



Township of Nutley

Nutley Historic Preservation Committee

Minutes

Date: October 16, 2025
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Nutley Town Hall

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 7:06 PM

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

III. Minutes

- Minutes from the September 18, 2025 meeting were accepted as presented.

IV. Communications and bills

- None

V. Ongoing business

- Marker for Town Hall
 - The marker has been ordered, Mr. Demmer reports that delivery to Town Hall is expected in approximately 2 weeks.
- Vreeland House



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- Discussed proposal to meet with Dan Jacoby who is leading the 250th to help define a vision for the house, engaging another Township Department (Public Affairs).
 - It was suggested the Committee invite him to meet in two weeks at the Vreeland Homestead (weekend of 11/1 and 11/2).
- Nutley website pages for Nutley's landmarks
 - No update
- Additional properties for recruitment
 - John Demmer spoke to a homeowner regarding their well-preserved Sears kit house located at 119 Alexander.
- Ordinance
 - No progress on revisions.
- US 250th Anniversary Celebrations
 - Discussed meeting of historic organizations held by Dan Jacoby on October 4.
 - The Township will be doing programming in tandem with several other organizations between Memorial Day and the 4th of July next year.
 - The idea is that all the Township historical organizations will work together and cross-attend each event.
 - The Committee discussed house tours, including the privately-owned Speer House on Church Street.
 - In reference to actual objects available from the Revolutionary period, the museum likely has Abram Speer's sword, and an early American Vreeland toolbox.
 - The Committee discussed the fact that Nutley was part of Newark, then Bloomfield, then Belleville before splitting off to form Franklin in 1874. Both Bloomfield and Belleville have active historical societies.
 - Mr. Demmer will reach out to Mike Perrone from the Belleville Historical Society and look to contact Bloomfield with the aim of collaborating.

VI. New business

- 2026 Budget
 - It was noted that the \$5,000 2025 Historic Preservation budget will likely be substantially expended.
 - For 2026, the Committee discussed expanding the marker program with several signs inclusive of a roadside marker for the Vreeland House, a mailer targeting historic homeowners for landmarking, and Mr. Demmer's Town Historian-related expenses



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- Mr. Simko presented several versions of marker text for the newly-installed 19th century Methodist Cemetery gates at the Nutley Museum. The Committee agreed that the following text was the best fit:
 - “These cast-iron gates date to the mid-19th century and stood at the Oswald Ottendorfer estate on 135th Street and Broadway in Manhattan. They were brought to Nutley in 1903 and framed the entrance to the Methodist Cemetery on Passaic Avenue until 19XX. The Nutley Historical Society restored and re-erected the gates in 2025.”
 - Mr. Demmer will work with the vendor to develop a quote.

VII. Public Comment

- None

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Next public meeting: November 20th at 7:00 PM