

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

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

MINUTES of July 6, 2017

Members present: Mimi Bloch, Janette Hermanson, Ray Mejia, Joe Pichette, Nancy Schlimgen
Public present: Rebecca Bernstein, Historic Resource Consultant

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joe motioned to accept June 1, 2017 minutes. Motion approved by members present.

NEW BUSINESS

HPC Roadside HPC Project Tour for August 3rd Meeting
Meet at the Town Hall at same time as usual to car pool.

Rebecca and Ray offered to devise the itinerary.

HPC Projects Status: Revisit HPC Priorities

Rebecca reviewed updating HPC accomplishments and projects for HPC to further prioritize with a handout (as attached) first glanced at for the June 1st meeting for discussion this meeting.

Projects in Process Include:

Ella Wheeler Wilcox Project

Interpretative posters (3) in print with (2) more in design process.

Shelter Design in process conferring amongst Ron Bowen, Jim Stephenson and Rebecca.

Time Line Check needed for Dane County Parks EWW site progress from County staff, like

John Welsh, to assist in Westport's Park's plans and development and HPC

involvement. Rebecca offered to see if such an update is available to share with HPC.

Silo Survey On-going

Roger Bindl did a good job with mapping of the silos Ray commented, and perhaps we will see some on our tour next meeting.

Siberz Property Survey is the next project Rebecca offered to complete, since portions she has worked on already. Ray was trying to envision: What would that look like? Tom has approved a panel as with other surveys and site documentation according to Rebecca. Infact, she proposed a mock up of a display may be possible for October's meeting, given such cooperation from St. Mary's of the Lake Church and Holy Wisdom Monastery.

Future Priority Projects May Include:

Social Media Intern

If the Town of Westport had an (summer) intern, creating a Facebook page that could be added on to and show photos or store them. There could be a link with the Waunakee Tribune to its Early Years weekly section or to the library archives of Waunakee Historic Photos or be available for local historian connections like at Schumacher Farm, or even like the links to Historic Madison.

Oral Interviews or Histories of Local Residents

Member interest, time and talent can continue to further these efforts.

Hosting a Speaker at the Waunakee Senior Center

Ray continued to mention this as a priority possibility also.

OLD BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Commission No Vacancy

Apparently HPC is at it's designated size according to Tom Wilson relayed by Joe Pichette.

Peter Bloch Memorial Benches and Signage at Jackson's Landing.

Aldo Leopold Benches placed on the Observation Deck off of the West boardwalk.

A plaque while completed is soon to be mounted at that site.

Mimi described the bench placement and seemed pleased with their location.

She suggested inviting Jim Stephenson to further share his Jackson Landing History with HPC and follow-up with a HPC Jackson's Landing visit in October or when mosquitos are less of a problem. Ray concurred with her, offering to include Jim on the agenda for Sept. HPC meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS

The Historic Preservation Commission meets the first Thursday of each month, unless otherwise stated at 6 p.m. in the community Meeting Room of the Town Center. The next meeting is on August 3, 2017: HPC Roadside Tour starting from the Town Center. September 7th and October 5th are future meeting dates.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Joe and seconded by Ray, with all in favor.