



McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
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McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING DATES FOR 1998

January 7, 1998

February 4, 1998

March 4, 1998

April 1, 1998

May 6, 1998

June 3, 1998

July 1, 1998

August 5, 1998

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Meetings of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room of Annex Building A" of the McHenry County Government Center, 2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, Illinois unless otherwise noticed.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
January 7, 1998
McHenry County Government Center Annex Bldg. A
Woodstock, Illinois**

Meeting canceled due to conflicting schedules. Next regularly scheduled meeting is February 4, 1998.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 1998

2200 N. SEMINARY AVENUE -- ANNEX "A"
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Welch at 7:00 p.m.

- **Members Present:** Nancy Welch, Gail Drabant, Tony Howard, Jim Keefe, Carol Lockwood, Jennifer Iftner, David Gervais, Mark Balasi, Amy Duncan and Gloria Mack
- **Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 1998

- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 1998. Nancy Welch seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

NOTE:

- The McHenry County Historical Commission would like to thank Shelly Trost for all the work she has done for the Old House Support Group.
- Nomination forms were past around for the 1998 Preservation awards.
- Amy Duncan was introduced. She will be replacing Steve Gulgren as the representative from the McHenry County Conservation District.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Report by Chairman: Nancy Welch**
- None
- Nancy reported that the owners of the house in Cary are still interested in Landmarking their home.
- There was discussion regarding the nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. A motion was made by Jim Keefe, seconded by David Gervais nominating Nancy Welch for Chairperson. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Nancy Welch nominating Gail Drabant as Chairperson, seconded by Jennifer Iftner. Jim Keefe withdrew his nomination for Nancy Welch as Chairperson and the motion to elect Gail Drabant as Chairperson was approved by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Jennifer Iftner, seconded by Jim Keefe to nominate Dave Gervais as Vice-Chairman. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Survey & Landmarking: Jim Keefe

- See attached report

- It was decided that the Commission would meet on February 21, 1998 at McDonald's on Route 31, south of McHenry to tour the Bay View, Kelly, and Miller Houses.
- Scott Summers from Harvard will be having a cemetery walk in August. Scott would like the cemetery in Harvard plaqued and Jim stated that he would send him an application.

Municipal Liaison: David Gervais

- None
- Dave had concerns regarding the replacement of Gloria Mack position on the Commission. It was decided that an ad would be placed in the Newspaper and the joint counsel would be notified to see if they would have any suggestions. Jim Keefe stated that a application would be sent to Mr. Jim Pearson.

Awards -- (OHSG): Gail Drabant

- Report attached

Vistas: Carol Lockwood

- Report Attached

Grants: Tony Howard

- None

Report by Staff: Maryanne Wanaski

- Maryanne commented that she will be attending a meeting in Springfield regarding the CLG funds in March.
- A memo will be sent to the County Board members regarding new appointments to the Commission.

Jim Keefe motioned to adopt the Annual Report, (to be sent to IHPA) seconded by Tony Howard which was approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

- Nancy Welch reported the Cary Preservation Commission met at the funeral home in Cary for a flower presentation from Billy Freund and Lynn Castells. It was a great success.

Old Business

- None

Adjournment

Meeting will be continued until February 21, 1998.

Minutes from the continued meeting of February 4th;

Meeting was continued from the Farm Bureau parking at 9:00 am. Present were Jim Keefe, survey chairman and two members of the committee, Dave Gervais and Mark Balasi.

The first stop at 9:30 am was the Bay View Bridge on the western side of Johnsburg on the Lake County line. The bridge is over a causeway on Pistakee lake. It is owned by the State of Illinois. It has a great history which was presented in the request for historic designation. We met Frank G----- and his wife on the bridge. They represented some of the neighbors in their concern for the condition of the bridge. We had been called earlier by a Steve Nunneman, who was unable to make the meeting. We later on had a meeting with the petitioner Paul Theis. In the discussions with both parties, it became apparent that a historical district may be an answer to some of their questions. They want to preserve the area which is rich in history. Our Commission could not solve their bridge problems as we have no control over the State. The area lends itself to a district with many beautiful historical locations and a concern by the people. Dave Gervais indicated we would be happy to meet with them at any time to discuss the district.

