

# Minutes

*Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee*

*January 21, 2026, Basement Meeting Room, 6:30pm*

*Call to order and salute to flag*

***In Attendance:*** Karen Eastlund, Jim Fidacaro, Jane Fidacaro, Ed Ruzbarsky, Gail Ostapczuk, Tim Rack, Mark Esposito, Dave Fritzinger, Joyce Tronolone

***Excused:*** Dawn Wilde

***Unexcused:*** none

***Guests:*** Don Tozzi

**Swearing in members:** Tim Rack, Jim Fidacaro, Gail Ostapczuk

## Secretary's minutes

- Motion to approve as amended. Seconded. All approve

## Treasurer's report

- Budget: \$593.15
- Trust: \$1246.15
- Motion to approve report. Seconded. All approve

## Old Business

- Library programs
  - Working on ways to make the room less stuffy for large presentations
    - Don Tozzi suggests doing presentations in the Basement Meeting Room in the new Municipal building
    - Reserve the room as soon as possible for all 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
    - Jim will reach out to get a contract with him
    - Will talk with the Friends of the Library
  - Larry Kidder:
    - Good long program
    - Feedback was that the room was crowded and stuffy
  - 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
  - Raritan Library Program – Down the Brook
    - Saturday 2/7 1Pm
    - Preservation at Wallace House & Old Dutch Parsonage
- Facebook:
  - Continual posts, good place to post about all programs

### **New Business**

- December 2025 – Reprinted walking tours, printed Revolution Hub pamphlet, 3-step stool, and 3 frames
- Pamphlet: Raritan, A Busy Hub
  - Now at borough hall, library, Frame Me, Police Station
- Storage Unit
  - New rate of \$155/month by new management
- Town may add H&C artifacts collection to town insurance policy
  - In order to do that, we need an inventory of everything
- Custom case for cornerstone
  - Need to send Dave dimensions to take to get an estimate
  - Send Dave a photo
- Donation of Esso sign and card table
  - Delivered by Jennifer Eggers and mother
- New borough building exhibit case
  - Unknown where it will be in the new building
  - Possibility of adding new display cases in new building to showcase
- League of Historical Societies of New Jersey
  - \$40 Annual Fee
  - Motion to approve, Seconded. All approve.

*Adjournment 7:26pm.*