

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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

Minutes - September 3, 2020

Members present via Zoom: Joe Pichette, Janette Hermanson, Michelle Wing, Rosa Ropers, Chris Moore

Absent: None

Public Present: None

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. No public comment on matters not on the agenda. Motion by Ropers to approve minutes for 02-06-2020. Hermanson seconded the motion with members voting in approval.

Discussion:

Committee personnel: HPC member Mimi Bloch tendered her resignation due to relocation (via email 09-03-2020)

Committee meeting schedule (COVID): Members discussed viability of continuing HPC meetings via Zoom during COVID. All members in agreement to continue meetings remotely as needed, meeting monthly.

Updates on pertinent HPC items: Pichette noted support for sign standards in Town has been taken up by Plan Commission and a committee has been formed. First committee meeting is scheduled for 09-16-2020. Members Chris Moore and Joe Pichette are on the sign committee and will provide updates to HPC moving forward.

Siberz: Pichette provided updates on work thus far with Siberz properties. HPC is favor of documenting and considering as item of interest. Noted: Siberz great granddaughter is still here (area) and is an interior decorator. Siberz did a lot of work around Madison (Edgewood, Nakoma,) was partnered with Frank Riley, FLW and Frank Riley were partners and when FLW departed Siberz took over, and Siberz was a resident in the town of Westport. Moving forward will need to consider what information was gathered and what can be shared, given some Siberz-designed properties are private residences. Noted the Meffort home was also Siberz property.

Speaker series: HPC voted to forego for now due to COVID.

EWV Site: Noted that Dane County expected to contact Town in Nov. about EWW site, given the timing it may become agenda items for later in the year (Keep on the agenda and Pichette will update HPC as needed)

HPC considerations: What can we do with site? (Ropers) There was previous discussion with Dane County Parks – Pichette believes it will still remain open for hunting grounds. Possibility to add signage and kiosk, prairie flowers, mowed paths and some walking trails. Believed to be roughly 40 acres – Previous discussions about building or shed, but Dane County will burn so anything on site needs to be wood, metal, etc. HPC has sign that is metal - Will probably have to add one more sign

Future projects: HPC considered future project moving forward – HPC members agreed to develop a preliminary list of historically-relevant aspects of the Tow, which can then be categorized and prioritized in the future. This effort is, in part, to take stock and organize work and resources already compiled, which will aid and inform HPC projects moving forward.

Some miscellaneous noted considerations were:

1. Old Mill Site
2. Signage/Military Trail signage
3. Website (or similar online resource) mapping items of historical relevance in the Town (noted that Town is working on new website that will be online soon)
4. Additional items noted: Properties, effigy mounds, changing map of Town over years, first European woman, early settlers, interviews

Miscellaneous: Ropers acquired 4 pictures of the mill, will drop at the Town Hall.

Recommendations for items on upcoming Town Plan Commission Meetings: (None)

Miscellaneous business/forthcoming events: (None)

The next meeting of the HPC will be October 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Wing moved to adjourn, Hermanson seconded with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes by Chris Moore