

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2023 – 7:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The meeting of the East Amwell Historic Preservation Committee was called to order at 7:34 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 December 18, 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 June 15, 2023."

ROLL CALL

Committee Member (term expires)	1/17/2023	2/21/2023	3/21/2023	4/18/2023	5/16/2023	6/20/2023	7/18/2023	8/15/2023	9/19/2023	10/17/2023	11/21/2023	12/19/2023
Paul Carluccio- Class B (12/31/2026)	X	7:33	X	X	X	X						
Rich Catenacci- Alternate No. 1						A						
Cassie DeCandia- Class C (12/31/2026)	X	X	X	X	X	7:42						
Frances Gavigan- Class B (12/31/2024)	X	A	A	A	A	7:53						
Dave Harding- Class B (12/31/2026)	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Will Harrison- Class B/Vice-Chair (12/31/2025)	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Beth Hussain- Class C (12/31/2026)	A	7:34	X	7:34	X	X						
John Mills- TC Liaison (12/31/2023)	X	X	X	A	X	A						
John Seramba- Class C/Chair (12/31/2025)	X	X	A	A	8:09	X						
Paul Sterchele- Class C (12/31/2026)	X	X	A	A	X	X						
Mary Van Horn- Class C (12/31/2026)	X	A	A	A	X	A						
Renee Stemcovski- Secretary (12/31/2023)	X	X	X	X	X	X						

REVIEW OF AGENDA

John Seramba added AASLH and Maps to New Business.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A motion made by Dave Harding, seconded by Paul Sterchele to open the floor to the public was unanimously approved.

Noel Wiggins talked to the Director of the Friends of Washington Crossing about possible collaboration between them and this committee. John Seramba suggested inviting the director to

a future meeting. The committee invited Noel Wiggins to keep attending meetings and thanked her.

Kenna Larsen expressed interest in joining the committee and shared some information about herself.

A motion made by Will Harrison, seconded by Dave Harding to close the floor to the public was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

May 16, 2023 Minutes

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kleinschmidt House

John Seramba read the email sent by John Mills:

Sorry for the last-minute notice, I'm not going to make the meeting tonight as I need to sit in on a community bridge rehab project meeting. However, I'd like for you to share some information regarding the Kleinschmidt Property that was conveyed to me by Committee Member Mike Dendis. Senator Shirley Turner's office has agreed to sponsor a budget resolution request in the amount of 40k to be utilized for the demolition of the dilapidated Kleinschmidt structure. Hopefully, the resolution passes but we won't have an answer until July 1st. Tell the group to keep their fingers crossed, I'll keep you in the loop as I receive updates.

John Seramba commended John Mills' hard work. Paul Carluccio suggested for people to reach out to their representatives and show their support.

East Amwell Historical Society and Museum

The museum will be open the weekend of June 24th. The Historical Society is brainstorming ideas to bring in the public. Frances Gavigan discussed past programs at the museum. Will Harrison asked when the museum's 2nd floor will be reopened. He also asked about the organ. The organ was supposed to be hooked up previously, but the plans fell through. Frances Gavigan said the cameras need to be reinstalled in the museum.

A motion to ask the Township Committee to take immediate action to fully secure the Clawson House and its contents was made by Will Harrison and seconded by Beth Hussain and was approved by roll call vote: Paul Carluccio, Yes; Cassie DeCandia, Abstain; Frances Gavigan, Abstain; Dave Harding, Yes; Will Harrison, Yes; Beth Hussain, Yes; John Seramba, Yes; Paul Sterchele, Yes.

Paul Carluccio asked who owned the museum and its contents. The museum and Quick Collection are owned by the township, all other collections are owned by the Historical Society.

Region Nine

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

AASLH

A motion to approve the renewal of the committee's AASLH membership for \$98 was made by Will Harrison, seconded by Dave Harding, and approved by roll call vote: Paul Carluccio, Yes; Cassie DeCandia, Yes; Frances Gavigan, Yes; Dave Harding, Yes; Will Harrison, Yes; Beth Hussain, Yes; John Seramba, Yes; Paul Sterchele, Yes.

Maps

Charles Nass Jr. donated three copies of historic maps to the committee, which were then given to the Historical Society.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Museum Occupancy Agreement and Use Policy

Nothing to report.

Historic Preservation Ordinance

Nothing to report.

ORAL REPORTS

Historic Farm Structures Subcommittee

The Historic Farm Structures Subcommittee (HFSS) met with the New Jersey Barn Company. They discussed how to move forward with identifying and surveying historic structures. The next step will be to communicate with property owners. Historic farm structures could be a future Historical Society calendar theme. The HFSS is brainstorming future public outreach ideas. Paul Carluccio discussed some Revolutionary War history. Frances Gavigan discussed a county-wide historical survey that was completed in 2010.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A motion made by Will Harrison, seconded by Dave Harding to open the floor to the public was unanimously approved.

The public had nothing to say at this time.

A motion made by Will Harrison, seconded by Paul Sterchele to close the floor to the public was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Will Harrison, seconded by Dave Harding to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Renee Stemcovski, Secretary