

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

**Minutes - January 7, 2020**

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

Public Present: AmyLewis, Joel Lewis, Mark Pelton

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. No public comment on matters not on the agenda. Motion by Wing to approve minutes for 12-03-20. Ropers seconded the motion with members voting in approval.

**Discussion:**

- Lewis Farm:

Local residents Amy and Joel Lewis were present - The Lewis' described their situation with their historic barn located on farm property at 5299 Easy Street (formerly Herbrand Farm). The barn is in disrepair and they have been challenged to find a solution to keep it safely standing, and it may need to be razed. Walls are bulging out from too much silage over years - One of the corner beams is completely snapped. Restoration of barn may not be feasible. The Lewis' expressed interest in having the HPC document the barn before razing.

(Lewis')Took some photos when reaching out to contractors - Silo may have been documented in previous HPC efforts (not sure). Moore offered to photograph barn for HPC and will make plans to visit site.

- Mark Pelton:

Attended at encouragement of Ropers, Pelton is from Schumacher. Would like to see if there are more tie-ins between Schumacher and HPC.

**List of Town Historic sites (in progress):**

- Add Breunig Farm - first milking parlor in Wisconsin
- Dane County Historic Signs - (EWW)

### **Town Website:**

- Moore provided a report on website status, per conversations with Town staff. Website has page for HPC and will allow posting of information, as desired, moving forward. HPC will connect with Town staff when information is ready to be posted. Could create links on HPC page to other sites if needed.

### **Archives:**

- Moore updated HPC on discussions with Town staff (re; archive systems). Town has stated (Anderson) that HPC should review their preference and make recommendations for archive software or functionality needed and Town will submit for review and possible approval, subject to costs and administrative considerations. Moore will review software options and make recommendations for the next HPC meeting.

### **Other:**

- HPC would like to explore connecting with Waunakee Library and Waunakee Centennial history.

### **Facebook Page:**

- Pichette posted interviews, might be a good place to inspire people and see what we get from them.

### **Photos of Camp Indianola:**

- Ropers stated seems consistent with historical site images, metal roof not original, no signage there identifying it for what it is. There is a desire to work with Dane County to get a sign there and could possibly be coordinated with Don Sanford's work about the camp.

### **Updates on other items (Pichette):**

- Mr. Lambrecht has original cottage from Camp Wakanda. He came to the Town seeking a variance, Pichette does not see a concern from HPC.
- Williamson (5316 STH 19) looking at doing a property division for family to build another home. Does not see removing any old buildings.
- CTH M, Dane County is working through planning. This will be a project to stay aware of.

**Recommendation for Items on Upcoming Town Plan Commission and Joint Plan Commission Meetings:** (none)

**Miscellaneous Business / Forthcoming Events:** (none)

**Other Items Not on the Agenda:** (none)

The next meeting of the HPC will be February 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Wing moved to adjourn, Hermanson seconded.

Minutes by Chris Moore