

Minutes of the Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee January 15, 2025

- Committee called to order at 6:30PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Members in attendance: Ed Ruzbarsky, Gail Ostapczuk, James Fidacaro, Jane Fidacaro, Tim Rack, Karen Eastlund, Mark Esposito, Dave Fritzingler,
- Excused Members: Joyce Tronolone, Debbie Thomas, Dawn Wilde
- Visitors: Mayor Nick Carra, Jen Guarino
- Membership: Swearing in for the new year
 - Reviewing ordinance rules. Three unexcused absences, removed from committee
- Secretary's Minutes from 11/2024
 - No Changes
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Balance in treasury month \$2626.98
 - \$2000 allotted for mural to Jen
 - Trust Fund \$1199.15
 - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve.
- **Old Business**
 - Library Program
 - Canal Days: January 18, 2025, 1PM
 - Facebook
 - Mural at Mangia Buono
 - Sketch is in progress
 - Send Jen photos of Stagecoach, Star Mill, weaver in front of her loom
 - Voted to go ahead with first payment to Jen Guarino
 - All approved
- **New Business**
 - Budget for 2025
 - Reviewed proposed budget
 - Storage facility 12 months/\$125 - \$1500
 - Membership to LHSN \$50
 - Binder – sleeves protector \$70
 - Historic Programs \$1200
 - Supplies \$200
 - Beers Map \$100
 - Knox Porter Banner \$580
 - Paint and supplies for mural \$500
 - Artist for a mural \$1250
 - Miscellaneous \$200
 - Total budget for 2025 = \$5,650
 - Project Ideas for 2025 and 2026 (250th Anniversary of USA)
 - Basilone family to possibly give talk to Somerville Roundtable about John Basilone
 - Time Capsule for 2026
 - 25 or 50 years
 - Where to put it
 - Think about booking events/people for 2026
 - Hometown Heros 2026 – military hero/community hero
 - Suggested donation
 - Musical program?
- **Meeting Adjourned 7:10 PM**