

Minutes of the Historic & Cultural Committee

February 16, 2022

Meeting Called to order 7 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance present: Karen Eastlund, James Fidacaro, James Fidacaro, Edward Ruzbarsky, Tim Rack, Carl Memoli, Dave Fritzinger.

Absent: Gail Ostapczuk, Joyce Tronolone, Mark Esposito.

Treasures report; temporary budget \$750:00,
Spent \$40 dues for NJHS, balance \$710. Trust fund \$833.15.

Grant money \$3145

Moved to accept by Ed, second by Tim

Old business;

Welcome sign: Jim send email to Stan Shrek for update. Response, County to be given sign for installation in Raritan. Dave to confirm with Stan and council at their next meeting.

Bicentennial plaque: Jen revisited site, took picture of plaque. Plaque is still visible; Dave Fritzinger to check to see if Plaque can be extracted.

Bench project; Artist 90% finished, hoping for completion by April or earlier.

Price for seven bench wraps \$2345, artist fee as agreed to, bench plaque signs, fee to be determined.

Gail and Mark need to be sworn in, either by mayor or business administrator.

Sites in town for historic register, under investigation.

New business:

Civil War reenactment: Tim to confirm date, either in September or October, will try to connect with Somerset County's Tourism date.

Jim recommended we contact Alisa Dupuy, a reenactment actress, to present "Women in the Civil War" prior to Civil War reenactment .

Received new Dell computer, next step to name and scan collection of artifacts.

Election of officers: motion made to nominate the present slate of officers for next year. Jim reserves his decision until next meeting.

Application for archive assessment, on back burner.

Woolen mills cornerstone, Jim and Jane accepted the cornerstone on behalf of the H & C Comm.

Jim has a friend who will match the color of the stone and repair of the cracks.

Permanent location of cornerstone: once we establish the original location of stone, the committee will make a decision as to where the stone will be placed.

Knox Porter Resolution framed document: Don Esposito to meet with Mayor Bray on February 25 to discuss how to get the Knox Porter Resolution document to Raritan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Submitted by,

James Fidacaro