

Meeting Minutes—Nutley Historic Preservation Committee

Meeting Date: March 21, 2019 Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Location: 3rd Floor Commission Conference Room, Town Hall,
1 Kennedy Blvd, Nutley, New Jersey

1. Call to order & attendance

- a. Called to order at 7:10 PM
- b. John Simko, John Demmer, Jeanne Van Steen, Dante Intindola, Janice Fraser present; Eleni Pettas and Patti Williams also present;
Sal Corvino, Dottie Greengrove absent

2. Announcement made regarding compliance with Open Public Meetings Act

3. Communications and bills

- a. Website – if we wish to add flyers, can send to Eleni

4. Swearing in of Dante, Janice, Jeanne, and John D by Eleni Pettas. Sal to contact Eleni separately for swearing-in

5. Minutes from February meeting accepted

6. Jeanne – Enclosure District – need to fill out papers for 401 Passaic Ave, has photos of front of the house, photos of kids in front when home was used as school for submission

7. John S to meet with Parks and Rec Commissioner Tucci to discuss township allowing Vreeland, Town Hall Museum, Van Riper, Kingsland Manor to be placed on our list

9. Nutley Neighbor piece – John S. still working on it

8. At Board of Ed meeting, John S. spoke about murals, they are open to landmarking them – ones at JHWMS, 2 in Lincoln School

- a. 40+ people expected for the unveiling of mural, on 4/24 Ruth Bedford will be there, she will have just turned 101

b. reminder to guests of new security measures with bags at Nutley Public Schools (see PDF)

9. Question - can we legally become a 501c3, we may be eligible for grants for archiving – will check with attorney Alan Genitempo. Will check with Sue Scavone, town grant writer and see if she can attend the next meeting

a. Can use funds for glossy mailing to target properties within certain time range, explain what it means to have house on the list

10. 232 Highfield (Bedford house) – construction update for elevator addition - Certificate of Appropriateness same as Certificate of Occupancy, Sal Corvino will coordinate with Dave Barry to discuss appropriate verbiage. Custom elevator still being built, will take a month, so timeline for everything okay.

11. Van Riper House – Dante and Patti Williams from Van Riper Trust

Historical significance: Last of the manor houses along the Passaic River

Next Steps:

a. Certificate of Eligibility was never formally accepted from previous application, for new application need updated photos, complete another preliminary application, questionnaire, need maps, information. Putting home on list would make it eligible for grant money

b. Discuss with Patti Williams from Van Riper –she should meet with Township, how to refurbish, funding etc. Lease for VRT with township expires August 31, 2021. Purpose was to maintain it historically, \$1 a year. Want to make sure house is still protected.

c. Immediate need: VRH in need of a roof. Property endangerment may speed along process

d. Funding

i. need to coordinate with Sue Scavone, township grant writer

ii. Patti considering undraisers to raise funds – musical program, crowd funding on social media, individual fundraisers, need younger people to be stewards of this

e. Primary concern is to save the building, look for a way to utilize the building, historical house museum or transforming to new uses for the community. Stabilization of property, creating publicity, talking with Cambridge Heights about involvement, seek corporate sponsor

f. Recommendation – work on roof, window, paint for curb appeal – not work on inside. Plan on Saturday to go to house, take pictures, 12:30 will meet at VRH

12. Need to reconstitute the Van Riper Trust membership—needs an active and functioning Board, Dante will join VRT, Dante wants to expand bibliography and information on VRH and make public aware of its historical significance

13. Wish for signage in front of the landmarked houses

14. NHPC page – Janice’s bio posted.

15. Congrats to John Demmer for Nutley Jaycees Civic Affairs Award

Meeting Adjourned

Next Public Meeting April 18, 2109