

**TOWN OF WESTPORT  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

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

**MINUTES** -December 1, 2016

Members present: Ray Mejia, Joe Pichette, Nancy Schlimgen  
Member absent: Ron Bowen, Janette Hermanson, Mimi Bloch

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ray is in the process of typing minutes from the October meeting for approval next meeting. November 3 minutes reviewed and 2 corrections both in regards to Peter Bloch's Memorial were noted for approval next meeting with a quorum. Amend signage to say *near* Jackson's Landing and strike the last half of the last sentence of the next paragraph after Peter's name, withdrawing GROW funding acknowledgment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Westport Silo Inventory**

Letter reviewed for Silo Survey Inventory to send out to prospective landowners devised by Rebecca Bernstein shared by Ray. Ray was in favor of sending out this letter along with Joe and Nancy. The letter could be sent out in Ray's name or in Tom Wilson's. It gives permission for site photos, a short history of the site and asks landowners to contact Rebecca to allow for further gathering of silo inventory information.

**Website Builder Status and Social Media Use**

Next time this topic is suggested to be discussed further along with the possibility of creating a HPC Facebook Page. Joe mentioned looking into this topic, using social media for creating interest. It would be a great opportunity for an intern, with the Town has had before in the summer. Ray likes the idea even it enables HPC to more effectively scan and catalog photographs with corresponding descriptions.

**Schumacher Farm Rural Heritage Center**

Nancy was curious about the Rural Heritage Center as the building gets finished in its construction, since it may serve as a place to display some of our Silo Inventory or other HPC photographs. It reportedly receives more funding this year from the County budget together

with their fundraising efforts, but what that all accomplishes is not clear. Ray describes is as to what extent will this barn have *archival and/or gallery display space*? Joe suggests, we could enlarge some of HPC's or Rebecca's photo with descriptions, if we had such a place to showcase them. Also Ray points out that sometimes for public buildings, like this Dane County one, need to set aside some money to finance a portion for the Arts, which may be worth exploring in this case. Ray suggested asking Janette Hermanson, since she is a member of the Schumacher Farm Board and will likely be able to answer or research these questions

### **Prospective Forthcoming Events**

HPC is contemplating a *Spring Open House* for discussion at the next meeting, selecting possible dates, depending on the member's decision and preferences after their subsequent input.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The HPC meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month. However there is no meeting next month in January

**Next meeting will be February 2, 2017 at 6:00 pm**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ray moved with members in agreement to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Schlingen