

JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
January 20, 2011 Minutes

Commission Members:

John Molinaro, Chairman
Larry Cole, Vice Chair
Joan Jones, Secretary
Cindy Arbiture
Robert Birmingham
Jessie Powers
Guests: Kathleen Woodbury
Frank Butterfield

1. Call to order by Chairman Molinaro at 6:30.
2. Roll call: Absent - Robert Birmingham
3. Compliance with open meeting law: OK
4. Review agenda: As distributed.
5. Minutes of November 18 meeting: Motion for approval - Jessie, second Joan, passed.
6. Citizen comment/correspondence: Cynthia Holt of the Fort Atkinson Art Alliance wanted to inform the Commission of the plans for the 175th city celebration along the Rock River. John invited her to come to the meeting to indicate what participation she was seeking.
Sue Holt of the Jefferson County Union wanted to inform the Commission of a booklet that the Union has produced in honor of the county centennial. She offered it at a discount price for the Commission to sell. As the historical societies have copies for sale it didn't seem reasonable for us to undertake sales also. She was invited to the meeting.
7. Discussion and possible action implementing the Survey:

Cindy has asked for and received extra copies for the Concord Society.

After much discussion, it was decided that John would write a letter to the Historical Societies—Concord, Farmington, Ixonia and Watertown—calling their attention to sites in their area that the survey has indicated are potentially eligible for the National Register. Jessie volunteered to compose a letter that would go to the

property owners outlining the process to be followed for applying for the local landmarks and the National Registry.

8. No news on our recent grant application.

9. Jefferson County 175 Anniversary. See item 6.

10. Action on the 2011 Conference. The conference date is April 15 to be held at the Hoard Historical Museum. Kori suggested a list of possible presenters. John will start to contact them. It was suggested that Jerry Tomason could speak on the Ingalls' family. Kathleen suggested that someone from Old World Wisconsin could speak on the buildings from Jefferson County which are at Old World.

11. Presentation by Frank Butterfield of the Wisconsin Field Office of the National Trust for Preservation.

Frank explained that the Midwest office is in Chicago but his office covers most of Wisconsin and he is located in Lake Mills.

The Trust's mission is:

1. Education—being a public forum for information on preservation and restoration.
2. Advocacy for preservation issues statewide and locally.
3. Administering grants to non-profits for planning. They also have funds for conferences and other projects promoting interest in preservation. Of particular interest now are projects promoting the cultural landscape and projects involving adaptive reuse of buildings.

Cindy asked if developing a website might qualify for funds and Frank thought it might be considered.

Times for applying for grants are: February 1, June 1, October 1. Grants are usually \$5,000 to \$6,000 and are to be matched 1 to 1.

Frank had a copy of a recent publication, Preserving The Wisconsin Civic Legacy. Copies can be downloaded from the Trust's website

12. Correspondence: See item 6. John received a newsletter from the Wisconsin Associations of Historic Preservation Commissions including a request for annual dues. Cindy moved to renew our membership in the Association at the cost of \$40. Larry seconded the motion which carried.

13. Meeting dates: Next meeting February 4.

14. Future agenda items. Kathleen Woodbury has agreed to join this Commission. She is in real estate and has recently moved to Fort Atkinson. She had been on the

Whitewater Preservation Commission and will bring good experience to our group. John will forward her name to the County Board.

15. Jessie moved for adjournment and Cindy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.