

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

Minutes – October 6, 2022

Members Present: Pichette, Hermanson, Moore, Wing, Werner, Will. Members Absent: None
Public Present: Sharla Hanson, Margaret Gehring, Mark Trotter, Dean Grosskopf, Tom Wilson

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

Public comment on matters not on the agenda: none.

Motion to approve minutes from September 1, 2022, meeting by Wing, second Werner, motion approved.

Old Tree on Westport Road:

Pichette reported tree sculpture remnants were removed from the site by Town staff and brought to the Town building for storage. Grosskopf noted that Town staff removed salvageable sections and are on a pallet in the Town's cold storage areas. HPC will decide at a later date as to what HPC would like to see done with the remaining section.

State Marker Application (update):

Pichette updated HPC; still waiting on the State review process. No further updates at this time.

EWV Site (update):

Grosskopf noted he has a call into Dane County on the site status. The town can then plan accordingly as needed.

Miscellaneous Matter Not on Agenda: None

Plan Commission: No recommendations, the meeting was canceled this month.

Discussion on Hanson's Tavern/Nau-Ti-Gal Property Application for Town Historical Designation:

Pichette noted the process of discussion for this agenda item for the evening and subsequently asked the public if they had anything to add. There were no additional comments by the public.

After the nature of the business was announced by the Chair, the Commission adjourned to closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved regarding the Application for Designation of Westport's "Nau-Ti-Gal" Restaurant as a historical site Located at 5360 Westport Road Westport, WI, on a motion by Will, second Wing, by a unanimous vote, at 6:10 pm.

The Commission returned to Open Session after a discussion with the Town Attorney in closed session at 7:22 p.m., on a motion by Hermanson, second Moore, by a unanimous vote.

Wing made a motion to request that the Town Board consider engaging a consultant to understand the architectural history of the building and any relevant additional site history to aid HPC in determining designation viability relative to Town ordinances, second Hermanson. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Pichette made a motion to amend the approved motion, to also include approval by Town Board to allow posting requests for public information on-site that may be available, through Town media channels, and other local media sources, such as the Waunakee Tribune. Will noted that this would be advisable to further assist in determining potential historical significance. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Wing noted that if a consultant is engaged, we should be able to help the consultant with information the HPC members have already gathered to help the process of review and research.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Werner, second Hermanson, by a unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next HPC meeting is on November 3, 2022.

Minutes prepared by Chris Moore