

**TOWN OF WESTPORT  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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

Minutes – August 4, 2022

Members Present: Joe Pichette, Chris Moore, Neal Werner, Tracy Wills, Michelle Wing, Janette Hermanson  
Members Absent: None  
Public Present: Sharla J. Hanson, Sherry Hanson Lang

Meeting called to order by Pichette at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Werner to approve the July 7, 2022, minutes, seconded Hermanson, motion approved.

Public comment on matters not on the agenda: none

**Discussion on 5360 Westport Road (Nau-Ti-Gal):**

- The HPC received a Town of Westport Historic Property Designation Application (“application”) submitted by Westport resident Sharla J. Hanson. HPC noted receipt of the application, and members noted they will deliver to Town staff, for scanning and distribution to HPC and other Town bodies, as deemed appropriate, and will look for direction on next steps from Town. Members briefly reviewed Town ordinances and process, but agreed further clarification will be needed from Town, as members were not directly familiar with process for review and (any) related next steps. Members thanked Hanson and Hanson Lang for attending meeting and submitting their application for review.
- HPC members noted they were not aware of any further changes related to the site at this time and would like to request Town staff make HPC aware if there is any additional interests for site that may come forward, with relevance for HPC.

**Old Tree on Westport Road:**

- (Update by Pichette) Town looked into options for tree which suffered damage, including artists or woodcarvers’ acquaintances – No known parties came forward to take on project. Options discussed; could be re-stabilized, made into wall art. Pichette asked Town Board to hold briefly on taking any action, following HPC meeting to review.
- Members discussed any additional idea for use or preservation of remaining tree - Some ideas noted were;
  - Sharing news of the tree via social media (Facebook page) and Waunakee Tribune in hopes of finding local interest in taking on as a personal project (ex), like a citizen who may be interested to take it on as an art project, at cost. Other suggestions were taking out an ad in paper (Waunakee Tribune), which might include a write-up
  - Wills noted possibly looking into Kohler Foundation grant(s) for outside public art.
  - Moore suggested the Town could do art RFP for artist concept and cost submission, to obtain several options. Wing noted it would be good to share (in reaction) why the tree is significant. Public member in attendance Sharla Hanson noted she thought the tree was (at one time) the second oldest wide oak in State of Wisconsin.

- After discussion, there was a motion by Moore, seconded by Wills, to request Town staff to post a story and inquiry on social media and in Waunakee Tribune, to see about public interest in working with tree for a project before next meeting. HPC can provide information for posting

#### **State Marker Application:**

- No further updates at this time, as Pichette has made several attempts for updates, but has not heard.

#### **EWV Site (update):**

- No further updates at this time, Moore to request update on EWV site from Town staff, to determine if further action by HPC is needed. If not HPC can remove from upcoming agenda

#### **Tierney Property / Old Home on River Road:**

- HPC requests that Town staff inquire with Mr. Tierney about any future plans with old home, in the event it may be of interest relative to Town history

#### **Discussion on future / additional projects:**

- (Wing) recommends delay doing work on additional projects until other priorities can be addressed. (Take off Agenda and deal with in October) - Other members agreed.

#### **Plan Commission:**

- No recommendations

#### **Misc. matters not on agenda:**

- Pichette noted Town Chair response (via email) regarding request for clarification

Next HPC meeting; September 1, 2022

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12 PM Motion by Wills 2nd by Moore.

Minutes prepared by Chris Moore