

Minutes of the Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee October 16, 2024

- Committee called to order at 6:33PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Members in attendance: Ed Ruzbarsky, Gail Ostapczuk, James Fidacaro, Jane Fidacaro, Dave Fritzinger, Tim Rack, Joyce Tronolone
- Excused Members: Frank Del Rocco, Dawn Wilde, Debbie Thomas, Karen Eastlund, Nicole, Lisa D'Angelo, Mark Esposito
- Secretary's Minutes from 09/2024
 - 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.
 - Library Programs
 - Tea Party program with Wallace House, 11/2/24 12:30pm – 1pm, sign up at the library for attendance
 - \$175 from budget towards tea party
 - U-Boats program on hold until more details are obtained
 - Washington School Site Park
 - Public meeting on the park on 11/7/2024 from 5pm-7pm in the community room at the municipal building
 - Flyer is being worked on to advertise the meeting
 - Hometown Heroes for 2026
 - Further updates forthcoming
 - Facebook
 - Business as usual
 - Basilone Parade
 - Went well. Looking for further photos of our committee
- **New Business**
 - Need a new flagpole for a new military organization – Space Force
 - Visiting the Firehouse – November Meeting 11/20/2024
 - Larger banner - \$580
 - Instead of buying a new one, possibly relocate to a different location where the wires don't block
 - Beers map of Raritan 1873
 - \$100 for 24"x36" map
 - Possibly wait until we have a place to display the map
 - Could pair the street signs to the map once able to display
 - New Library Programs
 - Songs and Stories of the American Revolution
 - George Washington New Jersey and the Revolutionary War
 - Programs by Alicia – Ladies of History
 - Previously \$295/program
 - Commission a mural for the side of Mangia Buono's
 - Pick an artist
 - Ideas

- Welcome to Raritan
 - Images of famous historical figures from Raritan and historic buildings from town
- Advertisement for the books and the ornaments for the upcoming holiday season
- 1917 School Register books – can be used for a display at some point
- December Meeting will be held at Joyce's House for the Holiday Party

➤ **Meeting Adjourned 7:02 PM**