

Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of February 28, 2023

Laura Jennings, 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 7:12pm. This meeting has been advertised in the *Suburban Trends* and posted in the Municipal Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Bowlby, Ed Crowley, Al Evangelista, Laura Jennings, Keith Lockwood, Brian O'Malley, David Rowan

EXCUSED: Jared Luciani

ABSENT: Paul Bastante

VISITORS: Andrew Fine, Matthew and Yoshi Breland

MINUTES – Dave Rowan made a motion to approve and accept the January 24, 2023, reorganization meeting minutes, seconded by Brian O'Malley. Brian O'Malley made a motion to approve and accept the January 24, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Al Evangelista. The motions passed.

CORRESPONDENCE and PHONE CALLS:

Matthew and Yoshi Breland, homeowners of 322 Broadway requested recommendations of a roofer that works with cedar shingles.

Andrew Fine, owner of the commercial building at 227 Hamburg Tpk. contacted us for potential museum space.

Welcome Guests – Both Andrew Fine and Mr. and Mrs. Breland joined us tonight to discuss their properties. Andrew Fine, owner of the commercial building at 227 Hamburg Tpk. explained that he has office space available for rent. The house was built in 1875 and still has a lot of its old charm making it a wonderful opportunity to use it as a museum space. Discussion followed of office space details, anticipated renovations, and logistics. Members agreed to schedule a tour later in the week to see for themselves. Further discussion followed about funding the costs, how to staff the museum, possibly making it an extension of the Lambert Museum or designating it as a Joe Louis Museum. Matthew and Yoshi Breland also joined us tonight to discuss recommendations for their historic home at 322 Broadway. Their roof is at the end of its life and will need to be replaced soon. It's not leaking yet, but are able to remove shingles without much effort using their hands. However, cedar shake roofing is very expensive. Andrew Fine, also a contractor, offered some advice and will help to get them some bids as well. This Old House was also mentioned as an option. Al Evangelista mentioned that the previous owners used to provide tours to the local grammar schools at their home dressed in historic attire. Matthew explained that he loves to host and may continue the tradition.

OLD BUSINESS:

Artistic Weaving – Now that the sign is complete, a dedication ceremony is to be planned. A spring date is yet to be chosen. Once the date is confirmed, council liaison Ek Venin is to be contacted to arrange installation of the post by the DPW.

Museum –PLRYO will donate cabinet to museum.

Documenting History – Continuing.

Grant Funding – No update.

Storage Unit Clean Up – Scheduled for June 4th with rain date of June 11th.

Annual Report – Annual report due 3/31/23

NEW BUSINESS:

Vacancies/Membership – Next month we will officially have one vacancy. We will move the current 1st and 2nd alternates up one position, which will leave the 2nd alternate position open.

Marketing Plan – Keith Lockwood – Keith presented a comprehensive plan to attract more historic interest. Members were very impressed with the details he provided and thanked him for his efforts. Keith also shared an interesting story of Inez. Stories like these and other ideas Keith included in the plan would hopefully attract more visitors to Pompton Lakes and in turn create more interest in our history.

Donations – Al Evangelista donated old postcards depicting historic photos of Pompton Lakes. Paul Bowlby presented an old, framed photo of the firehouse that used be where Macks is now. It was given to him by Bob Moss of Wayne, whose wife grew up in Pompton Lakes.

Our next meeting is March 28, 2023, 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 the meeting.

Having no further business to discuss, Paul Bowlby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm, seconded by Brian O'Malley, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristiane Jennings