

**Minutes**  
**Jefferson County Historic Sites Preservation Commission**  
**February 26, 2015**  
**UWEX Building, Room 12**  
**Jefferson, WI**

Members present: Cindy Arbiture, Robert Birmingham, Michael Opager, Ed Morse, James Levy  
John Molinaro (by skype).

6:33 pm        Call to order by Cindy A.

Certification of compliance with Open Meetings Law, yes.

Minutes of last meeting read. Motion to approve (Mike O., second Bob B.) Approved.

Communications: Designation of Clyman Street Historical District in Watertown.

Cindy will look into drafting a letter of appreciation to Kathleen. Cindy will email local historical societies asking for applicants to replace Kathleen.

Discussion of GIS overlay possibilities: Bob B.- Informing the public about historic preservation can be done through the website. State Hist Soc will provide us with shape files which can be imported into layers on the County map and we might also make them available on our website. Sensitive archeological information, such as burial sites, can be withheld. These State files are updated continuously but the County could update on a schedule which is manageable. It was suggested that we might add the layers for a year and evaluate appropriate update schedule. Bob will invite Chip Brown to advise us on how best to proceed.

Cindy brought an example of a framed certificate that could be presented to owners of designated historical landmarks. Move to proceed with producing certificates (James, second Mike). Approved.

Move to reappointment Mike and Cindy to the Commission (James, second Mike). Approved. Ed will inform Ben Wehmeier.

Move to nominate JCHSPC for Award of Excellence from the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions (Mike, second James). Approved. Mike will complete the necessary paperwork.

Discussion of improvements to our website. James will call Tammy Jaeger and Ben Wehmeier to discuss specifics.

Discussion of Oral History project. Next session is at Edgewood Supper Club on March 12.

Annual History Conference: It was decided that we need more time for planning. Move to reschedule the conference to the Fall (Bob, second James). Approved.

Landmark designation for the log cottage/Lake Ripley will be discussed at the next meeting.

8:50 p.m. Move to adjourn (Bob, second Mike) Approved.

Submitted by Ed Morse