

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

Minutes - November 5, 2020

Members present via Zoom: Joe Pichette, Michelle Wing, Rosa Ropers, Chris Moore, 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 Wing to approve minutes for 10-01-20. Pichette seconded the motion with members voting in approval.

Discussion:

Westport History List:

- Wing has started, HPC members will keep adding to the list.

Items mentioned that are still missing from list:

- Lake view woods: (Hermanson) Believes there may be effigy mounds.
- TB hospital: Can reference Birmingham information, Pichette has another book that documents every single mound.
- Dane County social services / hospital could be added given history.
- Rocky Roost
- Early layout of proposed Capitol City was near the intersection of CTH M and CTH Q.

(Pichette) Update:

- (New) Town Website/Historical information storage: Bob Anderson contacted Pichette, inquired on needs of HPC for file storage, Pichette noted HPC would like a place to store data, possibly later some type of public facing website area/access for historic information.

Other archive options discussed:

- Moore noted review of several cloud-based softwares for historical archiving, thought known as CatalogIt may be good given price point. HPC members will review.

Ropers email update:

- Judy (Borke) will look through her stuff and see what she has.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox:

- Jessica Frey secured a plastic tote for contents of box.
- EWW Site: Still waiting on Dane County to setup meeting.

Plan Commission update (Pichette):

- New Church will be to the south of Inspire Daycare - HPC does not expect items of historic significance.
- (Upcoming) Land division on Cobblestone Lane: Possibly alongside where Bob Birmingham thought Military Trail was located - HPC does not expect to review.

(Town) Sign Committee update:

- (Moore) Committee reviewing various sign types in Town, will develop recommendation on signage moving forward. Sign types needed by HPC noted in meetings. HPC will want to determine what sign (types) they believe are needed for historical purposes.
- HPC members briefly discussed some options/needs:
 - Bronze signs: Durable, but not able to have imagery (Mill would benefit from photos).
 - Perhaps may need several sign types for different needs.
 - Wing noted interesting “discovery” marker sign type example.
 - Moore noted several material/fabrication options for signs.
 - May have to use existing sign for EWW, hold on Mill site until we get standard.

Miscellaneous business forthcoming:

- Town expects Zoom meeting format through end of year, possibly longer.
- Get sign made for Old Mill site.

The next meeting of the HPC will be December 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Hermanson moved to adjourn, Moore seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes by Chris Moore