

Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of June 27, 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 7:00pm. This meeting has been advertised in the *Suburban Trends* and posted in the Municipal Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Bowlby, Ed Crowley, Laura Jennings, Keith Lockwood, Brian O'Malley, David Rowan, Councilman Ek Venin

EXCUSED: Al Evangelista, Jared Luciani, Erin Hunkemoeller

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Leslie Frucht

MINUTES – Paul Bowlby made a motion to approve and accept the May 23, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Dave Rowan. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE and PHONE CALLS:

Cubalmart – Historic artifacts have been moved from Cubalmart to the new storage facility Extra Space Storage in Lidl shopping center on Wanaque Ave due to financial discrepancies.

The meeting was opened for public comment at 7:06pm.

Welcome Guests

- Leslie Frucht of the Fairlawn Historic Group

OLD BUSINESS:

NJ Historic Trust Presentation (Completed) – Chairwoman Laura and Councilman Ek Venin presented at the NJ Historic Trust event receiving great feedback. It was discussed that we should add a map of historic sites to our historic guide once we complete our survey. Chairwoman Jennings Pitt and Councilman Venin made some great connections at this event, including with the Dean of Stockton University who had some exciting suggestions about partnerships with local universities. A follow up email was sent from the Dean connecting Jennings Pitt and Venin with his counterpart at William Paterson University to discuss possible collaborations.

Survey – It is recommended that a historic survey is completed every 10 years. As a CLG grant funding is available for the completion of this project. Lindsay Thivierge of the NJ Historic Preservation Office set up a special virtual meeting with Paul Bowlby and Laura Jennings Pitt to discuss details and grant opportunities. Lindsay suggested that we write our own grant request. Discussion followed of what properties should be added to the survey, including the existing 17 properties. It was mentioned that we want to strive to include 100 sites which will cost approximately \$25,000. Wanaque Avenue, landmarks important to the community, south end properties, Joe Grill, south end trails connecting history to nature and others over 50 years old were mentioned, including Dupont property. The focus will be on education as well as preservation with the goal of adding sites to our existing tour routes. Laura will put together a starting point to discuss at next month's meeting.

Historic Homeowner Education – Nothing new to share currently.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Night Out – National Night Out will be held Tuesday August 1st 7-10pm at the high school parking lot. Sharon Sonne will provide us with historic photos of the Pompton Lakes Police Department to be shared with residents. Paul, Brian, Dave, and Laura will attend and share shifts. Brian will supply chairs, Paul a tent, and Laura will bring a table.

Storage Unit Move – The move has been completed to the new bigger storage facility in the Lidl shopping center. Will need to schedule a follow up clean up to move additional donated artifacts now that we have more room.

Preserve NJ Partnership and Dates – Proposal to host Statewide Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony (October 10, 2023) at Pompton Lakes High School. Chairwoman Jennings Pitt has confirmed availability of site and is in conversations with Preserve NJ about this possibility.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Marketing/Strategic Planning – Keith is working on a local business survey and hopes to have it ready for Pompton Day. Reminder to order magnets and banner with new logo to have ready for Pompton Day as well.

Artistic Weaving Dedication Ceremony – Logistics of placing the sign and ceremony details to follow.

Museum – PLRYO cabinet donation can now be moved to the new storage facility. Laura will reach out to Jared to make arrangements. The good news is that there may be a possible dual use incorporated into the civic center construction project to include a museum. More information to follow.

Our next meeting is July 25, 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, Dave Rowan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm, seconded by Keith Lockwood, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristiane Jennings