

Rumson Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of April 20, 2023
Charles S. Callman Court Room

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. Carras, Mr. Ciambrone, Mr. Cloud, Mrs. Cloud, Mr. Day, , Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Kingsbery, Mr. Pomphrey.

Absent: Mr. Fitzmaurice.

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 of 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 February 16, 2022 meeting by Mr. Kingsbery, seconded by Mr. Carras.

4. Chairman Report

Mr. Alder attended the Rumson town council meeting and reported this year's goals and events.

Mr. Adler will investigate scanning of physically large documents, such as maps, that are in the Moss Room.

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
- Historical Plaque Program (Mr. Carras): **Ongoing**
- A Walking Tour for 2023 is being planned for the September 24, rain date October by Mr. Carras. **Ongoing**
- Moss History Room (Mr. Pomphrey): **Ongoing**
 - Open second Tuesday of each month 10AM - 2PM. No appointment necessary.
 - Opening night TBD. Ms Cloud said she could help with event. Mr. Fitzmaurice to coordinate with Bill Moss to cut ribbon.
 - Develop a grand opening plan
 - Maintain
 - Enhance
 - Create a pool of volunteer hosts
- Moss History Room Computer (Mr. Adler, Mr. Day): **Ongoing**
 - Select and purchase archive software
 - Develop a full outline for the archive
 - Create a plan for digitizing the contents of the library e)
 - Create a pool of volunteer archivists
- Rumson History Volume 3 (Clay - Ben- Ed-Jim)
 - Set committee meeting date(s)
 - Meetings 3rd Wednesday 11 AM. Next meeting March 15, 2023
 - Mr. Kingsbery led a meeting on April 19 and reported progress and the need for volunteer writers topics that have not been covered
 - Progress continues as we recruit residents interested in writing about special events and organizations in our beloved community
 - Find people to contribute to writing in Rumson History, Vol. 3, and publish the questionnaire
 - Find photos from 1965 to present for Rumson History, Vol. 3
- Continue Current HPC Activities (Mr. Adler): **Ongoing**
 - Be a resource to owners of Historic Homes
 - Communicate with Residents
 - Communicate with other HPC Groups
- Plaques (Mr. Carras): **Ongoing**
 - Enhance the promotion of the plaques
 - Improve the message that they are an honor and not a limitation on the property.
 - 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)
 - Mr. Ciambrone reported that there have been no Planning Board Meetings since January
 - Mr. Kingsbery reported that Rob's presentation to the Council was well received and appreciated.
- 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 the stewardship of their legacy should honor it through dedication to our commitment but also specifically through a celebratory event.
 - Event to be a dinner
 - Select a date and attendees (mid-spring to early summer)
 - Organize the event Mr. Alder discussed a possible May date TBD. Possible venues of Val's Tavern and Surf Restaurant

6. New Business

None at this time.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 18, 2023, in the Charles S. Callman Court Room 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