The next stop was the Miller Chapel at the corner of Johnsburg-Wilmont rd and Miller rd. A application is to be filled out by the Miller trust to protect the property.

Our committee then saw the Richardson home of Spring Grove, toured Alden, viewing the schoolhouse and the mill, then to Harvard where we saw the Sommers home on Brink St and the Auburn Cem. Scott Sommers has a application for the Cemetery.

Then down the highway to the Wm Estrada house at the corner on Vermont Rd and Gardenvally Rd in Seneca Twp. We viewed the home with a walk by as no one was home.

Went then to Franklinville and saw Perkins Hall and the Grange hall owner by Lisa Kelly, who has a application.

We returned to Woodstock and ajoined the meeting at 12:35 PM.



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 4, 1998**

**2200 NORTH SEMINARY AVENUE -- ANNEX A
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Gail Drabant.

- **Members Present:** Chairperson Gail Drabant, Mark Balasi, Amy Duncan, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, Jim Keefe and Carol Lockwood
- **Staff Present:** Nina Campione

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 1998

- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 1998 with the following corrections:

Page 1, Members Present should be changed to read that Gloria Mack attended as "Guest".

Page 1, Standing Committees should be changed to read "A motion was made by Jennifer Iftner, seconded by Jim Keefe to nominate Dave Gervais as Secretary and Mark Bark Balasi as Vice-Chairperson".

Tony Howard seconded the motion which was approved as corrected by unanimous vote.

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON: Gail Drabant

- A letter of resignation from Nancy Welch was presented to the Commission. The Commission accepted her resignation and would like to thank Nancy for her hard work and time she contributed the McHenry Preservation Commission.
- There was discussion regarding the application of Jim Pearson. Another application will be sent to him.
- Gail Drabant discussed the different STANDING COMMITTEES and what commission members would head them. The following was decided:
 - SURVEY & LANDMARKING: Jim Keefe, Mark Balasi and Dave Gervais
 - VISTAS: Carol Lockwood and Amy Duncan (there was discussion to rename Vistas)
 - COMMUNICATIONS: Jennifer Iftner
 - MUNICIPAL LIAISON: David Gervais
 - AWARDS - O.H.S.G.: Gail Drabant, Tony Howard, David Gervais, Carol Lockwood
Jennifer Iftner and Gloria Mack
 - OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP (O.H.S.G.): Gail Drabant and Jennifer Iftner
 - GRANTS: Tony Howard
 - ARCHIVAL REFERENCES: Mark Balasi, Dave Gervais
- Gail Drabant suggested that committee members get together to discuss what they would like to accomplish within the coming year and discuss this at the next meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Survey and Landmarking: Chairperson Jim Keefe**
Report attached

MINUTES APPROVED APRIL 15, 1998

David Gervais made a motion to consider the nomination of Bay View Bridge for historic designation. Mark Balasi seconded the motion. All opposed.

Jim Keefe requested that Maryanne Wanaski send a letter to Peter Theis rejecting his application because we do not have the authority to nominate the Bay View Bridge.

There was a consensus by the McHenry County Historical Preservation Commission that the Bay View Bridge cannot be marked for landmark status as it is owned by the State of Illinois.

Jim Keefe submitted a letter from J. Elaine Obenchain regarding the care of the remaining cemeteries in McHenry County. See attached letter.

Vistas: Chairperson Carol Lockwood

- Report attached

Communications: Jennifer Iftner

- Report attached

Award - O.H.S.G. -- Publications: Chairperson Gail Drabant

- Report attached

Grants: Chairperson Tony Howard

- None

Archival Reference: Chairperson Mark Balasi

- Report attached

Municipal Liaison: Chairperson David Gervais

- None

Report by Staff: Maryanne Wanaski

- None

New Business

- It was reported that County Map has been completed by Tom Wilcox.

