

August 2, 2011 Fort Atkinson Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting called to order at the Hoard Historical Museum at 4:30 p.m. by Co-President Greg Greenhalgh

Members present: All-Tammy Doellstedt, Jan Kraus Greg Greenhalgh, Greg Idzikowski

Guests present: John Wilmet, Kori Oberle

1. Minutes-

Motion to accept June and July 2011 minutes with a correction to the July minutes brought by Kessenich, 2nd by Kraus, **Motion approved unanimously.** Correction: July minutes, Item #5 Landmarks-Water Works 2, line 6.....strike the word **concrete** , and replace with “brick.” (referring to window box supports.)

2. Treasurer’s Report-Motion to accept budget report brought by Doellstedt, 2nd by Kraus. Passed unanimously. Current balance of \$977.79 is unchanged from July, 2011-NO new transactions, or outstanding invoices.

3. -Water Tower Update-

A. Construction continues inside the tower. Looking at a late August 2011 completion date. Tank was cut open to provide access, and was found to be in good condition. There is an issue with light and moisture coming in with the gutter system that surrounds the “witch’s hat.” Connor Nelan is suggesting 2 possible solutions. Will get quotes from Milles Construction.

B. Future of Water Tower Coordination with the city. John Wilmet, City Manager, discussed the importance of controlling access to the Water Tower, and having a city department be involved in the scheduling of usage. Wilmet expressed that he feels the Hoard Museum Staff seems to be the most logical choice. The public already associates the Museum with the Water Tower in some ways, like calling for information about tours, etc. This also happens with the Historic Preservation Commission. Kori Oberle, Director of the Hoard Museum explained that there will be 3 likely types of access request:

1. Set events, like scheduled open houses.
2. Group Tours and
3. Special Access by local residents with special visitors. Guidelines for usage would need to be set up.

Oberle and Wilmet will have further discussions.

C. Discussion of the need for docents and that the HPC could provide training of volunteers, while working closely with the City, since the Tower is a city building. Specifics of the training and scheduling of docents would need to be spelled out. Jeff Woods is working on tracking down Terrance Kennedy concerning occupancy limits.

D. Discussion of Signage....Check with Rudy Bushcott about the cost of possible signage that would match the new Logo signs that have been placed in city parks.

E. Water Tower Open House. Possible dates include Sunday October 2nd for Donors, and Saturday October 8th for the general public. Large donors need to be contacted to save the date. All dates contingent on construction issues. Motion by Kessenich, 2nd by Kraus to set aside \$500 for Donor opening, which will include invitations, postage and refreshments. Passed unanimously. Opening plans need to be discussed with city management.

F. It was noted that donations can still be made the Water Tower Fund at the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation.

4. Website- Landmarks-Water Works 2 No action taken.

A. Kessenich reported that work continues on Water Works 2. She has contacted Frank Butterfield of the National Trust about a Reuse Feasibility plan. She will follow up with

another phone call. Kessenich will suggest possible exterior light fixtures. It would be nice to have exterior lights at both front and rear doors. Kessenich will work with Park and Rec to set up a “ Fall work day”, so HPC members could donate time by painting the railings.

- B. A local landmark brass placque has been turned over to Scott Lastusky, and a press release was featured in the Daily Union on July 13th.
- C. Doellstedt reported that she spoke with Lastusky, and Mr. Brokl of the Fort Atkinson Generals baseball team. If we have a specific requests, we could present it to their Board through Scott Lastusky. They currently use the building for storage of field materials and equipment. They give a percentage of sales to Park and Rec. department for capital improvements at Jones Park. Additional funds would be needed if the lights would be reinstated.
- 6. Mason’s Building-** Kessenich has been asked to be on Board of Director for the Masonic Building. She agreed to serve for one year.
- 7. Recognition of preservation efforts-**Tabled.

8. Farmer’s Market. Idzikowski manned our booth at the July 30th Farmer’s Market. Busy market.

9. Other Business-Leadership training: Tabled

10. New Business-

- a. Local Landmark- Doellstedt had a conversation with Brad Wilcox and Mr. Trader concerning updates to the sexton’s cottage at Evergreen Cemetery. Proposed updates are within the guidelines of local landmarks.
- b. September 23 and 24 are the dates of the State Historical Preservation and Historical Society conference, to be held in Stevens Point. Greenhalgh may consider attending.

11. Motion to adjourn brought by Doellstedt, 2nd by Kraus, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next meeting: September 6 , 2011, at 4:30 p.m. @Hoard Historical Museum.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Tammy Doellstedt
Secretary
August 27, 2011