Township of Nutley

Nutley Historic Preservation Committee

Minutes

Date: August 20, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Zoom Meeting

I. Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act

Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act (Chapter 231, P.L.1975), notice of this meeting was published in The Nutley Sun, The Herald News and The Star Ledger. A copy of this notice has been posted on the Nutley Town Hall bulletin board and a copy is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

II. Call to order and attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Member Name	**Present (P) Absent (A) Excused (E)**
James Levendusky	P
John Demmer	P
Sal Corvino	P
John Simko	P
Jeanne Van Steen	P
Dante Intindola	P
Luke Michels	E

III. Minutes

Minutes from the July 16, 2026 meeting were accepted as presented.

IV. Communications and bills

None

V. Ongoing business

- Vreeland House – general updates
  - Grant awards will be revealed on Wednesday, September 30 at the New Jersey Historic Trust annual meeting. The public may attend via Zoom.

- Marker for Town Hall
  - Not installed yet, Mr. Levendusky will follow up with Frank DeMaio
- Marker for Methodist Gates at the Nutley Museum
  - Mr. Simko is targeting an October date to be announced for a dedication ceremony.
- Nutley 125th Anniversary – 1902 – 2026 (Quasquicentennial)
  - The Township Clerk provided photocopies of the relevant chapter laws from 1874 splitting off Franklin from Belleville, and the 1902 law rechartering Franklin as Nutley.
  - The Committee discussed the following actions in furtherance of a 125th celebration:
    - Request a proclamation from state representation and a corresponding one from the Board of Commissioners time to the March 5, 2027 anniversary date.
    - Request a certified copy of the original signed chapter law(s) from the State Archives.
    - Explore whether early Town/Township minute books exist.
    - Consider a history walk or museum event as part of the celebration.
- 232 Highfield Lane
  - The Committee discussed the status of the renovation of 232 Highfield Lane, a Township Landmark.
    - As of January, owner had called for final inspections and was close to requesting a TCO; the house now appears occupied.
    - Mr. Intindola noted that enforcement authority rests with the code official; the Commission's role ends at issuing the certificate of appropriateness.
    - The Committee's consensus was that, at a minimum, it should be kept informed as to project progression.
    - Mr. Intindola is to reach out to the Code Enforcement Office to get a status update
- Historic Preservation Ordinance – State Review
  - Ordinance submitted to the state; original contact is no longer in that role, and review is delayed due to staff turnover.
  - Last state communication was received approximately a month and a half ago.
  - Plan is to follow up in late September / early October to ask about expected timeline.
- Bowser House Landmark Candidacy
  - Edward Bowser House a well-preserved mid-century modern home on Van Winkle featured in multiple national preservation publications.

- Adjacent house by the same architect has been heavily remodeled and no longer reflects original character.
- Owners were previously visited and emailed by Mrs. Van Steen; emails have gone unanswered, but owners were described as amenable.
- Decision: James to draft a base outreach letter adaptable for multiple landmark candidates; group to review before sending.

VI. New business

None

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Next meeting September 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM via Zoom