

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

**Minutes - March 4, 2021**

Members present via Zoom: Joe Pichette, Michelle Wing, Rosa Ropers, Chris Moore, Janette Hermanson Members absent: None Public Present: None

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. No public comment on matters not on the agenda. Motion by Wing to approve minutes for 02/04/21. Ropers seconded the motion with members voting in approval.

**Discussion Items:**

**Military Trail:**

- (Pichette) noted that Town could apply for a State historic marker for the military trail. Advantage might be that there are no State markers with anything historic, so Town may have a good chance for State recognition for the sign. Pichette will put in an application for the State.
- Work HPC could do is identify places where military trail crosses the bike path.
- Bob Birmingham thought the Reynolds Road (area with a stream and wheelchair ramp), may have had military trail cross at that point. Road may go away with future expansion plans, but bike path will remain. Would be a good spot for one of the signs possibly.
- Another location option, where the bike path crosses in front of Gov. Nelson Park. Need to be careful to say "in the area" vs "at this spot" as actual location may be difficult to determine.
- Possible other markers/signage will be in Jackson Landing and out at Dane County park area (South of T. Wall development, but before the Sisters), as we know for sure that Military Trail went through there.
- Town could start the process of pre-approval for a State Marker.

What is it that HPC members want to see accomplished over the rest of 2021?

- Military Trail signage (as discussed)
- Mill Road - Recognition, started by Wing
- (Wing) Set up a method of designating things that have historical value.

**Other Items:**

- Buhler Farm - Controlled burn: HOC members unsure if site was previously documented, previous consultant indicated work on this, unsure as to what she may have compiled/saved. Noted that very little notice was given, and HPC members agreed that it would be advantageous to explore options and review process for activities like this so that HPC can have opportunity to review, document before things like this disappear. Pichette will discuss with the Town to see what options we may have for setting up procedures. Members noted reviewing what other preservation commissions have done related to these

procedures. Noted we could look at benchmark such as “anything over 50 years old”.

- Sign put up at Jackson Landing was destroyed by snowmobile (educational signs)

Items for Agenda next month:

- Catalog/Archive, storage and access to storage
- Historical mapping

The next meeting of the HPC will be April 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Hermanson moved to adjourn, Wing seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Minutes by Chris Moore