

**Historic Preservation Committee
Town of Westport**

Minutes of the March 5th, 2015 regular monthly meeting of the Committee

Members present: Ron Bowen, Ray Mejia and Dave O'Malley, Nancy Schlimgen

Members absent: Peter Bloch

Others present:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Last actual meeting was November. Formal minutes were not completed since Dave was not in town for the meeting. It was noted that the Wilcox shelter was discussed and just discussed status of site work, no action or recommendation was taken at that mtg.

Old Business

Historic Resources Consultant- We discussed Rebecca's letter of February 5th. There is some uncertainty regarding future funding of certain projects and we need to clear that up. Ron agreed to talk with Rebecca and Michelle to make we are on track with what we had planned to do for Rebecca's projects. Ron stated it is important to keep the ball rolling and he is willing to help coordinate efforts. Thanks Ron. We also discussed what the County might be able to provide for native seed to be planted along the trail route, Nancy stated the County staff has not given her an answer on that. Nancy mentioned we should at least be moving forward with planning of the hiking trail on the perimeter of the Wilcox site and associated signage etc. We are waiting on some specifics for the design of the signs. A good example to consider could be something like they use at the Pheasant Branch Conservancy.

We also discussed the shelter design and construction for the Wilcox site. Nancy mentioned the shelters constructed at Stewart Park or Brigham Park are good examples and they used ash trees from the site to build the shelter. Neat idea if feasible. We are uncertain what the County might be willing to partner in for Wilcox site projects. Also discussed was the fact we would like to find out the status and schedule for final site grading.

Informal Interviews- nothing new but keep on agenda and think about new prospects.

Old Military Road- Nothing new to discuss but we are still interested in signage on Westport trails and coordination with the Parks Committee.

New Business

None

Miscellaneous Business

None

Next Meeting

Thursday April 2nd, 2015

Adjournment

There being no further business brought before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dave O'Malley