

Meeting Minutes—Nutley Historic Preservation Committee

Meeting Date: April 18, 2019, 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 7:15 PM
- b. John Demmer, Jeanne Van Steen, Dante Intindola, Janice Fraser, Sal Corvino, present; John Simko, Dottie Greengrove absent

2. Announcement made regarding compliance with Open Public Meetings Act

3. March minutes approved and accepted

4. Communications and bills

5. Jeanne – continuing to work on Enclosure St homes

6. Dot – excused absence, will discuss map reproduction at next meeting

7. Town Buildings

- a. Landmarking meeting with John S and Commissioner Tucci regarding town buildings went well – Town Hall is an exception because that is technically owned by the Board of Education, so a separate meeting will be scheduled with them.
- b. Nutley Public Library – consideration for landmarking - Wayne Greenfeder and Tony Ianarrone would be a wealth of knowledge for that.

8. John Simko – JHWMS mural presentation April 24, doing a write up for the murals for the museum for publications

9. Paperwork for historic preservation must be sent to Planning Board. Goal to have paperwork ready for Van Riper House (Dante), Jeanne's home, murals (John S) ready for May meeting so that Planning Board can be notified at their June meetings.

10. Sal – Permits issued for Ruth Bedford's home, 232 Highfield Lane, sent to Dave Barry, was accepted. Discussion of Certificate of Appropriateness – need the building permit number for completion.

11. Discussion of how the town flags that a property is marked as Historic. An indicator within their current system is better than creating a separate list for reference. Sal will ask Dave Barry, zoning officer about what current procedure is for his receipt of information from Planning Board. 111 Vreeland Ave, 263 Harrison St, 232 Highfield Ln are the three properties that are landmarked. Will ask Dave Barry to come to a meeting for discussion.

13. Van Riper update from Dante – 3/23/19 visit – the roof is flaking significantly, no water damage in the building, no construction since 2003. Patti Williams willing to make Board active again. Application to become a member of the Van Riper House can be found here:

<https://vanriperrestorationtrust.wordpress.com/application/> or in attached document. Desire to resurrect interest in the Van Riper House and encourage people to become members.

Discussion of best way to proceed – historic preservation vs adaptive re-use. Bob Craig of NJ Historic Preservation Office encouraged Dante to do research on NJ Historic Trust for assistance. Brought up possibility that it could still be utilized as a private home. Nothing salvagable inside other than fire places, just need exterior to be preserved. Historic grant funds can be used if it will be for adaptive re-use. Suggest sending a preliminary application to State of NJ. Van Riper House's historical significance includes fact that its architecture is mixture of Dutch

& English, which is unique. Last of the river view properties for wealthy families in the past. Van Riper family – one of last families to emancipate their slaves. Discussion of new methods of fundraising – Go Fund Me, etc.

14. Revisiting idea of two properties in town to contact current owners for landmarking - Lambert House at 7 Cathedral, Speer House at 149 Church St

15. Adjourn, next meeting May 16, 2019.