

**SEPTEMBER 7, 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 9/7/16

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		X	X		X	X			
Frances Gavigan (12/31/16)	X		7:40	7:45		7:22	X	7:37	8:05			
Will Harrison (12/31/17)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Suzanne Koeniger (12/31/18)	X		X				7:32	X	X			
Barbara Sageser (12/31/16)	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			
Pauline Serafin (12/31/19)	X		X	X	X	X	X	7:37	X			
Paul Sterchele (12/31/18)	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			
Peg Sullivan (12/31/18)	X		X	X	X			7:38	X			
Mary Van Horn (12/31/19)		X	X		X			X				
Susan Berger (12/31/16) (Alt 1)	X		X	X	X		X		X			
John Allen (12/31/18)(Alt II)	X	X	X	X	X	X	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 next agenda item with no objections.

PRESENTATION OF AUGUST 3, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Barbara Sageser asked if everyone had read the minutes and if there were comments or changes to be made. A correction to the attendance at the July meeting was noted, Suzanne Koeniger arrived a little late and was not included on the roll call. The correction has been noted. Will Harrison made a motion the minutes be approved as submitted, with the correction. Jim Davidson seconded. All in favor. Minutes are approved as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EAST AMWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Jim Davidson has nothing new to report, except to keep in mind the society activities planned for the Fall.

CLAWSON HOUSE UPDATE

Funds raised are at approximately \$18,000 from donations. One more grant is being prepared. Barbara Sageser reported on the notification received earlier today from the County indicating the grant has been approved. After the Township accepts the proposal and signs the grant paperwork and it is returned to the County, one-half of the grant money will be received. Within 60 days bids need to be accepted. As a result of the open space funds account being closed, there needs to be an approval granted from the state to deposit the funds into the general funds account and have the ability to withdraw it at a later date. Jim Davidson is hopeful this will take place in order for the bids to be awarded and the work to begin in October 2016.

Barbara Sageser thanked the committee for all the work involved in making the progress to date.

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The referendum will be on the ballot in November correcting the original resolution for Open Space Funds. Passage will be important to continuing to receive funding for the Clawson House and the sports fields and parks.

QUICK COLLECTION WORK

John Allen reported the scanning of the documents is taking place, but is time consuming and taking longer than anticipated.

HISTORICAL INVENTORY REVIEW UPDATE

Barbara Sageser mentioned due to leaves falling in on the trees the work had to be put on hold. She asked if feedback had been received regarding the CD delivered to the County. None of note. Barbara Sageser suggested we might be able to fill in some of the blanks from our collection of photos. She asked Will Harrison if he could be available to review the photos and help identify some of the properties. Some of the holes might be filled in by using Google Earth, many of the properties could be available there.

Peg Sullivan and Barbara Sageser have made plans to get together to continue what they can to move it forward. Will Harrison suggested there are public access views that can be photographed without the worry of trespassing. This will be given consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Pauline Serafin asked if the committee intends to make a 2017 township calendar. If so, it will need to be decided soon. Jim Davidson suggested we start to sell ads and select the pictures for the 2017 calendar.

Is anyone available to help man the space at the Harvest Fest on Saturday. So far there are only three people signed up from the Historical Society. Others will see if they can be available and contact Jim Davidson directly.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Perfect

Required ADA Workshop Reminder for September 15, 2016 – Peg Sullivan will attend.

Special Projects Workshop

Budget

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Allen mentioned the Hunterdon Heritage Festival Museum Tours taking place September 18 & 25

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public present.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Davidson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pauline Serafin . All in favor. Barbara Sageser declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35PM.

The next Historic Preservation Committee meeting is scheduled for October 5 at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Sharon Brighthaupt, Secretary