Ongoing Business

- Jim Keefe would like to continue the discussion of the Bay View Bridge at the next meeting and would like it put on the agenda.

Old Business

- Laurie Wilhelm sketches were discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting will be continued until March 18, 1998.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
APRIL 15, 1998**

**2200 NORTH SEMINARY -- ANNEX A
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairperson Gail Drabant.

- **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Gail Drabant, Amy Duncan, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, Jim Keefe and Carol Lockwood
- **GUESTS:** Mr. and Mrs. Theis
- **STAFF PRESENT:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 4, 1998

- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 1998 with the following correction:

Under **REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON:** (O.H.S.G.): Jennifer Iftner should read "(O.H.S.G.): Gail Drabant and Jennifer Iftner".

Carol Lockwood seconded the motion which was approved, as corrected, by unanimous vote.

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON: Gail Drabant

- At the next meeting there will be a vote for the preservation awards.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Survey and Landmarking: Chairperson, Jim Keefe

- Report attached
- There was discussion regarding cemeteries. Maryanne suggested that letters be sent to the owners of the cemeteries. Maryanne will research the names and addresses of the owners.

Natural Features: Chairperson, Carol Lockwood

- Report attached
- Carol Lockwood made a motion to change the Vistas Committee name to be known in the future as the "Natural Features Committee". Dave Gervais seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- A map from 1837 showing the wooded areas in McHenry County will be copied and reduced to help locate the different types of natural features in the County.
- There was discussion regarding transportation corridors and the ten most endangered corridors.

The Commission would like to thank Carol for attending Preservation Days in Springfield on March 24-25.

APPROVED MAY 6, 1998

Communications: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner

- None

Award - O.H.S.G. -- Publication: Chairperson, Gail Drabant

- Report attached

Grants: Chairperson, Tony Howard

- None

Archival Reference: Chairperson, Mark Balasi

- None (Report to be tabled until next meeting)

Municipal Liaison: Chairperson, David Gervais

- None
- There was discussion regarding the process of the nominations of new members to the Historic Commission.

Report by Staff: Maryanne Wanaski

- Maryanne mentioned that the Walkup House was for sale.
- The old farmstead next to Cherry Valley Subdivision was bought by Bo and Nancy Kimball. They plan a complete restoration of this 1860 property.
- Maryanne suggested to the Commission that they advertise their openings for new members because they need to fulfill ordinance requirements.
- Jim Pearson's application for nomination will be presented County Board at their next meeting.

New Business

- None

Ongoing Business

- Mr. and Mrs. Theis from the Bay View Bridge District attended the meeting. It was suggested that they submit an application for the district. It was also suggested that they write to Mr. Mike Ward in Springfield. Mr. & Mrs. Theis and their neighbors would appreciate any additional information and/or help from the Commission.

Old Business

- None

Adjournment

The meeting will be continued until the award committee meeting on April 28, 1998.

NOTE: At the May 6th there will be a slide presentation and the voting sheets will be circulated for the award presentation nominations. Please keep your reports SHORT for that evening.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
MAY 6, 1998**

**2200 NORTH SEMINARY -- ANNEX A
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairperson Gail Drabant.

- **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Gail Drabant, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, Jim Keefe, Carol Lockwood and Jim Pearson
- **ADVISOR:** Gloria Mack
- **GUEST:** Velia Ellis from Woodstock
- **STAFF PRESENT:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 1998. David Gervais seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON: Gail Drabant

- None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Survey and Landmarking: Chairperson, Jim Keefe

- None

Vistas: Chairperson, Carol Lockwood

- None

Communications: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner

- See attachment
- Jennifer stated she will send the press release for the preservations awards.

Municipal Liaison: Chairperson, David Gervais

- None

Award - O.H.S.G. -- Publication: Chairperson, Gail Drabant

- None
- Gail described her visit to Garfield Farm on April 18, 1998 and commented that the trip is well worth for anyone wanting to see the tremendous amount of history that this farm has to offer.

