

# Minutes

*Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee*

*September 17, 2025, Courtroom, 6:30pm*

*Call to order and salute to flag*

***In Attendance:*** *Karen Eastlund, Jim Fidacaro, Jane Fidacaro, Ed Ruzbarsky, Gail Ostapczuk, Tim Rack, Dawn Wilde, Joyce Tronolone, Deb Thomas, Dave Fritzinger*

***Excused:*** *Mark Esposito*

***Unexcused:*** *none*

***Guests:*** *Christine Benato*

## **Secretary's minutes**

- Motion to approve as written. Seconded. All approve

## **Treasurer's report**

- Budget: \$3174.90
- Trust: \$1199.15
- \$1,000 due to Jen Guarino for town mural painting
- Bill for Mathew Dodd
  - \$400
- Motion to approve report. Seconded. All approve

## **Old Business**

- Library programs
  - Matthew Dodd:
    - Saturday, Oct 11th, 2025, 1pm, Red, White & Blue – fun time for all ages
    - Saturday June 27, 2026, Songs & Stories of the American Revolution
  - David Lang:
    - Waiting for confirmation on April 11, 2026
  - Larry Kidder:
    - Lead up to Delaware Crossing
    - Saturday January 10, 2026, 1PM
    - No charge but asks for donations, \$150 consensus
  - Alisa Dupuy: Joyce to reach out about scheduling programs for next year related to the Revolution.
    - The Lafayette Love Story
    - February?
  - Paul Soltis: Looking into programs
  - Tim Civil War Program: TBD

- Tim gave program on John Basilone to Somerville Roundtable on September 8th
- We will participate in the Basilone Parade on Sept. 21st, 2025
- Facebook:
  - Continual posts, good place to post about all programs
- Knox Porter Banners:
  - Larger banner retrieved and in storage
  - Small banner is now in storage
- Chris Rau at NJ Transit
  - Possible photos from his family to share with us
- Project ideas for the 250th anniversary of the USA
  - Raritan in the Revolution Pamphlet – Tim working on
- Mural
  - Ribbon Cutting 1PM September 27, 2025
  - Publicize this on Facebook
  - Contact Council about closing the road
- Benches
  - One was damaged and had to be destroyed
  - Don Tozzi to attend in October for further discussion

### **New Business**

- Bus Tours
  - Talked with Eric about getting the grant
  - Everything is on hold. No change since August meeting
- Request for flag for WWII Vet
  - Understood as to who the flags are for
  - Ken Roll is interested in doing Bricks in memory of his father

*Adjournment 7:15pm.*