

**MARCH 2, 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 3/2/16

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	X									
Frances Gavigan (12/31/16)	X		7:40									
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 (12/31/19)	X		X									
Paul Sterchele (12/31/18)	X	X	X									
Peg Sullivan (12/31/18)	X		X									
Mary Van Horn (12/31/19)		X	X									
Susan Berger (12/31/16) (Alt 1)	X		X									
John Allen (12/31/18)(Alt II)	X	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 MARCH 2, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Barbara Sageser asked if everyone had read the minutes and if there were comments or changes to be made. Will Harrison asked for a correction. He agreed to request the letter of support from the Park Committee. The secretary asked if the minutes could be approved with the correction noted. All agreed. Barbara Sageser called for a vote. All in favor. Minutes approved as amended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EAST AMWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Jim Davidson said two grant applications are being prepared, one for the County, for which letters of support are being submitted. Barbara Sageser passed around a copy of a letter of support she prepared on behalf of the Historical Preservation Committee. The County application is due March 31, 2016 and is in the amount of \$75,000. The second is a pre-application for Northfield Bank and has been submitted. It will be reviewed this week and if accepted they will request a completed application for May. A Provident Bank application is also being considered and one from the Large Foundation in Flemington due around Labor Day. There is also a fifth being considered.

Jim Davidson reported on the Historical Society talk he presented on the *Dark Side of the Sourland Mountains*. It is all about bootlegging, murders and missing persons. Hillbilly Hall was incredibly packed, so many people showed up they had to turn them away. Another talk is being scheduled on April 1, 2016 to accommodate those who had to be turned away, this time it will be the Historical Society sponsoring.

March 11, 2016 at East Amwell Municipal location John Allen will have a talk on, *History Mapping the Revolution in New Jersey*.

April 16-17, 2016 Clawson House Fund Raising will be kicked off with an open house.

**MARCH 2, 2016 MEETING MINUTES
EAST AMWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
EAST AMWELL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1070 ROUTE 202, RINGOES, NJ**

QUICK COLLECTION WORK

Barbara Sageser and John Allen attended a work meeting scheduled on Tuesday, February 9 at 10:30 AM, in the downstairs room of the municipal building. Barbara reported the software for the scanner is not installed. The township clerk has requested a detailed explanation of what is wrong in order to assist with having it corrected. Barbara Sageser will provide the detail to Terri Stahl. They were able to do some organizing of the collection at this time. John Allen started the indexing system and they will work on it at the next meeting if the PC is available.

Now that the computer has been fixed she would like anyone on the committee who has any documents on their personal computer to provide them to her so they can be uploaded to the committee computer.

HISTORICAL INVENTORY REVIEW UPDATE

Barbara has been spending a lot of time on preparation for completion of the photo inventory. She has been trying to gather and combine the information from four spreadsheets. The batch of postcards went out. A new batch of (12-15) people made contact to opt out of having their property photographed. On a tax lot and block map she has marked those remaining. She prepared the kit to be used containing the white board for writing the site ID#, site name if provided, lot and block, etc., and other information about the property being photographed. She and Peg Sullivan will kick off this phase of the project on Friday, March 4, 2016 (weather permitting). She asked for other volunteers to continue to gain progress on the project over the upcoming weekend. The tool kit will be picked up and returned to Barbara Sageser's house by each team. She will be contacted by the volunteers to keep it moving forward. A loose schedule was arranged.

NEW BUSINESS

An African American museum is being created up near Zion Road in the Sourlands. The building used to be located one property outside East Amwell Township. The building was then moved down near Camp Meeting Road. They recently had a gospel brunch fund raiser where they raised \$4,000.

Frances Gavigan would like to nominate the Prall House for the most endangered list in Hunterdon County. Individuals or the Society could make the nomination. Jim Davidson asked Frances Gavigan to bring the information to the Society meeting and they will discuss further. The Committee should support saving the house, but not take it on as a project. The township committee has already done a resolution regarding saving the building.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Budget
- Pickell Invoice
- Archival Museum Brochure

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 8:55PM.

The next Historic Preservation Committee meeting is scheduled for April 6 at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Sharon Brighthaupt, Secretary