Grants: Chairperson, Tony Howard

- None

Archival Reference: Chairperson, Mark Balasi

- None

There was discussion regarding the original Terra Cotta Factory and its owner, Mr. William Gates. Mr. Balasi stated that Mr. Gates was a significant art contributor in McHenry County. The Commission decided to locate the owners of this home and inform them of its historic importance to McHenry County. Maryanne will locate the address of the owners. Jim Keefe stated that the Survey Committee will try to contact them.

Report by Staff: Maryanne Wanaski

- Maryanne commented that Nancy Furry from Hinsdale Historic Commission would like to extend an invitation to a member OHSG to speak at their June 25th meeting. Gail will talk with Shelly Trost and a decision will be made as to who will represent the McHenry County Historic Commission OHSG.

New Business

- None

Ongoing Business

- A slide presentation for the awards program was shown to Commission members. Categories were voted on and winners will be presented awards on May 31, 1998.

Old Business

- None

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
JUNE 3, 1998**

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gail Drabant, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jim Keefe, Carol Lockwood, James Pearson and Amy Duncan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Balasi and Jennifer Iftner

ADVISOR: Gloria Mack

STAFF: Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

GUESTS: Jim Prindville of Woodstock, Susan and Russ Chambers, Trudy Schuch also Paul Miller representing the Miller Family Chapel

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Prindville could not attend the Preservation awards on May 31, 1998, so the Commission presented him a plaque recognizing his efforts.

Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the application for the Miller Family Chapel property. David Gervais seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Gail Drabant questioned the family as to wishes of the spelling of the name for the plaque. It was decided that the name will read Miller/Mueller on the plaque after discussing this with the family. The family and the Commission decided to hold the ceremony on the 1st Sunday in October. Gloria Mack will be the coordinator for this event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- David Gervais made a motion to approve the minutes of May 6, 1998 with the following corrections:

“Under MEMBERS PRESENT Amy Duncan should be added to the present list and Vistas should be changed to Natural Features. Also the name Velas should be corrected throughout the minutes”.

Carol Lockwood seconded the motion which was approved, as corrected by unanimous vote.

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN: Gail Drabant

- Gail Drabant suggested that a letter of congratulation should be sent to the City of McHenry for passing their Historic Preservation Ordinance.
- The County Map with our preservation planning sites, both current and proposed, has been updated.

- Gail questioned if any of any members would like to change committees.

Survey and Landmarking: Chairperson, Jim Keefe

- See attached report

Natural Features: Chairperson, Carol Lockwood and Amy Duncan

- None

Communications: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner

- None

Municipal Liaison: Chairperson, David Gervais

- Mr. Gervais stated that he would write a letter of congratulations to McHenry City, a letter to the Village of Algonquin to offer assistance and letter of introduction to the City of Marengo.

Awards - O.H.S.G. -- Publication: Chairperson, Gail Drabant

- Gail reported that the 5th annual award presentations were very successful. She noted again that the staff of the Dole Mansion was so helpful and how perfect the site was for the awards.
- Letters were sent out to all nominees with Gail's return address which proved to be an efficient way of handling the responses.
- Historical Preservation letterhead was distributed to the Commission.
- Gail stated that she would like to thank Gloria Mack, David Gervais, Carol Lockwood, Tony Howard and Jennifer Iftner for all their help.
- Jennifer Iftner compiled a list of McHenry's Endangered Historic Sites list was distributed.
- Gail thanked Carol Lockwood for reading the definitions of the different categories at the awards presentation. It was commented that it was very helpful to the attendees.
- Gail announced that a sub-committee (Awards) meeting will be held on June 10, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at David Gervais office to finish up any outstanding business.

Grants: Chairperson, Tony Howard

- None
- Tony stated that the Commission would like to thank Gail Drabant for making the Old House Support Committee meeting a success.

