

**FEBRUARY 3, 2016 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 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 28, 2016 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 2/03/16

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

Others present: Committee Secretary Sharon Brighthaupt,

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Noting there were no members of the public present Barbara Sageser moved on to the presentation of the minutes.

PRESENTATION OF January 20, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Barbara Sageser asked if everyone had read the minutes and if there were comments or changes to be made. None being heard, Jim Davidson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Will Harrison. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EAST AMWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Jim Davidson shared a professionally framed and matted display of the historic post cards previously purchased on eBay.

The Historical Society has been having sub-committee meetings, in preparation for fund raising for the Clawson House. One sub-committee has hired a website designer, expected to prepare a website for approximately \$1500. Another sub-committee is preparing grant applications, one for the County for \$75,000. Also required will be letters of support from local businesses and associations, expressing support for the restoration to be completed at the Clawson House. Historical Society has written one, Hopewell Valley Bank is writing one, the hope is for one from the Grange, and if not a conflict of interest we would like one from Cultural and Heritage. Dave Wang Iverson is preparing one as the mayor. It can be addressed To Whom it May Concern. Jim Davidson will email a sample letter to Will Harrison to use as a template. Will Harrison has agreed to request that the Friends of Clawson Park write a letter of recommendation.

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Jim Davidson has heard of a foundation called the Large Foundation in Flemington. He has requested an application for seeking a grant from their fund.

QUICK COLLECTION WORK

A work meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9 at 10:30 AM, in the downstairs room of the municipal building.

HISTORICAL INVENTORY REVIEW UPDATE

Barbara brought the postcard with her tonight, and the spreadsheets with the missing information. A few dozen will need additional photos and should be given priority. The postcard is to alert the residents that we will be photographing historic structures again for the county survey. The format of the postcard was reviewed and accepted by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Arcadia Press is looking for local history books to be reprinted. Jim Davidson will follow up.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Pickell Phase III Invoice
- Pickell Basement Invoice
- East Amwell Township School Solicitation for Volunteer Readers
 - Monday, February 29, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Will Harrison noted the link on the township website to the Quick Collection is not working. He found another place that said “photos” and it did take him to the Quick Collection photos. He suggested he would be able to identify some of the folks in the photos, and he has volunteered to help with captioning

February 16, 2016 is Fred Minus at the County Library, *Black Slaves and Soldiers of the American Revolution* 7:00PM. Tickets are free, but seats have to be reserved.

March 8, 2016 is John Allen, *History Mapping the Revolution in New Jersey*.

February 26, 2016 is Jim Davidson at Hillbilly Hall, *The Dark Side of the Sourlands*.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public being present, Jim Davidson made a motion to Open to Public, Barbara Sageser seconded. All in favor. Paul Sterchele made a motion to close, Will Harrison seconded. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Davidson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paul Sterchele. All in favor. Chairwoman Sageser declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50PM.

The next Historic Preservation Committee meeting is scheduled for March 2 at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Sharon Brighthaupt, Secretary