

Raritan Historical & Cultural Committee  
Minutes, April 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7pm and began with the salute to the flag.

Attending: Jim Fidacaro  
Jane Fidacaro  
Karen Eastlund  
Joyce Tronolone  
Ed Ruzbarsky  
Marie Lombardy  
Tim Rack  
Christine Torres

Not Present: Al Capetta  
Patrick Mastice  
Zack Bray

Public Attendee: Ned Lombardy

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: We have \$738.15 in our trust fund, and the borough anticipates that our yearly budget will be \$1,000.

President reported that he has purchased some office supplies.

Secretary: The minutes from February were approved.

Committee Reports:

Speaker's Bureau: Joyce moved that we fund the program about Mary Todd Lincoln at the library May 24 at 6:30pm. We will pay \$300 of the total \$500 fee. Tim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Unfinished business

Jim reported that the idea of planing a tree at the Vet's Park is now a moot issue since it is a county park.

May 5th event: Jim passed a list of help needed for the Raritan 70th birthday celebration from 1-3pm at Frelinghuysen Park

Tim will bring tables, Ed will provide a book of photos of our activities. We will sell the walking tour books. Jane and Christine will work on a trifold. We'll put the Koskamp banner on display and give pens to visitors. Members will wear their t-shirts.

The walking tour books sell well at library when they are up front on the desk,

could we ask them to put a sign in front?

There was a model of Raritan's historic firehouse for sale on e-Bay. Tim will try to get

New Business:

A. We will send a representative to a March 29th county meeting about historical grants. The county has been generous with us since 2008 and the mayor wants us to move forward on the firehouse project. Discussion about the relationship between the library and the planned museum. One possibility is that the library would staff the museum one or more days of the week, with committee members as volunteers.

B. Art Ideas for Borough of Raritan - Christine Torres will attend a meeting on May 1st, 6pm at the County Admin Bldg regarding Regional Center grants to fund art projects for the town. Jim suggested that local artists might paint the benches on Somerset Street. A sculpture in front of the library was another possibility. The goal is to help strengthen the vitality of the downtown. There will be \$15,000 given in grants, with up to \$5,000 awarded per town.

We have been informed about new poles along RR tracks = pole mounted antenna = Boyd and Brad Plots (For Train Safety Reasons )

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Eastlund, Secretary