

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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

Minutes - October 1, 2020

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

Absent: Janette Hermanson

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 09-03-20. Wing seconded the motion with members voting in approval.

Discussion:

Members discussed development of a centralized list for Town history which will aid in future efforts. Members discussed possible format of list and process for beginning. Joe Pichette will request Town setup cloud-based account so members can begin creating online document (list). Michelle Wing will start list and send around to everyone.

Map: Several years ago previous committee talked about a historical map - has not been pursued. Map could be on Town website, feature dots or pins with information.

Interviews: Physical tapes were created at time of interviews - members unsure of location. It was noted Tom Wilson may have mentioned Judy Borke had physical tapes - she also may have more physical things.

Archive: Members agreed it would be nice to have archive process for items (ex: Nice to be able to have/share things (could tag them). Members agreed it would be nice to have a space where all this can reside. Nice to have a long display case where trophies are now to display artifacts. Members asked if Town staff could assist with archiving efforts. Joe Pichette will make requests of Tom Wilson to find out. Rosa Ropers will take picture of existing display case and send to everyone.

Historical items noted during member discussion:

- Signatures of first settlers - *Not sure what the Town has on that*
- Ella Wheeler Wilcox (EWW) items (some) - EWW spelling bee trophy, EWW "box"
Rosa Ropers will start by cataloging it
- Arrowheads
- Items for archaeological dig that was done (*Members unsure if any items are worth sharing from this*)
- Effigy Mounds: Bob Burhnam documented in his book
- Silo report
- Military Trail
- Old family farms/houses/architecture (FLW Rocky's Roost)
- Misc. Westport Town History Facts

Update on items:

EWV: Joe Pichette noted did not have their meeting. Possibly next month, Pichette will report back on what Dane County wants to do. Members noted site is significant history item in Town, maybe it needs to be something more substantial in the future vs. basic sign.

Signage: Pichette noted Town has established Sign committee. More to come on signage based on work of that committee. Members noted maybe HPC Signs can have scanning (QR Codes). Ropers noted to check out new sign in Schumacher.

Items of relevance from Plan Commission: Lot line, Borchers Beach Road. Noted: House that was moved was the Kennedy Cottage.

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

Miscellaneous business/forthcoming events: (None)

The next meeting of the HPC will be November 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Minutes by Chris Moore