

**TOWN OF WESTPORT  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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

**MINUTES** – July 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Mimi Bloch, Janette Hermanson, Ray Mejia, Joe Pichette , Michelle Wing.

Also present: Chris Moore

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. Because we didn't have a key to the building, June minutes were not approved. Will need to approve at August meeting.

**Commission Membership:** It was noted that Rosa Ropers was appointed to the commission by the Town Board, effective September. Ray will continue on commission through August but expressed a hope to continue working on projects with us.

Chris Moore was present at the meeting to express his interest in the committee after having seen the advertisement for new members. He is a newer resident to Mary Lake area and works for ZEBRADO design company in Madison. At his company, he works to develop storytelling for public spaces, including developing exhibits, heritage centers, museums, etc. He has experience in oral history work, historical markers, and has worked with Ho Chunk on mounds. He would be an incredible asset to the commission if there is some way to get him on as a member.

**Election of Chair:** Mimi made a motion to enact two-year terms for our chair, seconded by Jeannette and approved by the commission. Joe Pichette was nominated by Michelle, Mimi, and Jeannette for chair. Joe nominated Michelle. Joe was selected as chair. The commission is grateful for Ray's long service on the commission both as an original member and as chair.

**Archives:** Michelle spent time last month assessing what was in the town files. Centralizing HPC archives and knowledge will be an ongoing project. Ray will be passing on the information he has from his long tenure on the commission. Rebecca Bernstein's work has been sent via email/Dropbox but this information needs to be downloaded and saved in a better manner.

Barry has tote bags of "artifacts" from archaeological dig given to him by Bernstein. Joe will ask Tom is there's a better place to store these until we can assess what should be done with them.

**EWV Sign Proofs:** The commission is not approving the Speedpro proofs at this time. Some of the images are poor quality on sign 5 and there are some errors in spelling and hyphenation that need to be corrected on both signs (Michelle can point these out). Also, EWW site development is on hold indefinitely at this point. Janette has still been unable to get ahold of Dane County Parks liaison. Is there a place in the town hall the signs that have already been printed can be displayed while we wait for the site to be prepared?

**Military Trail Signage:** There are two spots that are close enough to the exact spots of the trail that could have a sign. One off the M bike path and another near the riprap section of the town's DNR trails off Woodland Dr. One idea is the print an old survey map and mark "You are here."

**Future items for commission to consider:** Establish criteria for what's historically significant for the Town. Raise public awareness of Town's history, esp. for newer residents who don't have connections to area, create list of top historic sites in Westport.

It was also noted that the Parks Committee will be visiting the old mill site on August 7 at 6 p.m. to discuss placement of a marker on the joint Waunakee/Westport park land off Six Mile Creek.

Motion to adjourn by Michelle, 2nd by Mimi. Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, August 1, 6 p.m.

**Agenda items for next meeting:** Breunig site development, HPC archives

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