

Minutes

Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee

November 19, 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, Deb Thomas, Mark Esposito*

Excused: *Dawn Wilde, Joyce Tronolone*

Unexcused: *none*

Guests: *Don Tozzi*

Secretary's minutes

- Motion to approve as amended. Seconded. All approve

Treasurer's report

- Budget: \$1774.92
- Trust: \$1199.15
- Motion to approve report. Seconded. All approve

Old Business

- Library programs
 - Matthew Dodd:
 - Saturday June 27, 2026, Songs & Stories of the American Revolution
 - \$400
 - David Lang:
 - Waiting for confirmation on April 11, 2026
 - Estimated to cost \$200
 - Arrest of Derrick Van Veghten/Hessians on St. Nicholas Day
 - 12/6/25 1pm at RPL
 - Larry Kidder:
 - Lead up to Delaware Crossing
 - Saturday January 10, 2026, 1PM
 - No charge
 - Alisa Dupuy
 - Two-person LaFayette program
 - \$700 cost
 - Late 2026
 - Zoom Program
 - Sherry Hall from the Harding Presidential Site, summer 2026
 - No cost, but donations are appreciated

- Facebook:
 - Continual posts, good place to post about all programs
 - Post highlighting where people can learn more about the history of Raritan
 - Booklets and postcards in library, etc.
- Breeze Paper
 - Committee photo with the mural unveiling on the front cover
- Pamphlet: Raritan, A Busy Hub
 - Estimate for printing 250 copies: \$458
 - Motion to approve. Seconded. All approve.

New Business

- Don Tozzi – Town Benches
 - Report conducted in Raritan in how to “make the town better”
 - Change bench directions
 - Window Front
 - Dark Tint on Restaurants
 - Bench got moved to where they are now
 - Decals peeling off around 7-8 benches
 - New poster for kiosk of bench descriptions
 - Facebook post of the bench descriptions
 - Don said he would work with the Council to pay for bench refurbishments
- Walking tour booklets
 - Instead of selling, give them away
 - Motion to print and give away. Seconded. All approve.
- Image from Vince LoMedico
 - New framing for 3 watercolor paintings of buildings/areas of Raritan
 - Motion to spend on framing. Seconded. All approve
- Budget is due 12/1 for 2026
 - Total \$4500
 - Motion to submit. Seconded. All approve.
- Membership for 2026
- December Meeting will be at Joyce’s house

Adjournment 7:48pm.