

July 2, 2011 Fort Atkinson Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Co-President Jill Kessenich

Members present: Tammy Doellstedt, Jan Kraus

Absent: Greg Greenhalgh, Greg Idzikowski

Guests: Joan Jones, Kori Oberle

### **1. Minutes-**

***Motion to accept June 2011 minutes tabled until next meeting, August 2nd.***

2. **Treasurer's Report-Motion to accept budget report brought by Doellstedt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kraus. Passed unanimously.** Current balance \$977.79-Two invoices were paid to Kessenich for reimbursement of National Trust Membership fee of \$115, and \$600 toward Preservation Leadership conference tuition (500) and travel (100), for a total of \$715.

### **3. Landmarks-Water Tower Update-**

Doellstedt read the June 29th memo from Roger Sherman, Water Tower Committee chair.

Work is scheduled to be completed in mid-July. Jeff Woods is working on tracking down how occupancy limits were determined by Mead & Hunt. Sherman and Doellstedt were made aware that about 25 donors to Phase I of the Water Tower fund, were never solicited for Phase 2, due to some missing information. They will need to be added to the donor base, for thank you's and invitations to future events. Benches were a major topic of concern at the last Water Tower meeting. There are 10 landings to the top of the tower. (120 steps).

Talk of the need for outdoor panels, so some information is available 24/7 to visitors. Jones mentioned the education committee has not meet recently, and needs to reconvene.

Kessenich and Greenhalgh would still like to talk with city leaders about future access and management of visitors to the tower, and opening ceremonies or activities. Oberle shared that the FA Historical Society could be a partner in sharing research on contractors for outside panels.

**Action to be taken-** Doellstedt will run press releases by Scott Lastusky and John Wilmet and submit to Daily Jefferson County Union. Kessenich will invite John Wilmet to our next meeting.

### **4. Website-**

Kessenich inquired about some Ann Price photos of Sherman Avenue, and Main Street. Kori Oberle, Director of Hoard Historical Museum reported that Ann Price owns the rights to the images. If Ann Price gives permission to share them with the Preservation Commission website, the museum could share a disc of the images. Oberle shared that the Main Street images have already been taken, but no date is confirmed for an exhibit, as funding needs to be raised for photo printing. Oberle will provide email address for Ann Price.

### **5. Landmarks-Water Works 2**

Kessenich reported that work continues on Water Works 2. Restored windows and front door are installed. New storms are installed. Work continues on back door. Kessenich mentioned some other projects that could be done at Water Works 2, including flower boxes, painting railing, front storm door, and lighting. There are 6 outdoor light fixture receptacles on the building. They were not part of this restoration project, but Kessenich expressed an interest in

providing some lighting at the front and back door. Also noted that there are concrete supports for window boxes, which could be a volunteer project by the HPC.

**Action to be taken:**Doellstedt will contact a board member from the Generals to see if they are interested in helping with any of these projects, as well as Scott Lastusky. We will tour the building at our next meeting on August 2nd.

**6. Recognition of preservation efforts-**Commission thanks Milo & Joan Jones for the tour of the Masonic building last month, and congratulates them on the new undertaking. They are seeking to set up a non profit, called Rock River Heritage.

**7. Farmer's Market. No report.**

**8. Other Business-Leadership training:**

a. Kessenich attended the June 11-18th National Trust Preservation Leadership Training in Arlington, VA. She will provide each member of the commission with a section of the manual she used, so we can give a brief synopsis of the contents. She enjoyed the conference and learned a lot. She is interested in the possibility of becoming a Certified Local Government. Jefferson County is a CLG.

**9. New Business-**

a. Jones mentioned the possibility of the HPC seeking landmark status for the Civil war statue located at Evergreen Cemetery. **No action taken.**

b. Doellstedt mentioned a conversation with Mr. Trader, sexton at Evergreen Cemetery regarding the local landmark, caretaker's cottage. He contacted us concerning some possible options for preservation. She reminded Mr. Trader that anything possible changes to the exterior need to come before this commission, as it is a local landmark.

**Action steps:**Doellstedt will be in touch with Brad Wilcox and Mr. Trader.

c. September 23 and 24 are the dates of the State Historical Preservation and Historical Society conference, to be held in Stevens Point. Early discount registration deadlines are due the week after our next meeting. Talked about the need to send 1 or 2 members to this conference. Will decide at next month's meeting.

**10. Motion to adjourn** brought by Doellstedt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kraus, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Next meeting: **Aug 2, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. @WATER WORKS II ON SOUTH 6TH STREET, AND JONES PARK.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Tammy Doellstedt  
Secretary  
July 10, 2011

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