

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Kennedy Administration Building
Community Meeting Room
5387 Mary Lake Road
Town of Westport, Wisconsin**

Minutes: October 5th, 2023

Members Present: Pichette, Moore, Werner, Crowell, Will. Public Present: Don Sanford, Town Administrator, Dean Grosskopf

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. There was no public comment on matters not on the agenda. Motion to approve minutes from Sept. 7th, 2023, made by Werner, seconded by Crowell, motion approved unanimously.

Pichette confirmed that this meeting conforms with open Meetings Law.

CLG Grant Application Status

- Update by Will; Honed to singular item per recommendation by WHS after draft was sent prior. Will noted final submission still forthcoming.

Don Sanford

- Sanford, author of book, *On The Fourth Lake: A Social History of Lake Mendota*, noted Town is sitting on significant native history, which is documented at Governor Nelson State Park. He noted that after the State purchased land, documentation of later settlement does not exist. He noted interest by State, in seeing interpretive path in park, that would include pre-history as well as 19th and 20th centuries. Sanford met with the family that used to run Camp Indianola, who have a wealth of archival material. Film from the 1930's-50's, as well as many photographs. Sanford spoke with Mapping Specialists, who said they could overlay old aerials photos with current satellite imagery. Some work was done but was halted due to cost determination. Sanford noted his support for the value to the Town of continuing mapping research project work. Sanford asked if Town would want to continue to support mapping project portion financially. Grosskopf noted Town would like to understand what final investment would be. Pichette noted HPC would need budget to pass through Plan Commission and Town Board for any approvals, and that this seemed interesting because of Town's history. Pichette asked about house on River rd.; Sanford noted old cupola from horse barn (from camp), has passed to several people, and is now at a garden center off 113 (mile past ferry). Sanford has photos of it. Sanford also confirmed 1920's building from Camp Indianola is at Indian Lake State Park. Old Wakanda site still has some foundations you can see (Sanford). Indianola site still has some remnants of old sporting courts (Sanford). Will asked about 1937 photos; Sanford said there are higher resolution versions available. Crowell asked about the cost to complete the mapping project, and Sanford did not know but offered to check with company. Pichette asked if they also identify deliverables. Members thanked Sanford for his time and interest in preserving this important part of Town history and noted an upcoming talk Sanford will be giving.

Mill Road Sign

- Moore presented a draft of Old Mill interpretive sign he had developed to members. Members liked design. Moore will make several edits, and send proof back to HPC members for review, as well as a copy to Town staff to pass on to Waunakee for review.

Report on State Marker Application Status

- Pichette was able to reach contact at State, who noted further discussions with Ho-Chunk tribal history representatives on sign and should have another update next month.

Misc. Matters / Forthcoming Events

- Schumacher Farms: Pichette noted that the Town agreed to support ongoing projects with some level of donation.
- Town historical ordinance(s) update: Pending review

Motion to adjourn by Werner, seconded Moore.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm

The next HPC meeting is on November 2nd, 2023.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Chris Moore, Commission Secretary