

## **West Amwell Historic Preservation Committee Meeting**

West Amwell Municipal Building  
150 Rocktown Lambertville Road  
January 14, 2020 7:00 p.m.

### **Minutes**

Attendees: Peter Buchsbaum, Paul Cronic, Betty Jane Hunt, Martha Shea, Linda Weber and Steve Bergenfeld (Township Committee liaison)

**1. Reorganization – Nominations for Leadership and 2020 Meeting Dates**

The following 2020 leadership nominations were made and unanimously approved:

Linda Weber, Chair

Betty Jane, Vice-Chair

Martha Shea, Secretary

The Committee agreed it would meet in 2020 every other month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm, starting with January and ending with November. (If Peter has a monthly conflict, the meetings will be pushed back to 7:30 p.m.) The committee will not meet during the summer months of June, July and August. Linda will request the schedule be posted on the Township's website. The scheduled meeting dates are March 10, May 12, September 8 and November 13.

**2. Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2019 meeting – moved by Peter Buchsbaum and seconded by Paul Cronic. All in favor.**

**3. Correspondence (there was none)**

**4. Old Photo Identification – update by Betty Jane and Martha Shea**

Old photos continue to be identified, labeled and catalogued. This will be an ongoing project. Eventually, the photos will be digitized.

**5. War Veterans Memorial – update by Paul Cronic**

Paul reported that the honor roll has been installed in front of the municipal building and is almost completed (minor painting and touch-up still to be done).

Paul said he would reach out to the Tomenchoks to find out if funds will be leftover. If there are leftover funds, they could be given back to the Township to be put in a specific line item for repairs and maintenance. Martha suggested a plaque underneath the honor roll. The plaque would indicate that the names listed were West Amwell residents who lived in the Township and served in World War II (1940-1946). Without an explanation the public would not necessarily understand the significance of the honor roll.

The committee agreed. Paul will look into it, sketch out an idea or two and share it with the committee. The committee agreed the honor roll looked good and that the eagle scout, Scott McCloughan, did a great job.

## 6. Possible 2020 Projects--

Archival storage of historic documents, photographs and artifacts – this project is on hold until the budget has been approved.

Research and promotion of local history and cultural heritage.

Martha, Betty Jane and Paul will reach out to Bruce Runkle to see if he might be interested in serving on the committee. Peter will reach out to Frank Gill and Sally Conyne to see if one of them might want to sit on the committee.

Linda will summarize some of the historic district nominations for posting on the website.

The committee will consider posting historic photos on the website soon, and think of other ways to share the photos with the community.

### 175<sup>th</sup> West Amwell Anniversary

Calendar

After some discussion, the committee felt that the calendar might be too much of a project and there may not be an interest.

Bus tour/windshield survey

Slide presentation

“Can you find this place?” Community competition to find the real place of a historic photo. Prizes would be awards.

Memorial Day event – picnic and re-dedication of the WWII Veteran’s Honor Roll.

Large monitor displaying historic photos, shown on election day and other gatherings at the municipal building.

Ongoing community search for more historic photos (committee members will ask friends and family) so that photos can be shared with the community.

The committee will start to narrow down this list at its March meeting.

The committee asked Steve Bergenfeld if he could inquire about a possible ad hoc committee that could be appointed to coordinate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary (2021).

7. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting will be on March 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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