

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

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

MINUTES -November 3, 2016

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ray called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ray is in the process of typing minutes from the October meeting for approval next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ella Wheeler Wilcox Historical Homesite Park

Ron shared with Tom Wilson his EWW Shelter Plan Sketch, along with photographs of Jackson's Landing Shelter as a guide to a larger EWW design version. Ron reports the Town will likely look for a contractor to construct this shelter. He mentioned that other Commission Members are welcomed to be involved as this shelter design progresses.

A Peter Bloch Memorial Tribute: Jackson's Landing Signage Update

Ray offered an inscription for the signage devised in conversations with Mimi Bloch:

In memory of and in recognition of Peter C. Bloch's (June 8, 1944-May 27, 2015) work on the Military Trail and Jackson Landing as a Commission member of the Historic Preservation Commission in the Town of Westport, Wisconsin.

All members present were in favor of this approach when asked by Ray. He showed examples of other plaques presented by the HPC. He thought it would be somewhat larger in size. Ron asked the commission their preference if given a choice to mount this plaque by 2) 4"x4" wood posts or metal and members thought wood would be better in keeping with the Aldo Leopold Benches also desired in memory of Peter Bloch, to be presumably funded by the GROW organization.

Ray will follow up with Rebecca Bernstein, our historic resources consultant, giving her this language for the signage. She is presently working with Speed Pro of Waunakee on EWW

signs and can thus compare their signs with those of the Badger State Industries, with which the commission has worked with in the past.

Westport Silo Inventory

Discussion stemmed from Joe's probing questions about our *Silo Survey* to the Commission: *Where are we going with this? What is the end game?*

Ray noted that in past surveys we have generally compiled the inventory to include photos with an oral history, if possible. We have recognized some property owners with plaques and ceremonies at Town open houses. HPC could at least provided letters to the property owners where we alert and identify the historic resource as something the Town would like to preserve.

Joe continued by asking: *If Westport would offer any incentives for property owners that want to keep or preserve such historic resources once identified?* For example, grant funding providing resource possibilities to support their efforts? Ray offered to ask for the Town's view.

Website Builder Status

The HPC wishes to utilize the web as an outreach tool, like our open house to extend our reach to our Community as described by Joe: *A great resource to offer for our Community!* Commission members would like to research and learn more how to approach this process. Joe offered to talk with Tom Wilson to find out more about the Town's website. For instance: *Who maintains the website for the Town? Or The Town's approval process for publishing info?* One additional question: *Will the HPC be able to tag into the Town's website directly or with a link using a user-friendly template for example from another website-builder source?*

Ray encouraged members to think of pre-work for HPC website development and organization.

Forthcoming Events

Village of Waunakee and Town of Westport Proposed Parks and Open Space Plan Review Open House Thursday November 10th at the Village Center from 6 to 8pm.

NEXT MEETING

The HPC meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month.

Next month's meeting will be December 1, 2016 at 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Ray moved with members in agreement to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Schlingen