

Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of May 24, 2022

Keith Lockwood, in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-7, opened the in-person meeting of the Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission at 7:16pm. This meeting has been advertised in the *Suburban Trends* and posted in the Municipal Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Bowlby, Al Evangelista, Keith Lockwood, Jared Luciani, Brian O'Malley, David Rowan

EXCUSED: Laura Jennings, Paul Bastante, Dave Rowan

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Lindsay Thivierge (HPO-DEP), Treena Goodman (HPO-DEP)

MINUTES – Paul Bowlby made a motion to approve and accept the April 26, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Brian O'Malley. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE and PHONE CALLS – Pompton Day Packet received.

VISITORS: Lindsay Thivierge and Treena Goodman from Historic Preservation Office, a division of the Department of Environmental Protection, visited us in conjunction with our annual monitoring. Our last in person visit was in 2016. Since then, we have continued to provide annual reports to the HPO. Lindsay and Treena observed and provided some excellent advice at the conclusion of our meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sign Verbiage – Artistic Weaving – Keith Lockwood provided a condensed version to fit on the sign. In addition to the shortened version, it was proposed to add a QR code for more information including a video. Jared Luciani motioned to accept the new verbiage, seconded by Brian O'Malley, all in favor. Motion passed.

Virtual Museum – Discussion followed of funding project with grant money. Lindsay provided helpful information on how grants can be used and that matching funds are not necessary. She explained that applications will be accepted starting October with amounts from \$15,000 to \$50,000 available. The borough would need to fund the project and would be reimbursed upon satisfactory completion. It was noted that these state funds can only be used for the planning stage. A consultant would need to be hired to provide a plan of action. Once an approved plan of action is in place, grant applications to the local trust fund can be submitted for use in scanning and setting up the virtual museum. In addition, being part of the Certified Local Government, we would be eligible for state tax credits. Lindsay urged us to contact her for help in applying for the grants.

Storage Unit Clean Up – Scheduled for June 12th at 1pm weather permitting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership – Still actively looking for second alternate member. Using social media, Facebook, and town newsletter. Will have Michael Carelli resend. In addition, Lindsay suggested reaching out to the local high school to get seniors involved.

Potential Interviews – Paul Bowlby would like to schedule interviews with local longtime residents including, but not limited to Fred Reinhardt, Ron Bowan and Russ Accardi's father. Will need someone to record the interviews.

HPO-DEP Interview: Lindsay Thivierge presented us with some questions and comments. She commended us in submitting consistent annual reports. Reviewed historic sites on website are accurate. Artistic Weaving sign to be added soon. Municipality will need to be up to date on furnace and Morris Canal information. Lindsay explained the historic commission's recommendations are binding, not just advice. Training is available to members and planning

board members to help clarify the role we play. In addition, Lindsay explained training is required to be done annually by the commission. She will send us links to available training. It was suggested that our grant writer attend one of the training sessions as well. Architectural surveys are funded by grant program and are highly recommended. Resumes of members on file to be reviewed and will contact us if update needed. Welcome packet provided to new members is a terrific addition. Lindsay will email members with detailed information of what was discussed tonight, including links to training. All members thanked Lindsay and Treena for the highly informative discussions tonight and look forward to working with them this year. If there are any questions, Lindsay and Treena explained they are available and very willing to lend a hand.

Our next meeting is June 28, 2022, 7:00pm – to be held at Pompton Lakes Civic Center located at 25 Lenox Ave in Pompton Lakes. Please contact Laura Jennings by email at historic@pomptonlakes-nj.gov if you cannot attend a meeting.

Having no further business to discuss, Brian O'Malley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm, seconded by Keith Lockwood, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristiane Jennings