Meeting Minutes—Nutley Historic Preservation Committee

Meeting Date: August 15, 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 7 pm
2. Announcement made regarding compliance with Open Public Meetings Act
3. Minutes/Secretary – John S, John D, Sal, Jeanne, Dante, Janice present, Dottie absent, excused
4. Communications and bills
5. Unfinished/Ongoing Business
   a. Jeanne: update on landmarking Enclosure District
   b. John S: update on landmarking Town-owned buildings
   c. Dante: update on Van Riper House
      NJ Historic Trust – two types grant, VRH has cert of eligibility and can apply for VRH. Van Giesen has same type eligibility, so makes sense to talk at same time.
      Met with Commissioner Tucci
      Timeline – application open Dec/Jan, everything needs to be in order by May, can start from looking at previous year’s application
   d. continued discussion of how Committee stays informed of pertinent planned alterations to historic structures
      perhaps amend ordinance so that tax assessor needs to tell new owner during sale that property is historic
      need way to inform existing home owners, letter yearly to properties to remind them or historic designation and that they may be subject to a violation. Need compliance even if permit not required.
      maintain updated list on the town’s website
      Plaques would help to designate
      may need meeting with inspector, etc so that more people in town are informed about process
      reconsider deed restrictions as best practice, but need more info on how typical property owner does this without hiring a lawyer
      maybe reach out to other local boards to see how they are dealing with this
e. identification of a dozen or so structures to target this fall through
direct mailing or in-person discussions with property owners
Harrison, Warren, Highfield properties on list, will be adding 4 town
buildings
   i. home visits + letter mailings approach

John D
   o John D and Cynthia D to approach much of the Enclosure (16, 24, 40, 41, 55), but 62 Enclosure will be approached by John S
   o 401 Passaic Ave – still working on with Jeanne

Sal
   o Erie Pl – check on the local designation. Try to designate on national list, similar to Enclosure. Might want to include Little Theater – used to be a jam factory

John S
   o 19 Calico Ln house (John Mason House)
   o 149 Church (Abraham Speer house)
   o 62 Enclosure (Mallaby House)

Dante
   o 90 Vreeland (Dodd House)

Other properties to consider
   o 575 Passaic Ave
   o 381 Passaic Ave (old by-subscription Nutley library)
   o 563 Frankie Ave (Masonic Hall)

6. New Business
    a. floor open for new business

7. Adjournment 8:02 PM

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: September 19, 2019