

Fort Atkinson Historic Preservation Commission
April Meeting
April 8, 2019, 6:30pm
Dwight Foster Library, Fort Atkinson

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Present: Julia Ince, Emily Yavuzcetin, Roz Highfield, Kirsten Winski and Chuck Washburn

1. Approval of March Meeting Minutes, Julia approves, Chuck seconds, passed by commission
2. Treasurer's Report: nothing to report. Roz will contact city about how to check funds.
3. Correspondence with Commission: Julia letter about state conference, Tammy about Jeff Armstrong about Water Tower window.

Old Business

4. Water Tower Report: Tammy Doellsteadt contacted Julia and informed her that a window on the Water Tower was open and not accessible from the staircase. Tree Trimming company was able to help with that.
5. Website and Facebook Updates: Kirsten took over website design and maintenance now that the site is live. She will begin with the "Alteration to Historic Buildings" section's wording. Commission discussed how we can word this section to help homeowners understand if they are a local landmark or another designation and whether they would need to fill out the form that is linked to on that page currently. Kirsten will make a gmail account where the commission can access documents and images.
6. Commission Promotion: Commission would like to make it clear that being on the State and National registry does not restrict a

homeowner from making changes. Fort Atkinson Mag could possibly do an article about the grant money and tax breaks when homes are on the state and national registry. Chuck would like an agenda item for May's meeting where he can speak to the historical buildings within the historical district. Banners were addressed again for historic districts.

New Business

7. Downtown Historic Dist. and Fort City Zoning Code Rewrite: Julia, Chuck and Roz were able to attend the city meeting. Commission is hoping to have Brian Juarez attend a meeting to help us understand what type of say we have in how owners can change exterior of buildings/homes. Commission hopes to be able to help homeowners with applying for grants.
8. WAHPC State Conference: None of the members are able to attend the conference. Julia encouraged members to look for other that they may want to attend.
9. Future Commission Goals: Julia asked members to come up with new ideas or existing ideas that they think should be address in 2019. #1 Re-write of new website (wording, clarification of alterations, ect), #2 Banners, #3 Commission education, guest speakers (ex. our articles of incorporation, knowledge about state/national registers, grants, ect). Julia mentioned the possibility of using committees to head up some of the goals.

Adjournment at 7:54pm

Next Meeting - Monday, May 13, 2019, 6:30pm
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