



# Township of Nutley

## Nutley Historic Preservation Committee

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### Minutes

Date: February 19, 2026  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Location: Via Zoom

#### 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 7:07 PM

Member Name	Present (P) Absent (A) Excused (E)
James Levendusky	P
John Demmer	P
Sal Corvino	P (arrived 7:19 PM)
John Simko	P (arrived 7:13 PM)
Jeanne Van Steen	P
Dante Intindola	P
Luke Michels	P

#### III. Minutes

- Minutes from the January 15, 2026 meeting were accepted as presented unanimously.

#### IV. Communications and bills

- Per the Township Clerk we are meeting virtually for the foreseeable future.

#### V. Ongoing business

- Marker for Town Hall
  - No update, waiting on Spring
  - Museum sign was paid for and ordered, John Demmer to call vendor tomorrow.
- Vreeland House – updates
  - Mr. Levendusky met with Frank DeMaio and Commissioner Tucci on Friday 2/15.



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- He emphasized that the house should be utilized for 250<sup>th</sup> celebrations, ideal for a walking tour etc.
- He suggested a Preservation Plan, mentioned applying for a New Jersey Historic Trust Historic Site Management grant, the grant deadline is 4/16
- The maximum grant amount is \$75k, with a 3 to 1 match.
- Mauro asked Frank to reach out to Millenium Strategies and they also discussed potential uses of the property
- They expressed that it would be great to have it available for multiple uses and public access, and would not want another tenant.
- Mauro noted that only the Township would be involved here as applicant versus standing up another nonprofit group, and that the facility needs accessible restrooms.
- Frank is looking to set up a meeting with Millenium Strategies to discuss the grant.
- The mechanics of a preliminary architectural assessment by Mr. Corvino were discussed
- Nutley website pages for Nutley’s landmarks
  - Dante and Luke will discuss offline
- Speaker series with NHS
  - Mr. Levendusky sent out a couple of emails for speakers and hasn’t heard back
  - The Committee discussed a Passaic River author (*A Great Conveniency*) and Lenape history speakers.
- US 250th Anniversary Celebrations
  - A walk in the park led by Mr. Simko will happen the Saturday or the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend which is May 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Van Ripper House and the Kingsland Manor are planning a similar program on May 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - No word from Speer house owners, Dan Jacoby is supposed to reach out.
  - The Committee discussed that it would be good if we used our budget to purchase patriotic bunting for the Vreeland Homestead and request that the Township place LED uplights.
- CLG review by HPO
  - SHPO is reviewing the ordinance again
  - The existing “involuntary” provision in the ordinance would likely disqualify the Township from being eligible under CLG, but it is worth exploring.
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## VI. New business

None

## VII. Public Comment



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None

### VIII. **Adjournment**

7:52 PM

Next public meeting: March 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM via Zoom