

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

Minutes - June 3, 2021

Members present: Joe Pichette, Michelle Wing, Janette Hermanson

Members absent: Chris Moore

Public Present: Tracy Will

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. No public comment on matters not on the agenda. Motion by Hermanson to approve minutes for 4/6/21. Wing seconded the motion with members voting in approval.

Pichette started the meeting introducing Tracy Will who has expressed interest in joining the open seat vacated by Ropers. Pichette asked members present to give a brief background and introduction to Tracy. Tracy gave a description of his past work which is known by the HPC as he was a consultant to the HPC starting around 2004. His background is very impressive and he would be a great asset to the HPC.

Members reviewed the list of historic "inventory" in the town and will continue to work on the list next month.

Pichette shared his conversation he had with Fizie Heimdahl from the State Historical Society. A copy of Pichette's notes from the phone call are included below at the end of minutes. After much discussion regarding the application process the members would like to fill out the application and research the history of the Indian Trail - Military Road. Pichette will work with town staff to determine an effective method of organizing HPC members and resources. Wing will forward the information she has to HPC members for review. Wing noted she has a copy of the application for another marker in a different part of the state for the Trail - Road. Members agreed with this process to move forward and would like Tom Wilson or staff to reach out to Bill Quackenbush to discuss potential involvement.

Pichette reviewed the agenda for the upcoming planning commission meeting. Pichette also briefly discussed the older home located off Mill Road which was discussed in last month's planning commission meeting.

Other items not on agenda, Hermanson expressed that Schumacher Farm is looking at a speaker series to be held in the new barn. She will report back on potential speakers next month.

Members decided to hold July meeting on the 8th rather than the 1st as some members may be away enjoying a long 4th of July weekend.

Motion to adjourn by Hermanson second by Wing, members present voted to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Regarding the preliminary application I submitted and it meets the criteria from the State Historical for a sign for the Indian Trail / Military Trail.

1. Spoke with Fizzie Heimdahl from the State Historical, the preliminary application I submitted meets the criteria for final application.
2. They would like to include native application on the marker as well as how the military may have used it.
3. Might be open to additional signs for the Indian trail along the banks of Mendota, I mentioned Jackson Landing as a possible sight. Signs could reference villages in the town and other significant native areas and how the trail would have been used by natives and early settlers.
4. Next step when we are ready is final application which has a \$250 application fee upon submittal.
5. We need to determine a marker "model" as they come in different sizes. 16" x 24" is the smallest allows 320 characters cost to the town is between \$660-\$890. Mid-size is 32" x 24" [396-1696](#) characters costs \$1500-\$2090. Largest size is a 2 post sign costs \$4980 and up.
6. Town would need to establish a funding source for the sign(s)
7. We need to work on the application and what content or story we would like to tell on the sign.
8. Fizzie's phone number is [715-471-0770](tel:715-471-0770) email is Fizzie.Heimdahl@WisconsinHistory.org.

I have attached a link to the process and application below. Please let me know how, when and if we should move forward.

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS50>

Joe Pichette