

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Location: Clawson House, 1055 Old York Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551**

**Hybrid- April 19, 2022-7:30PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88235430327?pwd=aFB6dHhja3JaS1VIZzMxTThBZmYvQT09>

**CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The meeting of the East Amwell Historic Preservation Committee was called to order at 7:40 PM by Renee Stemcovski.

The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read into the record by Renee Stemcovski: "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the annual meeting notice as published in the January 27, 2022 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, a copy of the agenda for this meeting was forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, filed in the Township Clerk's Office and posted on the bulletin board on April 15, 2022."

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Committee Member (term expires)</b>	<b>1/18/2022</b>	<b>2/15/2022</b>	<b>3/15/2022</b>	<b>4/19/2022</b>	<b>5/17/2022</b>	<b>6/21/2022</b>	<b>7/19/2022</b>	<b>8/16/2022</b>	<b>9/20/2022</b>	<b>10/18/2022</b>	<b>11/15/2022</b>	<b>12/20/2022</b>
<b>Alexis Antracoli- Class B</b> (12/31/2022)	A	X	7:37	A								
<b>Jenna Casper-Bloom TC Liaison</b> (12/31/2022)	X	X	X	X								
<b>Frances Gavigan- Class B</b> (12/31/2024)	X	7:36	7:37	X								
<b>Will Harrison- Class B/Vice-Chair</b> (12/31/2025)	X	X	X	8:44								
<b>Paul Sterchele- Class C</b> (12/31/2022)	A	X	X	X								
<b>Peg Sullivan- Class C</b> (12/31/2022)	X	X	X	X								
<b>John Seramba- Class C/Chair</b> (12/31/2025)	X	X	X	X								
<b>Renee Stemcovski- Secretary</b> (12/31/2022)	X	X	X	X								

*Others present: John Allen*

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

A motion made by John Seramba, seconded by Peg Sullivan to add John Allen under Unfinished Business and AASLH under New Business was unanimously approved.

**CITIZENS PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

A motion made by Frances Gavigan, seconded by Paul Sterchele to open the floor to the public was unanimously approved. The public had nothing to add at this time. A motion made by Frances Gavigan, seconded by Paul Sterchele to close the floor to the public was unanimously approved.

## **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

### **March 15, 2022 Minutes**

A motion made by Will Harrison, seconded by Peg Sullivan to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **John Allen**

John Allen received the title work for Landis Cemetery. The original deed for the burial ground was found and there is still work to be done on determining who the current legal owner is. Many cemeteries in the area are in need of maintenance.

### **East Amwell Historical Society and Museum**

The museum has a new exhibit on Charles Miller photography. The museum was open for walking tour events. Frances Gavigan connected with people from the County and Hunterdon 300. Frances talked to the mayor about having an old schoolhouse moved and saved from demolition. It could possibly be relocated to Clawson Park and be used for meetings and events.

The Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in 2023. The museum is working with them to do research and plan a celebration in late September. The Grange is looking into becoming a meeting space for other groups.

Frances Gavigan is working with Jason Silverthorn on security options for the museum. The museum will be getting a new laptop and printer and has received some donations. The windows on the first floor will be getting shades. The museum's calendar is now linked with the Parks & Recreation Committee calendar. Discussed theme for next year's calendar. Contents of the basement still need to be moved out.

### **Historic Preservation Ordinance**

Peg Sullivan, Frances Gavigan and Jenna Casper-Bloom are working with the Planning Board on the new ordinance. They are looking to use an older version of the ordinance as a template. The new ordinance will stay advisory. They would like the Ringoes Village Advisory Committee to also be involved in the writing of the ordinance. There was discussion of the historic buildings in Ringoes Village.

### **Museum Use Policy and Lease**

An official draft will be presented at the next meeting. Both the township and the Historical Society need to have liability insurance. A representative of either the Committee or the Historical Society will present for all potential events/uses by outside groups. Jenna Casper-Bloom is looking into an Occupancy Agreement as opposed to a lease.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Past Perfect Renewal**

A motion made by Frances Gavigan, seconded by Will Harrison to renew the PastPerfect subscription for \$380 was unanimously approved.

### **AASLH**

A motion made by Peg Sullivan, seconded by Frances Gavigan to renew the AASLH membership for \$98 was unanimously approved.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

There were no items for discussion.

## **ORAL REPORTS**

No updates at this time.

## **PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS**

There were no vouchers for approval.

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

John Seramba acknowledge that no members of the public were present.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence for discussion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Will Harrison, seconded by Peg Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm was unanimously approved by voice vote.

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Renee Stemcovski, Secretary