

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

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

MINUTES of October 4, 2018

Members present: Mimi Bloch, Joe Pichette, Nancy Schlimgen

Members absent: Janette Hermanson, Ray Mejia

Public present: Rebecca Bernstein, Historic Resource Consultant

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:15 p.m. Motion by Joe to approve minutes for September 6th, Mimi second the motion with members present approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Ella Wheeler Wilcox (EWW) Park Development Update

Completion of EWW Park is HPC's Priority Focus. Rebecca will contact Dane County staff by drafting an email to request an updated timeline to include moving the historic marker so as Westport can subsequently develop our budget and timeline for our tasks.

One goal proposed is to offer a Senior Center Event on EWW and this new park on a Friday afternoon in September or October of 2019 with shuttle tours of the park on the Saturday.

Contemplating that EWW park shelter structure and knowing that prairie management utilizes prescribed burns, the concept is evolving to be more fire resistant. Rebecca described it as melding a council ring like at Donald Park with a crushed granite walking path and a knee height stone foundation structure image like at Epic, maybe with larger stones, being careful to indicate that this is not the remnants of the actual foundation, but the location honoring the site. Inside this area could be where a wooden kiosk for interpretative signage is located to include a not too detailed picture of the former homestead.

Identifying and Prioritizing Westport Properties of Historical and Archeological Significance

In the hopes of focusing our HPC efforts and completing projects, HPC identified this as our second priority at this time. Rebecca will survey or inventory the historic Westport community (a windshield survey) collecting the data creating a color-coded Access Dane map to use as a planning tool not only for HPC but potential for the Planning Commission or even for Westport's staff's permitting process, mapping overlays of the information professionally for presentations. This could further tie into as a first step to clarify Westport's Historic and Archaeological Cultural Resources. Rebecca will propose such a HPC project with budget to Tom Wilson/Town.

Summary History of Oncken Farmstead Draft for HPC review to be continued at next November's meeting with some edits expected as Rebecca Bernstein (as per e-mail) anticipates a little more additional information combined with Ray's question from September's minutes.

Interpreting Westport’s Historical and Archaeological Sites
Historical and Archaeological Cultural Resources

Reaching out to other agencies that share our cultural resources, to potentially collaborate in their interpretation, is our 3rd HPC priority discussed this evening.

HPC Speaker Series at Senior Center Reminders
Fall and Winter into Spring —Speaker Selection for Senior Center
Coming-up Speakers at the Village and Westport Senior Center:

On Friday, November 2nd at 2 pm Roger Bindl will feature his Schumacher Farm video and his book, along with Amy Jo Dusick, Schumacher Farm County Park Administrator

On Friday April 5th 2019 at 2 pm Donald Sanford: Author of *On Fourth Lake: A Social History of Lake Mendota*

HPC Social Media Presence through Website Development
Tom Wilson will add content to a HPC Facebook page with Joe looking to share our social media presence and progress at next November’s meeting. All public comments will be reviewed before being posted and thus the site will be monitored to accurately represent HPC and the Town.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
Ed Prohaska’s former house adjacent to the new one he has recently built was once owned by Keith Hinze. He reported to Nancy who shared with HPC that his house, according to his Dad’s comments is 100 years old-build in 1917, with kitchen perhaps added on at a later time. The question is of its historical significance given our HPC and if moving the house had any merit, since it has been repositioned on site once already from facing Hwy. 113 to facing Bong Road?

NEXT MEETING and AGENDA ITEMS
Future EWW Park Development Update
Identifying and Prioritizing Westport Properties of Historical and Archaeological Significance

Westport’s Historical and Archaeological Cultural Resources—HPC Map
Oncken Farmstead History

Interpreting Westport’s Historical and Archaeological *Cultural Resources*
HPC Speaker Series for Senior Center
HPC Social Media Presence through Website Development
Facebook Page Creation
Senior Thesis Connecting HPC with Social Media Proposal

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 November 1, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT
Joe moved to adjourn, Mimi seconded with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.