

# Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee

## Minutes of September 18, 2019

**Attending:** Tim Rack, Al Capetta, Jim Fidacaro, Jane Fidacaro, Joyce Tronolone, Karen Eastlund, Zach Bray, Christine Torres

**Excused:** Ed Ruzbarsky, Pat Mastice, Bob McGinley

**Public Attendees:** Tom Kubrak, Jen Guarino

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

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$615 in our budget account with an expected bill for \$255 for the banners, leaving us with \$360 for the remainder of the year. Tim moved to accept the report, Christine seconded the motion and the report was accepted unanimously.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the August meeting were accepted unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

**a) Benches:** Our original contact at the company is no longer there, but Jim has been in contact with the owner. He will try to get the benches covered by the time of the parade. We have received many comments, that the one bench that is covered is "too pretty to sit on" etc. The star on the Star Mill is missing, something went wrong with the measurements. The owner of the company apologized. Jim has emails on the other benches to be covered, showing us how they will look, and shared the pictures via his phone. The cost is approximately \$375 per bench. There was a motion by Tim to submit a bill to Dan Jaxel for 10 benches, the total being \$3750. Christine seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**b) Banners:** The banners are up on the south side of Somerset St, WWI banners have been included. The new banners cost \$255. The bill has been submitted to Dan Jaxel.

**c) Signs:** Two or three new signs will be put up at the cost of \$1050 each, total being \$3150. We will order them from Loumarc Signs. They are made of PVC. We plan to have them put up at the entrance to Raritan from Somerville on Somerset St., one on First Ave at the north end, and one on the highway near Char.

**d) Artist sketch for mural** on the front of Mangia Buono: Jen Guarino presented a sketch of the plan she and Tara have made for the front of the building. They will need paint supplies, which could possibly be purchased at Ace Hardware, where the

town already has an account, or maybe at Redelico's. Jim will take the plan to Nick at Mangia Buono to get his okay. Jen said she plans to use latex wall paint and maybe put lacquer over it to make sure it lasts. Jen hopes to get it done this fall. Karen Kneafsey, Raritan's CFO, has asked that Jen and Tara come in to fill out some forms.

**d) History program:** Joyce has set up a program with the library for Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Paul Zigo will present a program on Guadalcanal for \$150. Mary Jane will advertise through the library.

**f) Post Card:** Tim presented his design for a postcard. Al moved that we accept his design, Jane seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous backing. We discussed the number to be printed and where to have them printed. Further vote was taken by email with the decision to print 250.

**g) Jim announced the Basilone Parade,** which will be Sunday, Sept 22. There will be food trucks this year. Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> will be a 5K run.

### **New Business:**

**a) Tour of Raritan** will be tabled until spring.

**b) paint supplies** – Jen will follow up on this

**c) Zach** will talk with Matt Loeper at the county regarding **pedestrian safety** on Somerset St.

**Questions from Audience:** Tom suggested we consider a mural with Joseph Middaugh who first bought the land in 1683, and Rocco Miele who was the first mayor. These suggestions will be considered.

**Adjournment:** Al moved the meeting be adjourned, Tim seconded the motion. Everyone agreed!

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Eastlund, Secretary