

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2022-7:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER & OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The meeting of the East Amwell Historic Preservation Committee was called to order at 7:31 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 July 15, 2022."

ROLL CALL

Committee Member (term expires)	1/18/2022	2/15/2022	3/15/2022	4/19/2022	5/17/2022	6/21/2022	7/19/2022	8/16/2022	9/20/2022	10/18/2022	11/15/2022	12/20/2022
Alexis Antracoli- Class B (12/31/2022)	A	X	7:37	A	X	A	7:32					
Jenna Casper-Bloom TC Liaison (12/31/2022)	X	X	X	X	8:00	A	X					
Frances Gavigan- Class B (12/31/2024)	X	7:36	7:37	X	X	A	7:40					
Will Harrison- Class B/Vice-Chair (12/31/2025)	X	X	X	8:44	A	X	X					
Paul Sterchele- Class C (12/31/2022)	A	X	X	X	X	X	A					
Peg Sullivan- Class C (12/31/2022)	X	X	X	X	7:45	A	X					
John Seramba- Class C/Chair (12/31/2025)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Renee Stemcovski- Secretary (12/31/2022)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					

Others Present: Kathy Wolfe, John Allen, Jim Housten

REVIEW OF AGENDA

A motion made by John Seramba, seconded by Will Harrison to add Region Nine and John Allen to New Business was unanimously approved.

CITIZENS PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

A motion made by Will Harrison, seconded by Peg Sullivan to open the floor to the public was unanimously approved. The public had nothing to add at this time. A motion made by Will Harrison, seconded by Peg Sullivan to close the floor to the public was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

June 21, 2022 Minutes

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

East Amwell Historical Society and Museum

Half of the grant money for the Clawson House roof has come in. Work will begin once supplies come in.

Museum Occupancy Agreement

Jenna Casper-Bloom has a draft of the Museum Occupancy Agreement, but it still needs work/review. John Seramba will go to the next Township Committee meeting to discuss its status. When the Township Committee has a finalized draft, it will be sent to the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) for review, and then on to the Historical Society.

NEW BUSINESS

Region Nine

A 24-unit senior housing complex is being proposed to be built at 20 John Ringo Road. The house is within the Ringoes Historic District, which is listed on the local, state, and national Registers of Historic Places, and the proposal would involve demolition. Region Nine is presenting at the Planning Board's September meeting, so they will be invited to the HPC meeting in August to discuss the application.

John Allen

John Allen said that the project with the Landis Burial Ground is moving forward. He brought copies of historical deeds.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Kleinschmidt House

Will Harrison brought up the Kleinschmidt House located in front of the Larison's Corner Cemetery. He proposed that the HPC ask the Township Committee to put a referendum on the November ballot to vote on whether the town should demolish the house and donate the land to the cemetery, because the house is so far gone. The property is not currently owned by the town. A motion made by Will Harrison, seconded by Peg Sullivan was approved by roll call vote:

Alexis Antracoli: Yes; Frances Gavigan: No; Will Harrison: Yes; Peg Sullivan: Yes; John Seramba: Yes.

ORAL REPORTS

No updates at this time.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

John Seramba will follow up on the AASLH membership renewal.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Kathy Wolfe had a question about Region Nine. John Allen said that the Sourland Conservancy is having a Sourland Mountain Festival on July 23rd.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Peg Sullivan, seconded by Will Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Renee Stemcovski, Secretary