

# Minutes

*Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee*

*March 18, 2026, Basement Meeting Room, 6:30pm*

*Call to order and salute to flag*

***In Attendance:*** *Karen Eastlund, Jim Fidacaro, Ed Ruzbarsky, Gail Ostapczuk, Tim Rack, Dave Fritzingler, Christine Benato, Fulvio Benato, Adam Armahizer, Dawn Wilde, Mark Esposito*

***Excused:*** *Joyce Tronolone, Jane Fidacaro*

***Unexcused:*** *Dawn Wilde, Mark Esposito*

***Guests:*** *Don Tozzi*

***Swearing in members:*** *Adam, Christine, Fulvio*

## **Secretary's minutes**

- Motion to approve as amended. Seconded. All approve

## **Treasurer's report**

- Temporary Budget: \$1309.26
- 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
    - Looking into the possibility of using a tent if the weather is bad and the program is outside
    - Bad weather move program to the Borough Hall Basement
    - All ages
    - \$400
  - David Lang:
    - April 11, 2026, Battle of Bound Brook
    - On Library calendar
    - Estimated to cost \$200
    - Motion to give David Lang a stipend of \$200. Seconded. All approve.
- Facebook:
  - Add to the title of the Page something about our committee and leave the "group" as is for now. Karen will discuss with Dawn

## **New Business**

- Down to only a few copies of pamphlet, need to reprint
  - Print another 500 copies
  - Motion to reprint 500 copies. Seconded. All in favor
  - Case at borough hall, should be moved upstairs
- Utilizing the second floor of the Firehouse for our storage
  - Public works will assist in moving our current collection
  - Security?
  - Unlikely to make the switch to this storage solution any time soon, stairs pose an issue
  - Will visit the space to make a better assessment
- Town wants to add H&C artifacts collection to town insurance policy
  - Need to decide on a time to inventory all items
  - Aiming for late April early May, will discuss exact date in April Meeting
- Custom case for cornerstone
  - Tim created a mockup of the base for the corner stone
  - Would need plexiglass box to go around the base
  - Secure plexiglass to the base to keep it safer from damage
  - Paint/Cloth/Mat to cover the foam
  - Tim will create the case for display in the Borough Hall
- Purchases
  - Page protectors
  - Flash drives
- New exhibit for library
  - Books on the revolution in Raritan/Somerset County/NJ, Coins from 16<sup>th</sup> century, Brick, 1774 Toaster, etc.
  - Fredrick Frelinghuysen exhibit
- Donations
  - Batting cage coins
  - Sign from one of the train cars
- Jim makes a motion to purchase 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary hats for the committee.
  - Decide on various designs
- Time capsule
  - 50 year
  - Open it up to other committees
  - Motion to make a time capsule, seconded, all approve.

*Adjournment 7:48pm.*