

Minutes of the Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee September 18, 2024

- Committee called to order at 6:30PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Members in attendance: Karen Eastlund, Ed Ruzbarsky, Gail Ostapczuk, James Fidacaro, Jane Fidacaro, Dave Fritzingler, Nicole, Lisa D'Angelo, Mark Esposito, Tim Rack
- Excused Members: Frank Del Rocco, Dawn Wilde, Joyce Tronolone, Debbie Thomas
- Secretary's Minutes from 08/2024
 - No Changes
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Balance in treasury month \$2801.98
 - Trust Fund \$1199.15
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- **Old Business**
 - Washington School Monument
 - Making progress. Reached out to Window Preservation Alliance and received several names for local vendors. Received various
 - Femenella and Associates – Does restoration. Assessing everything and will get us an estimate.
 - Ross Construction – Does Preservation. Took a look at photos, wants to focus on preserving it but CAN reconstruct it with the wood if it cannot be preserved. Estimate will cover options. Won't be able to get to this project for 7-8 months.
 - White Horse Restoration – Waiting information back from them.
 - Facebook Page – no updates, looks good
 - Participation in Basilone Parade
 - Ed will be driving. Some will ride in car, some will walk with banner
 - Magnets arrived for the car, they look good
 - Ed arrives at 11:30, everyone else arrives prior to 1
 - Washington School Site Park
 - Phone call with Lexi to discuss ideas as to what we would like to see done there
 - Suggested a survey be done of the neighboring community to see what they want
 - Supposed to be a public event held by this company to see what the community wants
 - Hometown Heroes for 2026
 - Further updates forthcoming
- **New Business**
 - Journey Thru History Weekend
 - October 12 & 13
 - Library Programs
 - Joyce is looking into a few new programs
 - Need a new flagpole for a new military organization – Space Force
 - Visiting the Firehouse – Possible November visit
 - Larger banner - \$580
- **Meeting Adjourned 7:15 PM**