

Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission Minutes of June 25, 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: Al Evangelista, Laura Jennings, Paul Bowlby, Erika Herz, Andrew Krinsley

Absent: Keith Lockwood, David Rowan

Visitors: Mered Frankel, Steve Edgeller

A motion was made by Andrew Krinsley to approve and accept the May 28, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Laura Jennings. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE and PHONE CALLS:

1. **Schuyler House** – Paul Bowlby received call from Corey Booker’s office two days after private sale of the Schuyler house.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Sign locations – Artistic Weaving** Al Evangelista still has not received any information from Artistic Weaving. He will survey the area and find a location outside of the Artistic Weaving property on Pompton Lakes town property instead. Planning board will be contacted to receive approval and then we can move ahead with the design of the sign and its verbiage.
2. **Historical Society**– Andrew Krinsley has reached out to the Pompton Lakes Borough attorney, but has not received a response as of yet. Once contact is established we can move ahead with applying for a tax ID and then complete necessary paperwork to become a non-profit.
3. **2020 – 125 Year Anniversary of Pompton Lakes and 1956 Video** – BID has offered to provide light pole banners and “Then and Now” poster window signs for our 125 year Anniversary celebration. Laura has responded to an email received from them and is awaiting details of design. In addition, a town picnic is planned to be held at Hershfield Park. The borough has deferred to the Historic Commission on deciding when to hold the picnic. Discussion followed with July 18th or 25th of 2020 as possible dates. Laura will reach out to the borough and run these dates by them to confirm no other events are planned.
4. **Pompton Day** – Sunday September 1st is Pompton Day. Registration form was submitted 5/1/19. Volunteers are needed. Reach out to Laura with your availability. Paul Bowlby will set up tent and table in morning. Laura Jennings and Cristiane Jennings will set up additional tables. Cristiane suggested baked goods as well. Laura presented Pompton Lakes Trivia/Monopoly Game found in storage facility that was produced by the PL Chamber of Commerce in 1984/85. Idea is to replicate it and offer it for sale at Pompton Day. Steve Edgeller from Friends of the Pompton Lakes Library is willing to sell them as a fundraiser using their non-profit status. Al Evangelista suggested and will reach out to PL Chamber of Commerce to see if they are interested in replicating the original game and also provide an updated version. Al also thought that Tandem Graphics of Pompton Lakes might be willing to provide discounted services to make copies of the game board to commemorate the 125 year

Anniversary. If making a certain amount of copies is unattainable, Laura suggested that we have one copy available at our table on Pompton Day and take orders. In addition to the board game, Laura presented laminated newspapers from the 1940's. All in attendance enjoyed viewing them and agreed they would definitely be a hit at Pompton Day. Andrew Krinsley thought a scavenger hunt of sorts for Pompton Day might be fun, matching current businesses in town with what they were back in the 50's video.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Storage Unit Clean Up Report** – The storage facility was organized into clear storage boxes, banker boxes and labeled as much as possible. However, there were a lot of papers that we did not get to that will need to be sorted and cataloged, with some of them too fragile to handle. Laura suggested that a professional might need to be contacted to help with preservation and cataloging of some of those items. Cristiane Jennings may have a contact that can help us who has helped the Mountain Lakes Historic Commission. This extra expense will most likely put us over our annual operating budget. Al Evangelista advised that the borough council should be approached with the expected cost and ask for additional funds to cover the additional expense. Al mentioned that Bill Houston of Cardinal Frame might be able to help with preservation of photos too.
2. **Displaying Historic Artifacts** – Cristiane Jennings approached co-owner of Station 1 Vinyl Books and owner of the train station with the possibility of using the caboose as a museum. They advised that the caboose is currently used for storage only and would be interested in finding out more about its use as a museum. Discussion followed with concerns of handicap accessibility and security. Otherwise it would be a great historic site to display our items and make residents aware of what we have in storage. Paul Bowlby advised that he has a large display case that we are welcome to use. In addition to the caboose, Cristiane has gotten permission from the Pompton Lakes Library to display items in the meantime. There is limited space available at the library, but library director Michael Drazek is willing to work with us. We also have been advised by Mayor Mike Serra that borough hall will make room for some historic items to display as well.
3. **Martin Ryerson Event @ Pompton Reformed Church** – Erika Herz informed us of October event to commemorate Martin Ryerson. Date to be determined.

Our next meeting is July 23, 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 8:07 PM to adjourn by Andrew Krinsley and seconded by Erika Herz.

Respectfully submitted, Cristiane Jennings