

Town of Waterville

Certified Local Government Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2021 Meeting – Location: Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm by Dan Augustson.

Present: Michelle Mires, Dan Augustson, Jill Thompson, Cathi Nelson, Cathy Clark

- **Minutes from July 2021 meeting were approved as read.**
- **Additions to Agenda: none**
- **Introduction of guests: none**
- **Report of Committees:**
 - Director: Dan – no report
 - Assistant to the Director: Pam – no report
 - Secretary: Cathi – no report
 - Inventory: Cathy, Michelle, Ann (under Old Business)
 - Media: Cathy- no report
 - Town Government/Community Relations: Jill (under Old Business)
 - Main Street Association: Lisa – no report
 - Training: Cathi
 - Discussion about the upcoming “Revitalize WA” conference (on-line and in-person).
 - Cathy will attend the on-line portion of the conference on September 14.
 - Amy, Michelle, Jill and Cathi have requested to attend one of the site visits within the conference. (Prosser) on September 29.
 - “Grassroots Advocacy for Preservation” free on-line training; Jill will send out to everyone.
 - Grants: Cathy, Cathi, Jill (under Old Business)
 - Cultural Resource Specialist: Kat – no report
- **Old Business:**
 - Historic Overview review/discussion; Jill
 - The overview is complete and has been sent to Ann Sharley. It will also be used in the reapplication of the DAHP grant.
 - Pioneer Park application status; Kat, Cathy
 - This is a priority for Kat once the fire season is over. She has been out of town on the fireline for months; “the state is burning!”
 - Progress report: inventory work - Jill
 - Ann Sharley has completed her work and the document has been sent to Jill. Next steps: At the September 20 Council meeting, there will be a public hearing about the inventory work and subsequent report.
 - Update on brick repointing work for September – Dan, others
 - Dan recommended that the previously scheduled Fall 2021 brick repointing work be rescheduled for the Spring 2022. All members present concurred.
- **New Business:**
 - Grant Report: Grant committee
 - No report.

- Upcoming training and member participation report: Cathi
 - “Revitalize WA”; September 28-October 1 (virtual and in-person)
 - “Grassroots Advocacy for Preservation” free online training – Jill will send registration link.
- What is next for the Historic Preservation Commission?
 - Second DAHP grant to continue/expand inventory work
 - How do we encourage others to apply for their property to be included in the Waterville Registry?
 - Some ideas:
 - Wait until we see Ann’s report; then prioritize properties that should be considered
 - Create short historical narratives about the properties that we deem most important to be included on the Waterville registry; then approach those property owners.
- **Other:**
 - The newly created ordinance for historic properties in Waterville has received Council approval; the state has 60 days to review; then the Council can pass the ordinance and it would then go immediately into effect.

Next Historic Preservation Commission meeting:

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Location of meeting TBA.