

**MARCH 18, 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 3/18/15**

| 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 |
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| Jim Davidson (12//31/17)        | 7:35    | X       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |
| Frances Gavigan (12/31/16)      | X       | X       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |
| Will Harrison (12/31/17)        | X       | X       | X       |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |
| Suzanne Koeniger (12/31/18)     | X       |         | X       |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |
| Barbara Sageser (12/31/16)      | X       | X       | X       |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |
| Pauline Serafin (12/31/15)      | X       | X       | X       |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |
| Paul Sterchele (12/31/18 )      | X       | X       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |
| Peg Sullivan (12/31/18 )        | X       | X       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |
| Mary Van Horn (12/31/15)        |         | X       | X       |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |
| Susan Berger (12/31/16)         |         | X       | X       |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |
| Debra Carney (12/31/15)         |         | X       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |
| Charles Van Horn (TC Liaison)   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |

*Others present: Committee Secretary Sharon Brighthaupt,*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairwoman Sageser noted there were no members of the public present.

**PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 18, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

Chairwoman Sageser asked if everyone had read the minutes and if there were comments or changes to be made. Hearing none, Will Harrison made a motion for the minutes be accepted as presented, Mary Van Horn seconded. All in favor, minutes approved as submitted.

**EAST AMWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE**

Pauline Serafin reported as follows:

A talk on the Lenny Lenape Indians is scheduled for May 17, 2015 at the East Amwell Town Hall.

**CLAWSON HOUSE REHABILITATION UPDATE**

Barbara Sageser reported that she and Dart Sageser met with Architect Pickell. They reviewed the submission for the windows, it is a preliminary submittal showing the manufacturer and the type window. They were according to specifications and the next step is for the architect to ask for the submission of the measurements of all of the windows and drawings. The basement drawings were also reviewed. We asked him to complete the noting of them, to complete the repair and repointing of the foundation wall, and a few other items he was to do. We expect to receive drawings from him to be submitted to Shippo for approval. If things go well we are hopeful to use the current contractor to give us a quote without going through the entire bidding process again.

Will Harrison raised the subject of a sump pump or a gravity drain to ensure we don’t end up with water in the basement. Barbara Sageser assured the group she had brought the subject of a sump pump up at earlier meetings and will take the advice of the contractors. If necessary we will do add alternates to get prices for a gravity drain, or sump pump, and electric connection.

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Will Harrison asked who is responsible for insuring the property as value is added. It was agreed this subject would be brought up as the property becomes more valuable.

**QUICK COLLECTION WORK**

No progress to report at this time.

**HISTORIC INVENTORY REVIEW UPDATE**

No progress to report at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Greenfest has been scheduled and we have decided to participate. It will take place Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 11AM-2PM, in the school auditorium. We should do some photos of East Amwell, Quick collection materials, Walking Tour Pamphlets. Peg Sullivan volunteered to be a part of the project. We will need additional volunteers to man the tables. Will Harrison will be in the building, Pauline Serafin will try to attend and Suzanne Koeniger will attend if she does not have to work. Barbara Sageser will ask Peg Sullivan if she can change out the tri-fold poster board to fit this display.
- Mandatory meeting Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 6:00PM for chairs and secretaries, others are invited to attend. It will be a presentation by the Township Administrator and the CFO.
- Saturday, March 28, 2015 preservation in practice one-day workshop for commission members. Even though we are not a commission it may be of interest to someone on our committee. Barbara Sageser suggested we could ask for the materials after the presentation and they may be of value to our committee. It was decided that the seminar was not of great interest this year.
- An invoice from Pickell for charges related to the bidding process, Barbara Sageser has signed the invoice.
- Budget status sheet shows the budget to be the same as the balance. We are told it has not been changed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

One of the students did not cash the check from the historical art contest. Peg Sullivan is trying to track down the student.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Will Harrison mentioned the derelict building ordinance passed.

Will Harrison's update on the Ringoes Village Study, the next meeting is scheduled for next week. An electronic speed recording device has been placed on John Ringo Road and appears to be calming the traffic.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairwoman Sageser noted there were no members of the public present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Will Harrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pauline Serafin seconded, all in favor.

Chairwoman Sageser declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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/s/Sharon Brighthaupt, Secretary