

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

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

MINUTES of September 6, 2018

Members present: Mimi Bloch, Janette Hermanson, Ray Mejia, Joe Pichette, Nancy Schlimgen

Public present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Joe to approve Minutes for August 2nd. Janette seconded the motion with member approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Identifying and Prioritizing Properties of Historical Significance in Westport

Oncken Farmstead History

Summary History of Oncken Farmstead Draft for HPC review to be continued at next October's meeting with some edits expected as Rebecca Bernstein (as per e-mail) anticipates a little more additional information. Ray raised the question of what structure (s) were worth preserving? The silo and barn (or a cluster of structures)? He would like the report to include the significant landscape feature identified as an upland Oak (former opening) stand of mature trees.

Future Ella Wheeler Wilcox (EWW) Park Development Update

Joe shared the Town Board interest in having the HPC see the EWW Park Project through, given Rebecca's and HPC's vision and involvement, with maybe Town Board representation rather than through a specific Park Commission liaison.

Ray was going to check on budget as HPC revisits shelter and signage concepts with the 2019 goal of EWW park development. HPC will work with Town staff and within the Dane County Parks' *mix use objectives*, as Mimi describes it, to include wildlife habitat, hiking and more.

Interpreting Westport's Archaeological Sites

Cultural Resources Trail Proposal

Joe brought this idea of creating a ***Cultural Resources Trail*** within the Historic Westport Township, to include mapping, signage and trail system: a map linking agencies and sites with potentially public land markers (or if any on private property) to the Town Board to see how they would like us to proceed, after considering sending our proposed letter of interest? Who would spearhead this effort or be the HPC liaison with other agencies assuming approval of Town Board? It was thought Rebecca would be instrumental in this planning process.

HPC Speaker Series at Senior Center

Fall and Winter into Spring —Speaker Selection for Senior Center

Coming-up Speakers at the Village and Westport Senior Center:

On Friday, November 2nd at 2 pm Roger Bindl will feature his Schumacher Farm video and his book, along with Amy Jo Dusick, Schumacher Farm County Park Administrator

On Friday April 5th 2019 at 2 pm Donald Sanford: Author of *On Fourth Lake: A Social History of Lake Mendota*

HPC Social Media Presence through Website Development

Joe will create a HPC Facebook page as a start. Further discussions needed of the future interactive engagement of the public possibilities for collecting local historic photos and oral histories.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING and AGENDA ITEMS

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Oncken Farmstead History

Future EWW Park Development Update

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Cultural Resources Trail Proposal

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Facebook Page Creation

Senior Thesis Connecting HPC with Social Media Proposal

**Historic Preservation Within Future Westport Development Corridors*

The Historic Preservation Commission meets the first Thursday of each month, unless otherwise stated at 6 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room of the Town Center.

The next meeting is on October 4, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Ray moved to adjourn, Mimi seconded with all in favor. Meeting adjourned ~6:50 p.m.