

**TOWN OF WESTPORT  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Kennedy Administration Building  
Community Meeting Room  
5387 Mary Lake Road  
Town of Westport, Wisconsin

Minutes – May 5, 2022

Members Present: Joe Pichette, Neal Werner, Michelle Wing, Tracy Will, Chris Moore. Absent: Janette Hermanson Public Present: None

Meeting called to order by Pichette at 6:00 PM

Discussion:

Don Sanford Project:

- HPC seeking clarification from Town staff regarding news article in Waunakee Tribune, which indicated HPC / Town were contributing funding to Don Sandford project, HPC would like clarification and also be in the loop if the Town is supporting projects of this type

EWV Site/Signage

- Moore will get an update from Town staff, to see if they need assistance from HPC. Members noted the sign with SpeedPro may contain some spelling errors.

State Marker – Application in progress:

- Pichette noted State indicated sign prices are going up in May, Town noted they are ok with additional costs. Marker (sign) is pending review by State, most likely June until acceptance status is determined.
- Jim Blitho previously spoke to HPC regarding this project, contacted a variety of people, and contacted several sources, including the State of WI Historical Society. HPC is not interested in a secondary interpretive sign project with Jim Blitho at this time, as the review status of the State sign is still pending. During the last meeting, Mr. Blitho was notified he is welcome to return to HPC public meeting with 3 mins on the agenda.

Upcoming potential projects for HPC/Areas of inquiry:

- Klein/ Butler Farm (area near new development off Century Ave.): HPC would like Town to contact the developer (Don Tierney) regarding intentions for some of the older buildings on site. The site is technically not in Town anymore, but HPC would like to understand intentions and see about documenting (ex) depending, if possible. Moore to inquire with Town staff.
- Town Board member Mary Mannering noted Don Tierney's son purchased 160 acres (west side of river road, 5995 River Road) roughly across from the winery, an old structure that might be worth looking at for HPC.

- Old home off of Bethel Circle (Wing): Wing looked at plat maps, whatever is there is post-1911 based on plat map research. Moore will inquire with Town staff as to the status.

Upcoming Town Plan Commission meeting; Naut-i-gal:

- Proposed development on PC agenda, Wing submitted a draft history report that was in progress for member review. HPC believes this is the oldest continually operating business in Westport, and likely one of the oldest in Dane county (could even predate State Hospital). It May have been Stagecoach Site, had macadam road, and was once woman-owned and operated during Prohibition, which is a big part of Westport history ("Speakeasys).
- Currently zoned B1, would need to be rezoned
- HPC drafted statement, Moore to create and submit for Plan Commission meeting 5/9/2022
- HPC encourages Plan Commission to consider the historical significance and believes it meets the criteria for Historical Designation, Town of Westport Ordinance, Section 10-7-5
- HPC would like to continue investigating the site and building history

Motion to Adjourn by Will, seconded Werner. Meeting Adjourn at 7:05 PM

The next meeting will be on June 2, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Chris Moore