

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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

Minutes – January 6, 2022

Members present: Joe Pichette, Michelle Wing, Janette Hermanson, Chris Moore

Members Absent: Tracy Will

Public present: Peter Marshall

Meeting called to order 6:02 p.m. Approved minutes for 12/02/2021 on a motion by Wing, seconded by Pichette.

Discussion Items:

1. Holy Wisdom Barn Restoration Project
 - Peter Marshall and Maia from Friends of Wisdom Prairie (FWP) presented information on effort to save barn, gave members overview of barn history, land, and current conditions.
 - FWP was asked to help find ways to save barn - Trees were removed, barn clean up going on currently - Working this year to find funding for the project to various groups.
 - FWP has found Wisconsin-based barn restoration company, has contacted.
 - Plan is to restore to as rustic, historic 3-season - Not interested in making it “new” want to keep old, rustic barn character when renovated.
 - Expecting to spend between \$90,000-\$100,000 on renovation
 - Pichette noted HPC history with this barn, ~5 years ago, when it was deemed perhaps not able to be saved. Consultant photographed barn, Pichette will send Dropbox link to FWP. HPC can make request to Town for donation, but assume the Town may not have much for funding.
 - HPC noted they could assist by publicizing on social media.
 - FWP asked about what other efforts have helped at places like Schumacher Farms, and what sources Schumacher Farms has used for funding.
 - HPC had asked if this barn would have public access - FWP noted that given trail access adjacent, barn will be centerpiece to that experience. Undetermined, but FWP believe it may be used for various 3-season activities related to retreats, topics related to ecology and care for the land, Could also be used (lower level) for involvement in restoration efforts and environmental education.
 - If HPC could come up with brief statement on the project that would be helpful (Noted by FWP).
 - HPC referenced Roger Bindle (did movie on barns) as a possible contact, and also noted reaching out to adjacent developer (T. Wall Properties) to see if there is interest in contributing.
 - HPC shared several names of possible sources for contacting for ideas and support, will share out to FWP members in attendance.

- HPC noted upcoming projects in relation to Military / Indian Trail that FWP might want to be aware of, as a portion of the trail went through Holy Wisdom property.
 - HPC made motion that Town should support efforts through donation, if possible
2. Review of Draft Verbiage for Old Military Trail Marker
 - Wills to send current draft to members, members will meet and review with their notes - Would like to get submitted as soon as possible to maintain schedule on implementation.
 3. Recommendations for items on Plan Commission
 - Pulvermacher Farm at 5980 State Hwy. 113: Rezoning discussion, may not be relevant to HPC
 4. Miscellaneous
 - Pichette received document on sanitarium on Northport Drive, received from Wing, as she thought it was relevant to save in HPC files.

Motion to adjourn Hermanson, Wing seconded

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Feb 3rd next HPC meeting