

**OCTOBER 5, 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 Pauline Serafin. 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 10/5/16

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	X		
Frances Gavigan (12/31/16)	X		7:40	7:45		7:22	X	7:37	8:05	X		
Will Harrison (12/31/17)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Suzanne Koeniger (12/31/18)	X		X				7:32	X	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	X		
Paul Sterchele (12/31/18)	X	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		X		
Susan Berger (12/31/16) (Alt 1)	X		X	X	X		X		X	X		
John Allen (12/31/18)(Alt II)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Charles Van Horn (TC Liaison)												

Others present: Committee Secretary Sharon Brighthaupt,

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Pauline Serafin recognized a member of the public in attendance. She asked her to introduce herself and state her business. Glorianne Robbi, Chairwoman of the Farmland Open Space Preservation Committee (FOSPC). She explained the committee serves as advisors to the Township Committee for matters related to farmland preservation. She brought with her a summary report on the last 10 years since FOSPC was formed, which she shared with the members of the committee. Eight of the properties are in the Sourland Mountains and preserve open space for township residents recreational use. The ninth property is on Cider Mill Road. She showed maps to the members and described the properties. The preservation of bird sanctuaries and animal habitats is important to the township, the Sourland Mountain is a contiguous rock formation and is suited perfectly for preservation. The Cider Mill Preservation is eighty-nine acres, set aside for birds. This property was purchased from a developer without the use of Township funds for 2.2 million. The funds for Cider Mill Preserve came from Natural Resource Damage State Fund. This fund comes from fines levied on polluters. \$400,000 came from Green Acres funds provided by the County. All of these properties are open to the public, unlike privately owned properties. Funds for the properties come from private owner donors, D&R Greenway Grants, and funds applied for from the County. Of the nine projects the tax that was being levied was approximately \$13,000 as the properties were farmland assessed. Clawson Park was another of the projects and is actively used by many residents of the Township.

Pauline Serafin introduced the referendum coming up on the ballot on election day. She asked Jim Davidson to share what he knows about the correction to the 1998 ordinance. It is very important for the committee and the society to work toward the referendum passing as the funding for the Clawson House is at risk. Currently there is a hold on funds from a \$50,000 grant. Hopefully everyone will talk to their neighbors and friends and support the referendum. Maintenance of the parks and properties has been coming from the funds and it is very important for funds to be available for the maintenance costs going forward.

**OCTOBER 5, 2016 MEETING MINUTES
EAST AMWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
EAST AMWELL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1070 ROUTE 202, RINGOES, NJ**

Pauline Serafin thanked Glorianne Robbi for coming to further educate the committee.

PRESENTATION OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Pauline Serafin asked if everyone had read the minutes and if there were comments or changes to be made. Will Harrison made a motion the minutes be approved as submitted. Susan Burger seconded. All in favor. Minutes are approved as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EAST AMWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Jim Davidson reported East Amwell historic weekend is coming up, including a walking tour on September 22nd led by Dave Harding. On September 23, 1-4PM Jim Davidson will lead a bus tour of obscure places in East Amwell.

The Christmas tour is also planned and cards have been prepared and delivered to possible properties. Several people have shown interest and may have been booked.

CLAWSON HOUSE UPDATE

Jim Davidson reported the Township Committee approved the contract for Unlimited Builders. Jim spoke to the builders, they are planning to begin work in 2-3 weeks. After permits have been obtained. Historical Society and the Historical Committee will have an opportunity to go in before they start to gather any treasures at the property.

QUICK COLLECTION WORK

John Allen has been working with support for the software package and the laptop.

HISTORICAL INVENTORY REVIEW UPDATE

No further update at this time.

CALENDAR DISCUSSION

Pauline Serafin spoke to Barbara Sageser and it is expected the money left in the historic preservation budget will be put toward production of the calendar. Pauline Serafin asked for someone to volunteer to chair the production of the calendar. Mary Van Horn said she could help until she leaves for Florida. Jim Davidson said he would ask if someone from the Society to help. Jim Davidson suggested some of the older original photos from the original calendars be reused as people are very intrigued by the old photos.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Davidson mentioned the building across from the Living Waters Church is going to be demolished. They are looking for historic information about the building and they want it down before it falls.

Frances Gavigan reported on the County Cultural and Heritage Meeting. There was an emphasis on making the properties being renovated ADA acceptable. Including landscaping to ensure everything is accessible. There are opportunities for funding and resources.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Davidson has been contacted by the New Jersey Archaeology Society. They came to see the Clawson House and reviewed the archaeology items currently on display. He will be attending their meeting. They have said they may be able to mount a dig at the property at no charge.

**OCTOBER 5, 2016 MEETING MINUTES
EAST AMWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
EAST AMWELL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1070 ROUTE 202, RINGOES, NJ**

The Land Trust just hired Parrs of New Jersey, a paranormal activity research group. They are currently working at the Dvoor property in Flemington. There will be a fund raiser and they will return to have two sessions for the public. They will be doing Jim Davidson's house on October 22, and he would like to have them do the Clawson House at future date.

CORRESPONDENCE

AASLH Membership Fee is \$115 – Frances Gavigan made a motion the payment of the fee be approved and Susan Berger seconded. All in favor.

Budget

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public present.

ADJOURNMENT

Susan Berger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Will Harrison. All in favor. Pauline Serafin declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Sharon Brighthaupt, Secretary