Archival Reference: Chairperson, Mark Balasi

- None

Report by Staff: Maryanne Wanaski

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- Maryanne stated that the whole Commission deserves a round of applause for a job well done.
- The application for Mr. Walkup to join the Commission will be sent to Chairman Klemm along with a cover letter stating that this vacancy has been open since February and the Commission is very anxious to have it filled.

Ongoing Business

- None

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Adjournment

The meeting is to be continued until June 10, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
JULY 1, 1998**

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gail Drabant, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jim Keefe, Carol Lockwood, Mark Balasi and Jennifer Iftner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Duncan and Jim Pearson

ADVISOR: Gloria Mack

STAFF: Maryanne Wanaski

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- David Gervais made a motion to approve the minutes of May 6, 1998 with the following corrections:

“GRANTS” should read “Tony Howard stated that the Commission would like to thank Gail Drabant for making the Preservation Awards success”.

Tony Howard seconded the motion which was approved, as corrected by unanimous vote.

ADVISOR’S REPORT: Gloria Mack

- See attached report

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN: Gail Drabant

- See attached report

Survey and Landmarking: Chairperson, Jim Keefe

- See attached report
- Jim Keefe made a motion to schedule a public hearing for Mount Auburn Cemetery on August 5, 1998, seconded by Gail Drabant which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Tom Willcockson presented his maps representing McHenry County in 1870 and 1990.

Natural Features: Chairperson, Carol Lockwood and Amy Duncan

- None

Communications: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner

- None

Municipal Liaison: Chairperson, David Gervais

- See attached letter

Awards - O.H.S.G. -- Publication: Chairperson, Gail Drabant

- See attached report

Grants: Chairperson, Tony Howard

- None

Archival Reference: Chairperson, Mark Balasi

- See attached report

Report by Staff: Maryanne Wanaski

- Maryanne commented that the correct spelling of the Miller name must be established before the ordinance is written. A letter will be sent to Miller family.
- Michael Walkup's nomination was presented to the Planning and Development Committee.

Ongoing Business

- None

Old Business

- None

New Business

- David Gervais made a motion to have Gail Drabant submit a letter to the County Board acknowledging the dedication and contributions that Maryanne Wanaski has given to the Historical Commission. Tony Howard seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Adjournment

- Tony Howard made a motion to adjourn. Jim Keefe seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 5, 1998**

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gail Drabant, Amy Duncan, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Carol Lockwood, Jennifer Iftner, James Pearson and Michael Walkup

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Keefe and Mark Balasi

ADVISOR: Gloria Mack

STAFF: Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m.

Mr. Michael Walkup was welcomed as a new member and introduced the McHenry Commission Members.

The Commission thanked Maryanne Wanaski for her extra effort with the Mt. Auburn project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tony Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of July 1, 1998. David Gervais seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN: Gail Drabant

- See attached report
- Jennifer Iftner, David Gervais and Mark Balasi will volunteer for the endangered "structures" committee.

Survey and Landmarking: Chairperson, Jim Keefe

- See attached report

Natural Features: Chairperson, Carol Lockwood and Amy Duncan

- See attached report
- Gail Drabant commented that a legal description must be determined to describe the witness tree that Carol discovered.
- Maryanne will contact Springfield and report back to the Commission.

Communications: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner

- None

Municipal Liaison: Chairperson, David Gervais

- None

Awards/O.H.S.G. -- Publication: Chairperson, Gail Drabant

- See attached report

Grants: Chairperson, Tony Howard

- None
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- Tony commented that the Commission should have a better presentation to offer property owners.

Archival Reference: Chairperson, Mark Balasi

- See attached report

Report by Staff: Maryanne Wanaski

- Maryanne commended Chairperson Gail Drabrant for the article that appeared in the Chicago Tribune pertaining to a Historic Preservation Ordinance being considered by the Village of Richmond.
- There will be a conference of the Landmark Preservation Council of Illinois, September 17 through the 20th in Elgin. It was advised that members should attend since it will be held locally.
- The house on McCaully and Country Club Road (the William Walkup House) submitted a request for a "Certificate of Appropriateness".

