

Minutes

Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee

February 18, 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, Dave Fritzingler, Christine Benato, Fulvio Benato, Dawn Wilde, Mark Esposito*

Excused: *Joyce Tronolone*

Unexcused:

Guests: *Don Tozzi*

Swearing in members: waiting for next month's meeting

Secretary's minutes

- Motion to approve as amended. Seconded. All approve

Treasurer's report

- Temporary Budget: \$1340
- Trust: \$1246.15
- Motion to approve report. Seconded. All approve

Old Business

- Library programs
 - Matthew Dodd:
 - Saturday June 27, 2026, Songs & Stories of the American Revolution
 - On Library calendar
 - Weather pending, do the program outside
 - \$400
 - David Lang:
 - April 11, 2026, on Library calendar
 - Estimated to cost \$200
 - Jim sent a letter for stipend amount, further information, and confirmation. Waiting to hear back
 - Will talk with the Friends of the Library on cost
 - Zoom Program
 - Sherry Hall from the Harding Presidential Site, summer 2026
 - No cost, but donations are appreciated
 - No recent contact

- Facebook:
 - Continual posts, good place to post about all programs

New Business

- Down to 64 copies of pamphlet, need to reprint
 - Print another 250 copies
 - Motion to reprint 250 copies. Seconded. All in favor
- Somerset County Historic Preservation & History Awards
 - Jim submitted for Jen and the mural we commissioned
 - Motion to submit the pamphlet as well. Seconded. All in favor
- Storage Unit
 - New rate of \$155/month by new management
- Town wants to add H&C artifacts collection to town insurance policy
 - In order to do that, we need an inventory of everything
 - Waiting for warmer months
 - Second floor of historic firehouse as potential new storage location. Roof has been fixed, room has been more cleared out.
- Custom case for cornerstone
 - Measurements have been sent
 - Donald Caola – could help build the case? Dawn will contact
 - Dimensions 30.75” wide, 14.5” high, 2” deep
 - Tim will make up a mock up

Adjournment 7:13pm.