

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

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

MINUTES – October 8, 2015 at 6:00p.m.

Members present: Ron Bowen, Nancy Schlimgen

Members absent: Ray Mejia, Janette Hermanson and Joe Pichette

Public attendance: Rebecca Bernstein, Consulting

NOTE: THERE WAS A LACK OF QUORUM AT THIS MEETING SO NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. The following are notes from the general discussion had by the members present to be reviewed by the Commission as a whole at the next scheduled meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS

Ella Wheeler Wilcox Site Plans:

Rebecca suggested that she move forward with digitizing “mock-up” board on EWW so that whenever the County is ready with site planning, grading and preparation we can be ready with interpretative displays for the next stage.

We reviewed the basic County EWW Site plan. It was suggested that Rebecca meet with Tom and Ron, if interested and able, while in the planning stages to make sure this plan meets with the Town’s vision for the site, and also be clear on what aspects the Town is willing to assist with in this project.

As we revisited the site plans a preference was mentioned for the land, rather than being linear along the road only, to perhaps be deeper into the field to allow for more flexibility in use of the space for placement of shelter or potential for directories or displays in relation to the shelter. We did realize that there is some adjacent low lying wetter areas that would need to be considered in the landscape layout. Still favored was the notion of a semi-circle as an element of design for signage, perhaps with berms if not part of the broader landscape.

After clarifying the Town’s position on the site proposal, while still as the County mentioned in our earlier meeting: “Managing Expectations”, then Rebecca offered to e-mail Mike Rupiper and Jeremy Balousek, Water Resources Engineering to see what on-site progress the county is

making yet this year, or if they have a more defined timeline? For instance, after seeing heavy equipment still there on September 15th, what was the result of their further work? Are we close to where the Town can work on the public viewing area? Were the water ways OK to mow in the future for hiking options? If so, by the Town? If the Town mows seasonally does this make any difference in our request for extending our walk to the upper hillside, which was categorically denied by Darren Marsh, County Park's Director in our last email sent to him?

NEW BUSINESS

Silo Survey

Rebecca mentions silos in the county date to the 1870's and in Westport in the 1880's. Rebecca devised a checklist of criteria to document the silos in our area. Additionally she added a packet of support information to gain a perspective on the importance of silos in our northern climates: "Revolutionary" for the farmers to keep cattle all winter! Dairy farmers are able to make butter all winter and get high prices. Rebecca mentions that she has created an on-line version of this Silo Survey to link with the first *UW Extension Bulletin*, and the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*.

Ron suggested mailing out copies to all members and giving Tom Wilson and Terry Enge, whose idea it was, a copy as well.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There seemed to be some confusion about the regular meeting time which is believed to be the cause of the lack of quorum at this meeting. **THE COMMISSION'S REGULAR MEETING TIME IS 6:00PM ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.** The meeting time and date is only changed at the request of the Commissioners themselves. Therefore the meetings for the coming months will be: 11/5/15, 12/3/15, 1/7/16, 2/4/16, 3/3/16, 4/7/16, etc.

NEXT MEETING

Next month's meeting will be Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes submitted by Nancy Schlimgen