

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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

Minutes – June 2, 2022

Members Present: Joe Pichette, Neal Werner, Tracy Will, Chris Moore, Janette Hermanson

Absent: Michelle Wing Public Present: Sharla Hanson

Meeting called to order by Pichette at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Wills to approve the May 5, 2022 minutes, seconded Werner, motion approved.

Discussion:

Public comments / Nau-Ti-Gal (Hanson's) site:

- Sharla Hanson: Gave brief overview of her family history with property, brought items of history from Hanson's (Nau-Ti-Gal); title from 1885, ledger listing local family / people
- Noted her family operated it from times noted on documents, until selling it to the von Rutenberg family in early 1980's. Additional items shared were photos, ledger of patron tabs. HPC felt items shared by Hanson significantly document the continued existence of thriving business. Hanson's relayed some additional interesting history of family ownership, including how her grandmother was "detained for bootlegging" during Prohibition, use of property for fishing, boat launch, and social activities.
- Hanson expressed interest in donating items shared to Town of Westport for historical preservation and archives. HPC agreed, and took possession of several items to document, including scanning, archiving. Hanson additionally noted her family's objection to razing of property, given its historical significance.
- (Wing) [Not present, shared comments via email]; Recommend HPC members explore options for continuing to document property. Members agreed, and Pichette noted between now and next month, HPC should consider how to put a plan together for project. Moore will seek input from Plan Commission; Request what process would be to potentially obtain consultant, and possibly obtain some level of funding for historical documentation project(s) in relation to Nau-ti-Gal (Hanson's) property.

Klein Butler Farm site

- HPC will request input from Town staff; Is it appropriate for the HPC to be involved in property not in the (Town of) Westport?

Ella Wheeler Wilcox (EWW) site

- (Moore) will request update from Town staff, ask if there is any activity on this and report back to HPC.

State Marker status

- (Pichette) Under State review currently, no further updates to report this month

Misc. matters not on agenda

- (Pichette) Holy Wisdom completed restoration project on barn, currently looking for barn painter
- Family of former HPC member (Marty Timmons) dropped off a brief case with Town staff, HPC members to review contents

Motion to Adjourn by Hermanson, seconded Moore. Meeting Adjourn at 7:15 PM

The next meeting will be on July 7, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Chris Moore