

Rumson Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of May 18, 2023
Charles S. Callman Courtroom

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order

Following the Commission group photo session, the meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by Chairman Rob Adler.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chair Adler, Mr. Cloud, Mrs. Cloud, Mr. Day, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Kingsbery, Mr. Pomphrey.

Absent: Mr. Fitzmaurice, Mr. Carras, Mr. Ciambrone (Planning Board Liaison)

The Chairman declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by posting and mailing a schedule of all regular meetings of Historical Preservation Commission for 2023 to the *Asbury Park Press*, the *Two River Times* and the Rumson Borough Website.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023 meeting by Mr. Kingsbery, seconded by Mr. Day.

4. Chairman Report

5. Sub Committee Reports

- Maintain and Update Website (Mr. Day, Mr. Fitzmaurice):
 - How-to Page updates underway, but not complete.

- Chronicle/Record/Document any “at risk” Historic Properties (Mr.Fitzmaurice):
 - Add to “Gone but Not Forgotten” Properties: **Ongoing**
 - Obtain regular reports of Applications for demolitions from Sabine O’Connor: **Ongoing**

Awards Program 2022 (Mr. Cloud): **Annual**

- Mr. Cloud discussed some minor revisions to awards program titles and pages.
- Set dates for advertising, submitting, review and selection
- Order plaques, etc.
- Nomination period from June 1 - July 31
- *Mr. Cloud mentions the printing and placement of notices at local storefronts.

Historical Plaque Program (Mr. Carras): **Ongoing**

A Walking Tour for 2023 is being planned for September 24, rain date October by Mr. Carras. **Ongoing**

Moss History Room (Mr. Pomphrey): **Ongoing**

- o Open second Tuesday of each month 10AM - 2PM. No appointment necessary. Possible future discussion on opening two days per month.
- o Opening night scheduled for June 27th at 6pm for a one hour gathering All are welcome. Still waiting for confirmation that a member from the Moss family will attend. Possible attendance by Mayor and council members also. Special guests would include Laura Tooker and Ross Millhouser.
- o Ms Cloud said she could help with the event. Mr. Fitzmaurice to coordinate with Bill Moss to cut the ribbon (waiting confirmation).
- o Develop a grand opening plan. Light refreshments discussed. NO alcohol allowed.
- o *Request a notice to be posted on signboard.
- o Maintain
- o Enhance
- o Create a pool of volunteer hosts

Moss History Room Computer (Mr. Adler, Mr. Day): **Ongoing**

- o Select and purchase archive software
- o Develop a full outline for the archive
- o Create a plan for digitizing the contents of the library
- o Create a pool of volunteer archivists

● Rumson History Volume 3 (Clay - Ben- Ed-Jim)

- o Set committee meeting date(s)
- o Meetings have been changed to the 3rd Thursday at 10 AM. Next meeting June 15, 2023
- o Mr. Kingsbery led a meeting on May 17 and reported progress and the need for volunteer writers topics that have not been covered
- o Progress continues as we recruit residents interested in writing about special events and organizations in our beloved community
- o Find people to contribute to writing in Rumson History, Vol. 3, and publish the questionnaire
- o Find photos from 1965 to present for Rumson History, Vol. 3
- o Mr. Day reported completion of several pages.
- o Mr Kingsbery is reported to have spoken to Tom Dooley at Holy Cross and others.

● Continue Current HPC Activities (Mr. Adler): **Ongoing**

- o Be a resource to owners of Historic Homes
- o Communicate with Residents
- o Communicate with other HPC Groups

● Plaques (Mr. Carras): **Ongoing**

- o Enhance the promotion of the plaques
- o Improve the message that they are an honor and not a limitation on the property.
- o Set dates for ordering and delivering.

- Publication / Community Involvement (Mr. Adler, Mr. Carras, Mr. Day): **Ongoing**
 - Develop a list of 3 to 6 historically relevant subjects for publication
 - Develop a list of publications with interest in historical stories
 - Select a liaison between the Commission and reporters
 - Enhance the public recognition, exposure and impression of the RHPC

Liaison Reports (Ciambrone, Kingsbery)

- Honor the Recent Past
 - Charlie Shay and Tom Clark have given so much of themselves over the years, to recreate and firmly establish this Commission. Those of us who have taken stewardship of their legacy should honor it through dedication to our commitment.

6. New Business

None at this time.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 15, 2023, in the Charles S. Callman CourtRoom at 6:00 pm.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm after a motion by Mr. Kingsbery, seconded by Mr. Day.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Pomphrey, Secretary