

**TOWN OF WESTPORT  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Kennedy Administration Building  
Community Meeting Room  
5387 Mary Lake Road  
Waunakee, WI 53597

**MINUTES** – July 9, 2015 at 6:00p.m.

Members present: Ron Bowen, Nancy Schlimgen, and Joe Pichette

Members absent: Ray Mejia

Public attendance: none

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April's minutes were not approved because copies were not present at the meeting. The minutes from June 4, 2015 were approved on a motion by Ron Bowen, seconded by Joe Pichette

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ella Wheeler Wilcox Site Plans:

Rebecca Bernstein, our Historic Resources Consultant, spoke to Nancy Schlimgen prior to the meeting and had sent a copy of the letter she had sent to Mike Rupiper of Dane County Public Works for the Commission to review (see attached letter). In response, Tom Wilson has is setting up a meeting with Darren Marsh which will potentially take place in the next couple of weeks to include Rebecca and Nancy. The Commission members present felt that Ray Mejia, as Commission Chair, should also attend if possible. The members present welcome this opportunity to enable further actions in interpreting the cultural history of the site and facilitating this project moving forward. Nancy will make a trip individually to the site before the meeting to survey its current state.

Informal Interviews:

Not discussed at this meeting.

Old Military Road:

A discussion of Peter Bloch's (Historic Preservation Commission member for many years who passed away in late May) memorial turned to considering Peter's own account of the Old Fort Winnebago/Old Military Road trail which included an overlaid map of the trail to present day

maps of Westport. Ron Bowen suggested creating an action plan to check out the feasibility of such a memorial which would include the map on the signage. Joe Pichette, being new to the Commission, has not seen the information that Peter originally presented, and intends to review and compare with other references.

Action Items:

1. Revisit Peter's information on the Old Military Road Trail and map by re-sending his archived e-mail and map to the current Commission members.
2. Ron will talk to the Park Committee and Tom Wilson about our initial thoughts concerning honoring Peter Bloch with a memorial tribute.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Additional thoughts on Peter Bloch's memorial were to put it up at the Ella Wheeler Wilcox site. Ron Bowen confirmed that the family is interested in pursuing the memorial.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next month's meeting will be Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m. on a motion by Ron Bowen, seconded by Joe Pichette

Minutes submitted by Nancy Schlimgen