

## Fort Atkinson Historical Preservation Commission Meeting

Meeting called to order on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 4:30 at the Hoard Historical Museum by Commission President Jill Kessenich.

Also present- Commission members: Tammy Doellstedt, Greg Idzikowski, & Jan Kraus

Agenda:

**1. Approval of April and May Minutes.**

**2. Treasurer's Report** Tabled until July Meeting.

**Old Business—**

**3A. Landmarks-1901 Water Tower *Donor OPEN HOUSE Recap—***

1. Approximately 60 guests attended the Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> Open House. Due to thunderstorms, Sunday's event was cancelled.

Program remarks at 2:00 p.m. Speakers: John Wilmet, City of Fort Atkinson; Tom Jeffris, Jeffris Family Foundation; James Nelson, Fort Atkinson Community Foundation and Roger Sherman, Water Tower Committee.

Bev Sherman, Jan Kraus and Harriet Scherer served at the welcome table. Fanny Highsmith, Joy Stahl, and Joan Jones worked at the refreshment table. Giving tours were Roger Sherman, Greg Idzikowski, Greg Misfeldt, Jeff Woods, Sue and Jude Hartwick, Steve Tesmer, and Conor Nelan. Thank you notes have been sent to all volunteers. Committee members and tour guides will give tours as needed. All visitors should sign the guest registry, which will remain at the Tower.

Kessenich has installed donor nameplates on the three benches.

2. Meeting needs to be set up with potential contractor about roof repair. Jeff Woods is coordinating this meeting. Greg Misfeldt, volunteer, will coordinate with Kurt Armstrong to place copper flashing over the ground floor door arch. Kurt will donate the copper and his labor.

3. Kessenich has contacted Dennis Kuckenmeister, FA School District, about planting some shrubs to provide a visual and noise barrier between the cement apron of the tower, and the large utilities boxes. Need to submit a plan to the School Board. We would supply the bushes. Low maintenance plantings would be important.

**3B. -Other Landmarks- -Mason Building-**An Interior study began June 1<sup>st</sup>, as a result of a grant. Still waiting for 501-3c status, which takes 6-8 months. Roofer did some remedial repairs to stop 4 leaks.

**3C- Other Landmarks** –Intaglio-Sign has been repainted and installed at Intaglio.

**4. Website—**Minutes are current at [www.fortpreserves.org](http://www.fortpreserves.org). Kessenich has asked the Chamber to consider putting a link on their website. We are not a member, so this may not happen. They have published our July 4<sup>th</sup> Water Tower Open Houses from Noon-4:00 on their calendar.

**5. Farmer's Market Presence—**Idzikowski will be at the market on Saturday June 23. This will be used to promote the July 4th Open House for the Water Tower.

**6. Jefferson County HPC News-** seeking National Register listing. The Jefferson County HPC will tentatively host a History Conference/Bus Tour on Saturday, September 22, 2012.

**7. Wisconsin State Historical Society and Wisconsin Council for Local History Southeastern Regional Conference- Friday, July 27, 2012-**Kessenich and Idzikowski will man the coffee table at the 9:00 a.m. coffee hour.

**8. New Commissioner** - Candidate Jenni Eschner has filled out an application to fill the vacancy on the FA HPC, and is pending formal city council approval/appointment. Our monthly meeting dates would change to THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 6:30 P.M. AT THE DWIGHT FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, starting in July, pending her Appointment. Kessenich will welcome her to the Commission before the July meeting.

**9. New Business.**

A. Consider joining National Trust for Historic Preservation Forum Membership, with annual dues of \$115. **NO action taken.**

B. Water Tower Tours-

Tower will be open the following Saturdays, from 11-1:00 p.m. August 4, September 1<sup>st</sup>, and October 6<sup>th</sup>. Doellstedt will organize at least 2 tour guides for each day.

**8. Adjournment** at 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting: JULY 12, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the DWIGHT FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.