

Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission Minutes of February 26, 2019

Laura Jennings, in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-7, opened the meeting of the Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission at 7:03 pm. This meeting has been advertised in the *Suburban Trends* and posted in the Municipal Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Bowlby, Al Evangelista, Mered Frankel, Laura Jennings, Keith Lockwood, David Rowan

Absent: Erika Herz, Judi Piviroto

Visitors: Peter Puleio

A motion was made by Al Evangelista to approve and accept the minutes from the meeting on January 22, 2019, seconded by Keith Lockwood. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE and PHONE CALLS:

1. **Butler Museum – Ken Montanye** – Ken responding to our request for information advised that Butler Museum is owned by the borough of Butler. Its budget is \$10,000 a year paid by the borough.
2. **Grant Funding – State of New Jersey** – Each town of New Jersey can only apply for two grants per year. Pompton Lakes Borough already has plans in place for two grants. We will need to find funding other ways this year.
3. **Annual Report** – The Certified Local Government Annual Report is due March 31, 2019. A copy of the report was presented to members and will be submitted via email and mail before the due date.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **2019 Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund – Historic Preservation Grant Application & Workshop** – Laura Jennings and Keith Lockwood attended this workshop to get more information on obtaining grants for the historic commission. However, as stated in above grant funding correspondence, we have reached our limit of two grant requests for this year and will have to defer until next year. However, we should look for other funding opportunities. Discussion followed about finding a way to obtain the Schuyler house next to Pompton Lakes Elks to be used as a boxing and local Pompton Lakes museum. Al Evangelista suggested that we use social media as soon as possible to promote our idea of obtaining the house. Although we may not have the funds to purchase the property, maybe someone who reads our post will know how we can secure funds or donations to be able to preserve the property. Laura Jennings suggested creating a flyer to be posted on social media and sending via email, inviting interested parties to attend a brainstorming event on how to preserve the Schuyler house. Laura will reach out to the borough on council chamber availability in early April. Al Evangelista provided Laura with contact information for Glenn Corbett who served on Passaic County Historical Society for Lambert Castle. (Glenn Corbett (201) 993-2814, email: glenncorbett@optonline.net) Al will also reach out to Passaic County administrator to get our freeholder contact information. Paul Bowlby still has connections with the NJ Boxing Hall of Fame and will research Diamond Glove Society as well to get guidance on how to go about obtaining the property for use as a museum.

2. **2020 – 125 Year Anniversary of Pompton Lakes and 1950s Video** – Peter Puleio visited us tonight to get more information on our 125 year Anniversary celebration and creating a video that he will help us complete. Laura explained that we'd like to interview some of the residents in town that would remember locations and people from the 1950's video that has been circulating on social media. Names mentioned included Al Backus, Accardi and Jerry McMahon. Laura has given Peter artistic freedom to complete the video and offered board member contact information for any questions he may have along the way. We would also like to display posters in the current business establishments to depict the history of the store locations. Specific date for the celebration has not been set, but Keith Lockwood has the original incorporation papers of Pompton Lakes and will let us know the specific date so we can plan to possibly have it around that date. We will need to present our intentions to the borough council as well and see if they have any specific dates in mind. Peter Puleio suggested that we use the Pompton Lakes High School for our video and historic artifacts presentation, eliminating the need for weather related cancelations.
3. **Historical Society**– Mered Frankel suggested contacting the Pequannock historic society for further information and guidance on how to become a 501c3 non-profit organization. The Pompton Lakes Friends of the Library also offered to help guide us in getting our own 501c3 status. In addition we will need to secure a lawyer that will be able to help us achieve our non-profit status. Laura sent an email in February to our growing email list asking for volunteers to help establish a 501c3 non-profit organization and helping to preserve the Schuyler house.
4. **Sign locations – Artistic Weaving** Al Evangelista reached out to principal officer of Artistic Weaving in Connecticut. As of this meeting he still hadn't gotten a response yet. The sign would be placed between Starbucks and the river. A small ceremony will be planned.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Review By-Laws**– Laura read by-laws and wanted to clarify voting for alternates. Mered Frankel helped to explain that alternates can vote when there is no quorum or some members are not present. However, ordinance will always take precedence over by-laws.
2. **Town Calendar Page** – Laura suggested that we use our page to depict Cecil B. DeMille. However, Mered believes that we may have already done that another year. Write up will be due to the borough for inclusion in next year's calendar by the beginning of April.
3. **Preservation in Practice Workshop @ Rutgers** – Laura received information on a recommended workshop at Rutgers coming up in March that she will forward to all members.
4. **Open Positions**- Currently we have open positions for second alternate and Class A engineer.

Our next meeting is March 26, 2019 – at the Pompton Lakes Civic Center, 25 Lenox Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ. Please call Laura Jennings at 201-953-9327 or email jennings.lauraf@gmail.com if you cannot attend a meeting.

Having no further business to discuss a motion was made at 8:30 PM to adjourn by Paul Bowlby and seconded by Keith Lockwood.

Respectfully submitted, Cristiane Jennings