

TOWN OF WESTPORT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Kennedy Administration Building
Community Meeting Room
5387 Mary Lake Road
Waunakee, WI 53597

Minutes - December 3, 2020

Members present via Zoom: Joe Pichette, Michelle Wing, Rosa Ropers, Chris Moore, Janette Hermanson

Public Present: Don Sanford

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. No public comment on matters not on the agenda. Motion by Wing to approve minutes for 11-05-20. Pichette seconded the motion with members voting in approval.

Discussion:

Don Sanford wrote 4th lake history book (history of Lake Mendota), working on Camp Indianola (and other nearby camps, Wakanda and Olbrich) project, wondering if there is HPC interest in adding signage to Governor Nelson, or exploring assisting efforts.

- Sanford provided overview, 1950's - lakeshore (north) would have been full of kids swimming, recreating, currently no reference to this at site. Sparked by acquisition of Camp Indianola postcards, interest in something like kiosk at Tenney. Kiosks could be placed around the beach area. Checked with Mike Ring (Gov. Nelson Park) and he was interested. Sanford was not sure what the cost would be or how many. Would need to ask the Town Board if Town would support assistance with the project.
- Sanford stated he has photos, map of the camp, and some photos found in WHS archive.
- Part of the support would be helping to find photos from people that may have of the past camps on the lake.
- Pichette and HPC voted in support of assisting efforts, and would like to include on (future) Town Historic site maps.
- Chris Moore noted review of State Park sign standards and process for adopting signage will be important.
- It was noted that Gov. Nelson State Park opened in 1987. There were some original signs in the park about the camps, but they have not been seen or found.
- Janette Hermanson also mentioned talking to Tim Kennedy as a possible source of information.
- HPC would put something on the Town Facebook page to gauge interest and source photos.
- Sanford noted although a final schedule has not been determined, he would like to have wrapped up by August of 2021. He also noted he may have some other materials from work on his book that interest HPC.

List of Town Historic sites (in progress):

- HPC members noted they could work on getting list compiled by next month, Ropers asked if HPC list should include schools? Members Agreed.

Town Website:

- HPC members would like a page, with a historic site map and links (future). HPC members to find site example, Chris Moore to reach out to Jessica Frey to find out more about the site.

EWV Artifacts:

- Ropers viewed and returned to Town.
- Pichette noted, consider waiting to see how site develops and then revisit these artifacts.
- Hermanson asked, do we know what happened to all of the stuff from the site dig? Might not be of any interest (beer bottles, pop tops, parts of dishes - tough to verify if this was from the original site).

Other Items Not on the Agenda:

- Pichette noted some in Town have noticed what looks like an archaeological dig off of STH 113 (west side before the roundabout), unsure of what is happening, or if it is of relevance.

The next meeting of the HPC will be January 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Ropers moved to adjourn, Hermanson seconded.

Minutes by Chris Moore