

**TOWN OF WESTPORT**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
Kennedy Administration Building  
Community Meeting Room  
5387 Mary Lake Road  
Waunakee, WI 53597

**MINUTES** - July12, 2018

Members present: Mimi Bloch, Janette Hermanson, Joe Pichette, Nancy Schlimgen

Member absent: Ray Mejia

Public present: Rebecca Bernstein, Historic Resource Consultant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of April 5th and June 7th held for approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Identifying and Prioritizing Properties of Historical Significance in Westport**

***Oncken Road Farm History***

Prior to future development, Rebecca, our Historical Resource Consultant, is researching the history of the Oncken Road Farm. She said while she has the basic format, photos and site plan, there exist gaps in history which she continues to explore. She plans a draft report for HPC review for next August's meeting.

**Future EWW Park Development Update**

***Rebecca meets with County Staff on Initiating Park Plans July 13th***

John Welsh, Solid Waste Engineer for Dane County will meet to discuss foundation, parking, shelter, and prairie planting future EWW Park plans to coordinate with the Town's Park plans.

**Interpreting Westport's Archaeological Sites**

***History Trail Proposal***

Joe located within the *Wisconsin Archaeological Journal* in the first issue a fascinating first hand report surveying (to include excavating to some extent) the effigy mounds in this vicinity. Specific reference was made to the Borchers' Beach Mound Group and more. He noted that if you could separate the technical aspects of these accounts, they preserve a *walking journal* of the views that they were seeing in time and place thus providing a *sense of what it was like!*

Rebecca suggested an interpretative strategy she had seen in another educational history exhibit: Laminating a section of this Journal for a Central Town Hall Display with a corresponding early map and on-site markers or potential additional signage to indicate a portion of the History Trail.

Along with this she offered to devise a draft of a *Letter of Interest* to explain to and gauge interest in potential partners (Dane County Parks, Governor Nelson State Park, Liaison with Native American Tribes, Groundswell (and the Day Care off of Oncken Road) about this inclusive *History of Westport Trail Proposal*.

**HPC Speaker Series at Senior Center**

***Fall Speaker Selection for Senior Center***

On Friday, November 2nd at 2pm at the Village and Westport Senior Center, Roger Bindl will show his Schumacher Farm video and book he has written. Rebecca has an announcement in the next Horizon's Waunakee Village publication.

Schumacher Farm staff will be invited to partner with his presentation and may bring copies of Marcella Pendall's, *Mamma Papa and Me* for those interested in purchasing either book.

**NEXT MEETING and AGENDA ITEMS**

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*Oncken Road Farm History*

Future EWW Park Development Update

Interpreting Westport's Archaeological Sites

*History Trail Proposal*

HPC Speaker Series for Senior Center

HPC Social Media Presence through Website Development

*Senior Thesis Connecting HPC with Social Media Proposal*

Prospects for Park Commission liaison with HPC

*\*Historic Preservation Within Future Westport Development Corridors*

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 2, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Joe moved to adjourn with members present in favor.

Meeting was adjourned ~7:25 p.m.