

## **Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission Minutes of September 27, 2022**

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 7:06pm. This meeting has been advertised in the *Suburban Trends* and posted in the Municipal Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paul Bowlby, Al Evangelista, Laura Jennings, Keith Lockwood, Councilman Ek Venin

**EXCUSED:** Paul Bastante, Jared Luciani, Brian O'Malley, David Rowan

**ABSENT:** None

**VISITORS:** Robert Walker

**MINUTES** – Al Evangelista made a motion to approve and accept the June 28, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Paul Bowlby. The motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE and PHONE CALLS** – See potential new members in new business below.

**Guest** – Robert Walker, owner of Advanced Basement Solutions, presented his plan for the repair/replacement of the PL Public Library steps. The steps are in disrepair due to water and salt damage that have resulted in safety concerns. The DPW attempted to fix them but were unsuccessful, so Robert has been tasked with performing the repairs. The current steps were built using Pompton Pink granite, which is locally sourced but no longer available. Robert has found that these current steps are not the original stairs to the building. The original steps were not manufactured with the Pompton Pink stone and Robert has made every effort to match those using photos provided by the Friends of the PL Public Library. He presented samples for review. After discussions, it was agreed that limestone would be an acceptable substitute for pink granite and would go well with the Tudor revival style of the library. Keith Lockwood made a motion to approve use of limestone in the repair of the stairs, seconded by Al Evangelista, all in favor. Laura will advise borough administrator Paula to proceed with limestone stairs.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Pompton Day** – Pompton Day held on Sunday September 4, 2022, went well. However, a sudden windstorm destroyed Paul's tent. Discussion of obtaining clear protective folders to keep artifacts from damage and a pocketed tablecloth might be a good idea.

**Sign Verbiage – Artistic Weaving** – Al Evangelista delivered sign details to Russ Accardi and is awaiting sample. The Artistic Weaving artifact for bending metal is ready for transport. Paul Bowlby offered to help Al pick it up. In the meantime, Laura is discussing with Paula about getting a larger storage unit to use for this artifact and moving all other items to it as well.

**Museum** – Local landscaper Scott Thaler informed Laura that The Bartholf House is up for sale. They are interested in making it historic. It was noted that Pompton Lakes elementary schools have been conducting field trips to this house for many years. Laura will reach out and provide them with Al's contact information to discuss details. Al will also reach out to his contact at Passaic County Historic Commission to see what kind of grant funding might be available and see what our legislators can do for us.

**Documenting History** – Continuing to take photos.

**Grant Funding** – To be discussed after Bartholf homeowner has been approached.

**Storage Unit Clean Up** – To be scheduled to coincide with receipt of new artifact.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Membership** – Laura reviewed open memberships needed are for one full member and one second alternate. Currently we have four potential interested applicants. Two from Pompton Day that Laura has reached out to and invited to our next meeting, Al Evangelista’s contact, and Dave Rowan’s contact. We will request resumes from each and review them as a group.

**Holiday Stroll** – The Pompton Lakes Holiday Stroll will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:30-8pm. It was decided that we will not participate this year.

**Our next meeting is October 25, 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](mailto:historic@pomptonlakes-nj.gov) if you cannot attend the meeting.

Having no further business to discuss, Laura Jennings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm, seconded by Keith Lockwood, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristiane Jennings