

AUGUST 2012 MINUTES  
Fort Atkinson Historical Preservation Commission Meeting  
Dwight Foster Library – Wisconsin Room

Meeting called to order on Thursday, August 9, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dwight Foster Public Library by Commission President Jill Kessenich.

Also present – Commission members: Jenni Eschner and Greg Idzikowski

Agenda:

1. **Approval of July Minutes.** Motion to accept minutes: Kessenich, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Idzikowski. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Doellstedt not in attendance. Report will be shared at the September 2012 meeting.
3. **Old Business.**
  - a. Water Tower
    1. Greg Idzikowski recapped the August 4h tours. About 20 people took a tour between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
    2. Jenni Eschner was trained to give tours.
    3. The next date scheduled for tours is September 1<sup>st</sup>.
    4. Advertisement of tours discussed. The A-frame sign Doellstedt brought to the July meeting is not yet complete/available. Kessenich will look into getting an announcement added to the scrolling banner at the Chamber of Commerce. The Jones Park sign would also be a highly visible place to advertise. Idzikowski mentioned that an "Open" sign on the Tower door would also be helpful.
    5. Repairs to the tank – Kessenich will talk to Jeff Woods for an update.
    6. Damage to benches – Eschner reported that there is a product available that can be added to the tube steel of the bench, which will deter skateboarders. Another option would be to find someone to weld a decorative medallion onto the bench to serve the same purpose. The Committee will discuss at the next meeting when more members are present.
    7. Planting around mechanicals – still TBD. FFA might be interested in doing this as a project. Kessenich will talk to Jeff Agnew.
    8. Sign/place for plaques – Will Jacobs, training to be an Eagle Scout, has shown interest in doing a project. The Committee feels that he could create a kiosk for plaques and acknowledgements. Kessenich offered to work on the design of the kiosk with him.
    9. Kessenich asked about displaying a section of the old stairs that accessed the top of the tower. She will talk to Jeff Woods about this.
  - b. Mason's Building/Fort Atkinson Club Update

1. Rock River Heritage has been made a 501-C3 status and no longer has to go through HPC for funding.
2. The interior study is ongoing. A couple of concepts were presented by Quagliana (architect) that address Accessibility and fire code requirements. One is to add an exterior elevator to the east side. The second is to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> staircase in place of the west side fire escape.
3. The bowling alley will be operational.
4. There will probably be another public input session this fall.
4. **Website.** A link has been set up from the Jefferson County Tourism site. Kessenich stated that it would also be good to have a link to the Fort Atkinson HPC website from the State Historical site. It can be hard to find links to local organizations on it. Perhaps one of the HPC members can inquire about this at the State Historic Preservation Conference in September.
5. **Farmer's Market Presence.**
  - a. Idzikowski handed out business cards and advertised tours at the July 28<sup>th</sup> Farmer's Market.
  - b. There was discussion about setting up a message board at the August 25<sup>th</sup> Market.
  - c. Kessenich discussed creating a Facebook page for the Fort Atkinson HPC. She will look into this.
6. **Jefferson County HPC News.**
  - a. There will be a Bus Tour on September 22<sup>nd</sup> with a possible stop to the Mason Farm.
7. **Regional History Conference.** Idzikowski and Kessenich attended at the Hoard Museum for a coffee hour. They spoke with attendees and had informational material about the Fort Atkinson HPC to hand out.
8. **State History Conference.** September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Madison. Idzikowski and Kessenich would like to attend one or both days. Eschner would also like to attend, but needs to determine availability based on work schedule.
9. **New Business.** None.
10. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn – Eschner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Idzikowski. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 13, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dwight Foster Public Library.