

Minutes of the Jefferson County Historic Sites Preservation Commission Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2016, 7:00pm
UWEX Building, Jefferson, WI, Room 12
Jefferson, Wisconsin

Call to Order: A meeting of the Jefferson County Historic Sites Preservation Commission (JCHSPC) was called to order at 7:03pm, presided over by Chairperson Cindy Arbiture.

Attendance: Commission Members: Cindy Arbiture, Robert Birmingham, Julia Ince, John Molinaro, Ed Morse, Michael Opager; Members of the general public: Illene Turner, President of the Town of Sullivan Historical Society

Compliance with the Open Meetings Law: Arbiture stated that the meeting was in compliance with the open meetings law.

Review of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed with no changes.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting July 21, 2016: The minutes from July 21 were reviewed. Motion made to approve minutes by Arbiture, seconded by Molinaro. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Communications:

Arbiture reported that she received a communication from Walt Christiansen. He says he has too much on his plate right now to become a board member of our commission, but will consider the possibility for the future. He suggested Carol Clavey, who has been on the Town of Koshkonong Board of Supervisors, as someone who may be willing to serve on our commission and said he would contact her.

Arbiture reported that she exchanged emails with Maureen Giese of the Waterloo Area Historical Society. Giese extended an invitation to hold our next meeting at their museum in Waterloo. It was agreed that we will hold our September meeting there and Arbiture will send out the address to the board members via email.

Arbiture reported that Brian Lamers, Finance Director and Ben Wehmeier, Jefferson County Administrator, asked our commission for a projected budget for next year. Arbiture informed him that we are looking at \$10,000 for the preparation of nominations for two properties to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Morse reported that he talked to Joe Nehmer, Director of the Jefferson County Parks Department, and lent him the book on the history of Wisconsin silos that Morse had shared with our commission at our July meeting. Nehmer stated that he will take the book to the next meeting of the Jefferson County Parks Department. This was a follow-up to our discussions and communications concerning the Pohlmann Park silo as reported in our June and July commission meetings.

Citizens Comments: Illene Turner, President of the Town of Sullivan Historical Society, reported that their last open house will be on Sunday, August 28 from 11am to 2pm. Turner extended an invitation to our commission to hold our October meeting with them and stated that we can come early at 6:00pm

for a walk through of the museum. It was agreed to hold our October 20th meeting at the Sullivan Historical Society Museum.

New Business:

Two Completed Applications for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by Legacy

Architecture: On July 25 Legacy Architecture, Inc., submitted completed applications for the NRHP for the Keller Farmstead and the Lorine Niedecker Cottage. Birmingham suggested that we simultaneously make these local landmarks. A discussion was held concerning the merits of having our commission designate as local landmarks the sites that are nominated to the NRHP and it was decided that we will think some more about this prospect. Ince shared some of her concerns about the accuracy of the historical documentation for the nomination applications. She was particularly concerned about whether the correct original owner of the Keller Farmstead had been determined. She agreed to write up a list of her concerns and send it to Arbiture to share with Legacy Architecture, Inc. Birmingham made a motion that in the future, as part of our contract with consultants, we include the clause that all products will be submitted to our commission for review at least one month prior to the end of the contract and submission to the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) before final payment will occur. The motion was seconded by Molinaro and passed with unanimous approval.

Certified Local Government Reimbursement Request of \$10,000: Cindy reported that a certified local government reimbursement request of \$10,000 for the two NRHP nominations completed by Legacy Architecture, Inc., as discussed above, has been submitted to the WHS by the our commission.

Follow-Up on discussion with Joe DeRose about JCHSPC Ordinance Complying with Wisconsin

Statutes: Arbiture reported that the changes to our commission ordinance made to comply with Wisconsin State Act 176, section 1.05 (1) (a) 3 and to qualify for future WHS funding that were discussed at our last meeting were sent to the Jefferson County Corporate Counsel. After the county reviewed the changes and made their own edits, they were sent to Joe DeRose of the WHS, who reviewed and approved the changes. Opager made a motion to adopt the amended language to our ordinance as edited by the Jefferson County Corporate Counsel and approved by DeRose, Birmingham seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by unanimous approval. Arbiture stated that she will have the approval of these changes placed on the Jefferson County Board's next meeting agenda.

Discussion and Possible Action on NRHP New Application Requests: Arbiture reported that as of last month there were three new application requests: Joan Hyer property: N7609 Airport Road, Waterloo, WI 53594 (historic name – Stony Brook School), Corey and Stacey Kincaid property: N2161 State Road 106, Palmyra, WI 53156 (historic name – Dean Kincaid House), and the Nancy Ruehle property: W731 Carlin Trail, Palmyra, WI 53156 (historic name – B. F. Holmes House). Arbiture stated that the owners of the Dean Kincaid House are no longer interested in having their site listed on the NRHP. Nancy Ruehle indicated that she is still interested in having her property listed. We learned that this building was removed from its original location in Dodge County with the intention of putting it up in Old World Wisconsin, but was instead moved to its current site on Carlin Trail. After contacting the WHS concerning this issue, the WHS asked for more information on the property. So Arbiture contacted Nancy Ruehle and obtained some more photos of the property that she will forward to the WHS. Arbiture stated that for the application process to proceed, the letter of intent (email) must be received by the WHS by September 9th.

Possible Action on Nomination for Local Landmark Status for Jefferson County Potter's Field:

Birmingham briefly discussed the map and short description of the site that forms the application for landmark status that was passed out to commission members at our last meeting. Our board agreed that we schedule a public hearing concerning the nomination of the potter's field for local landmark status at our September meeting.

Legacy Architecture Contract Update: There was no further discussion on this topic as it was covered already in the discussion of the two completed applications for the NRHP by Legacy Architecture, Inc.

Discussion on Possible New Commission Members: A discussion was held concerning how we might find and recruit new commission members. Some suggestions were made for contacting various people. Arbiture suggested that we might use the press to get out an article about what our commission does and our need for new commission members. Birmingham suggested we might use the Jefferson County government Facebook page. Molinaro stated he will continue to serve until his term is up in April of 2017.

Next Meeting Date: 7:00pm, September 15, 2016, Waterloo Area Historical Society Museum in Waterloo, address TBA

Future Agenda Items: (none suggested)

Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Birmingham, seconded by Opager, meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Submission of Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the meeting respectfully submitted by Julia Ince, secretary on August 23, 2016.