

**Historic Preservation Commission  
Town of Westport**

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Commission of October 3, 2013

Members present: Ray Mejia, Martin Timmins, and Dave O'Malley

Members absent: Ron Bowen, Nancy Schlimgen

Others present: Jeanette Hermanson

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

**September 12, Minutes**

The September minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Ray and second by Marty.

**Old Business**

Historic Resources Consultant- We briefly discussed Rebecca's projects and Tom Wilson's input regarding future project priorities. Tom is o.k. with Rebecca proceeding on the Siberz properties but any inventory on the historic lake homes will be on hold for now. Tom will take the lead on working with Dane County to outline future work that will be done on the Ella Wheeler Wilcox Site. We will need to have a phased scope of work for what tasks will be done on the site.

Informal Interviews- It was noted that our direction from Tom Wilson is to hold off on Judy Borke's summary proposal for now. The Township is not interested in paying for another contract at this time. We did discuss the fact that we should still compile a summary of all the interviews in a less formal document than we had previously planned for. Ray will inform Judy the Town will not proceed with her proposal.

No additional interviews are currently planned. We will keep future possibilities in mind but not ready to schedule more at this time.

We also discussed presentation of the historical plaques to the property owners at one of the next Plan Commission Meetings. Ron had previously agreed to clear this with Tom Wilson and Ray agreed to email Ron to get this set up. We also agreed it would be a good idea if Rebecca could do the presentation of the plaques to the families following an introduction by Ray.

Old Military Road Survey- Marty reported that Bob Birmingham had emailed back regarding the fact that one site of the three previously mentioned for followup may have some significance. Bob agreed to get back to us on that. It was noted it is not the pile of rocks we were excited about awhile back.....

### **New Business**

We noted the project list that was previously outlined and the priorities were discussed under the other agenda items.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Jeanette noted that the Schumacher Farm Heritage Day went well and the weather cooperated in the nick of time to get the threshing done. Next year winter wheat will be planted and ground for flour. The Halloween event is scheduled for Oct 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Commission was scheduled for Nov 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Administration Building.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business brought before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave O'Malley