

MINUTES for review

Mendham Township Historic Preservation Committee
Wednesday, March 2, 2022

In attendance:

Jo Ann Alston, Susan Luciano, Melissa Saharko, Robert Scialla, Mary Shay-Millea, Sam Tolley, Helen Wall, James Zemaitis, Patricia Zimmerman, Diana Orban Brown. (hybrid Town Hall and Zoom)

OLD BUSINESS

Budget request – Melissa discussed budget history and current needs. She will present the HPC budget to the Finance Committee on March 22.

NEW BUSINESS

Native American research – Sam's essay "The Original People" will be shared with the members to stimulate further interest and add to future online featured stories.

John Mills conversation with Sam – Mills' concerns about ADA access to the Seed House and about future HPC meetings held in private homes.

Public Interest Melissa described the request for info about 15 West Main Street, formerly used as a Nursery School. Archival photos of the house itself were available and much appreciated, illustrating the need for accessible archival material.

Subcommittee reports:

Seed House – Pat – waiting for estimate of electrical work. Discussion of rebuilding greenhouse or some sort of structure providing sheltered seating area.

Fundraising – James – kickoff fundraiser in Walled Garden proposed for Saturday, May 14 (Rain date tbd). Admission fee of \$25/person, \$40/family to underwrite the beverages, catering and light music accompaniment.

SDAM – Helen – over 3,500 digital files of documents and photos were received from Tim Timpson, contributing substantially to an archival database.