			X							
Frances Gavigan (12/31/16)	X	X			X	X						
Will Harrison (12/31/17)	X	X	X	X	X							
Suzanne Koeniger (12/31/18)	X		X	X		X						
Barbara Sageser (12/31/16)	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Pauline Serafin (12/31/15)	X	X	X		X							
Paul Sterchele (12/31/18 )	X	X		X	X							
Peg Sullivan (12/31/18 )	X	X		X	X							
Mary Van Horn (12/31/15)		X	X		X							
Susan Berger (12/31/16)		X	X		X							
Debra Carney (12/31/15)		X		X								
Charles Van Horn (TC Liaison)						X						

*Others present: Committee Secretary Sharon Brighthaupt,*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairwoman Sageser noted there were no members of the public present. Frances Gavigan made a motion to open to the public. Suzanne Koeniger seconded the motion. All in favor. Suzanne Koeniger made a motion to close. All in favor.

**PRESENTATION OF MAY 20, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

Chairwoman Sageser asked if everyone had read the minutes and if there were comments or changes to be made. Hearing none, she noted due to lack of attendance today, acceptance of the minutes should be tabled until the July 15, 2015 meeting.

**EAST AMWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE**

Barbara Sageser with the assistance of Frances Gavigan will report on upcoming planned events.

There are seats still available on the bus or the Cemetery Tour, Saturday, June 20, 2015 – Two sessions (10:00AM and 2:00PM) – Dave Harding and Jim Davidson visited the five cemeteries on the tour including: The Ringoes Monument, The Boss Road Cemetery, Quick/Larison Cemetery, Wertzville Cemetery. Then on to John Hart’s Cave in Hopewell for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Hart’s Monument. The 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church is open only one day a year and this year it will be on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The group is working with the County Historical Cemetery Group to locate other cemeteries within East Amwell Township. Notes indicate there may be one at the corner of Van Lieus and Wertzville Road, but it has not yet been located.

Arrangements are under way for the garden tour.

Still collecting and interested in artifacts. They are currently interested in a map on a website determined not to be one already in the Quick Collection. An offer may be made.

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The damage caused by the tour bus in the fall has been restored.

**CLAWSON HOUSE REHABILITATION UPDATE**

Barbara Sageser spoke to Pickell, he reported that the contractor has ordered the materials and may be ready to start any day.

**QUICK COLLECTION WORK**

Barbara Sageser reported, as a result of checking to see if we already have a copy of the map being considered for purchase by the Historic Society, she went through a number of boxes in the collection. She discovered other nicely preserved maps in the collection. A box of framed award certificates was located. Also, archival boxes nicely preserved were discovered.

Barbara Sageser encouraged the group to restart the Quick Collection work. She will do her best to schedule dates when members are available to continue scanning and entering data in the collection format. Continuation of sorting and logging the items is very important. She and Will Harrison will meet to continue before the next committee meeting.

Frances Gavigan expressed concern for the more valuable items in the collection to be protected from the dampness. Barbara Sageser said there are so many things, the progress is slow and we are just now discovering what is in the boxes and marking. As valuable items are sorted out we are deciding the best way to preserve them.

**HISTORIC INVENTORY REVIEW UPDATE**

Jim Davidson has been busy with the other recent events.

**COUNTY CEMETERY REVIEW UPDATE**

Barbara Sageser expects there will be an update at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Grant research workshop is coming up, in case anyone is interested in attending.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Budget update.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Art Expo was cancelled until next year.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Frances Gavigan made a motion to open to the public, Suzanne Koeniger seconded. All in favor. No one from the public being present, Francis Gavigan moved to close to the public and Suzanne Koeniger seconded. All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Frances Gavigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Suzanne Koeniger seconded. All in favor. Chairwoman Sageser declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45PM.

The next Historic Preservation Committee meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2015 at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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/s/Sharon Brighthaupt, Secretary