

# Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee

## Minutes of April 17, 2019

**Attending:** Ed Ruzbarsky, Jane Fidacaro, Jim Fidacaro, Al Capetta, Karen Eastlund, Joyce Tronolone

**Excused:** Bob McGinley, Tim Rack, Christine Torres, Zach Bray

The meeting was opened with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jane reported that we have \$815 in our trust fund.

We spent \$37.99 on a folding table, so our yearly budget is now at \$919.14.

Karen and Al moved that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

Karen spent \$60 for an archival box and unbuffered tissue for storage of the RWM ledger and blanket.

Discussion of WWI banners. We moved to have them printed on mesh for \$85 each, for a total of \$255. Al made the motion, Ed seconded. Passed.

**Minutes:** Jane moved that the March minutes to approved. Ed seconded. Passed.

### **Old Business:**

**Program** - Bob Mayers will speak on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the library. If we get more interest than the library can hold, we will try to move to the municipal bldg. We will need a \$200 check ready for Bob that evening.

Jim encouraged everyone to **sign up** for the programs that we are sponsoring on May 9<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Jim mentioned that he has watched the **Courier** and our article was never published. Karen will follow up.

**Map Highlights** – Jim will meet tomorrow to learn about options.

**Bench Project** – Not going well, only about 5 pictures have been submitted. Jim will talk tomorrow with people from the county/RC1P regional partnership to see what our options might be. The county does not want to abandon this project.

**Table** - Jim purchased a folding table and placed it in our storage.

**Town Website** – Jim sent in some pictures to be added to the website. If we have any further additions, we should send them to Eric Colvin.

**Post Card from 1900** – We received a postcard dated 1904 of a boathouse on the Raritan Canal. It may have been Judge Algar's boathouse.

**New Business:**

**Archiving 101** – Karen reported on the day-long workshop that introduced the basics of archiving. She also alerted members to the upcoming workshop about Doris Duke which will be held in Mendham.

**File Cabinet** – Should we buy one? Bob McGinley will talk with people in town to see if there might be one available from one of the departments.

Karen's brother suggested a **speaker** on the Amboy Rail Road. Karen will get more info and give it to Joyce.

Jim asked what more we might do to keep Raritan and our committee in the spotlight. **How can we get people involved with our history?**

**Adjournment:** Joyce moved that we adjourn, Ed seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Eastlund, Secretary