

# Minutes

*Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee*

*April 15, 2026, Basement Meeting Room, 6:30pm*

*Call to order and salute to flag*

***In Attendance:*** *Karen Eastlund, Gail Ostapczuk, Tim Rack, Dave Fritzinger, Christine Benato, Fulvio Benato, Adam Armahizer, Dawn Wilde, Joyce Tronolone*

***Excused:*** *Jane Fidacaro, Jim Fidacaro, Ed Ruzbarsky*

***Unexcused:*** *Mark Esposito*

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

## **Secretary's minutes**

- Motion to approve as amended. Seconded. All approve

## **Treasurer's report**

- Temporary Budget: \$1258.58
- 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, 1PM
    - On Library calendar
    - Will not do program outside, only inside
    - All ages
    - \$400
  - David Lang:
    - Was on April 11, 2026, Battle of Bound Brook
    - Good turnout of people, program was excellent
    - Library will pay David Lang and Historic Committee will reimburse the library the \$200 stipend.
- Storage Unit:
  - Keeping with the same storage facility to keep our artifacts in the best shape as of now until a better location can be identified.
- Facebook:
  - Motion to remove the group. Seconded. All in favor.
- Veterans Park

- Need confirmation on females who served in WWII for the County to add a new plaque with their names

### **New Business**

- Down to only a few copies of pamphlet, need to reprint
  - Estimate for 500 copies was over \$800.
  - Will print 250 copies for about \$400 instead
- Bob Barth will be taking 5 copies of the pamphlet to showcase to other locations as an example. We are receiving an award for our work on the pamphlet
- The Town has some artifacts for our committee
- Town wants to add H&C artifacts collection to town insurance policy
  - Date for cataloging artifacts May 16, 2026, 9 AM
  - While cataloging, will look to identify items that can be used on display in the new boro hall
- Custom case for cornerstone
  - In progress
  - Need to decide on a flat clear glass over the top of the case, or a display box to sit on top
  - Need a description to place on the window above for people to learn about the history of it
- Purchases
  - None
- New exhibit for library
  - Work in progress
- Raritan Borough Street Fair
  - July 25, 2026, rain date is July 26, 2026
  - Motion to take part. Seconded. All in favor.
- Wallace House & ODP
  - Paul Soltis has left the Wallace House
- 250<sup>th</sup> Hats
  - Will continue to look into designs and discuss next meeting
  - Tim will send photos of hat options to Karen
- Time Capsule
  - Looking into putting it near the statue
  - Would need to put it into a cemetery box to protect it from damage like flooding, etc.
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend
  - Don says he will get this funded

*Adjournment 7:21pm.*