Report by Advisor: Gloria Mack

- See attached report

New Business

- There was a discussion regarding the Sandra and Robert Bahls House chimney. (Certificate of Appropriateness) It was decided that the owners could erect a new chimney after submitting a drawing or sample of the material that would be used. David Gervais made a motion to approve the modification of the chimney. Carol Lockwood seconded the motion. The motion was approved after all members examined the new material that would be used.

Ongoing Business

- See attached report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Carol Lockwood announced that she will be leaving the Commission but would like to stay on as an Advisor. Gloria Mack also announced that she would like to join the Commission again and give up her Advisory position. A formal application for both positions will be submitted to the County Board.

Adjournment

- David Gervais made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Iftner seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 1998**

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson, Gail Drabant, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jim Keefe, Jim Pearson and Michael Walkup,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Iftner, Amy Duncan and Mark Balasi

STAFF: Maryanne Wanaski

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Gervais made a motion to approve the minutes of August 5, 1998 seconded by Jim Pearson with the following corrections:

Under "NEW BUSINESS" the minutes should read:

"A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by Carol Lockwood to issue a "Certificate of Appropriateness" to Mr. and Mrs. Bahls to replace an existing chimney (not original) on the William P. Walkup House on County Club Road. The motion was rejected by a three (3) to four (4) vote. A second motion was then made by Tony Howard, seconded by Jennifer Iftner to have the petitioners submit more information on proposed materials and construction style prior to issuing a certificate. This second motion was approved unanimously."

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON: Gail Drabant

- See attached report
- Mark Balasi and Carol Lockwood's resignations were accepted with regret by the Commission.
- Gloria Mack's application will be placed on the Planning and Development Committee agenda for approval at the September County Board meeting.

Survey and Landmarking: Chairperson, Jim Keefe, Dave Gervais and Jim Pearson

- See attached report
- The spelling on the Miller/Muller will be corrected on the plaque and presented to the family.
- Jim Keefe stated that he had received a reply from the Liberty School in Riley Township regarding interest in designating the property.
- The Mount Auburn landmarking was well attended.

Natural Features: Chairperson: Vacant

- See attached report (resigning Chairperson Carol Lockwood)

Communications: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner

- None

Joint Council Support Group: Chairperson, Gloria Mack

- None

Municipal Liaison: Chairperson, David Gervais

- None

Awards/O.H.S.G. -- Publication: Chairperson, Gail Drabant

- See attached report

Grants: Chairperson, Tony Howard

- See preservation magazine attached

Historic Sites: Chairperson, Mark Balasi

- None

Report by Staff: Maryanne Wanaski

- Maryanne stated that Gloria Mack was invited to speak about the Joint Council of Historic Groups on September 18th in Elgin.
- A new roster will be distributed at the next meeting.

Report by Advisor: Gloria Mack

- None

New Business

- None

Ongoing Business

- None

Old Business

- None

Adjournment

- This meeting has been continued until the Joint Council meeting on September 23, 1998.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 1998**

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Gervais, Jennifer Iftner, Jim Keefe, and Gloria Mack

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gail Drabant, Tony Howard, Jim Pearson, Michael Walkup and Amy Duncan

GUESTS: Susan Lamb, Carl Tomaso, Jim Bond, Dave Johnson and Michael Hackworthy

STAFF: Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

Representatives from the Village of Huntley attended the meeting to discuss the preservation of Woodstock Street. Sue Lamb, a Village Board member, stated that on September 24, 1998 the Village sent a letter from Mayor James Dhamer to Gail Drabant indicating the Village's interest in formulating an intergovernmental agreement with McHenry County. It would be a similar agreement with the Village and adopting the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance. Woodstock Street is in need of repair/replacement; it was originally constructed in the early 1900's. The bids to repair the street have been received (\$335,000.00 to \$353,000.00). The funding is the largest concern of the Village at this time. McHenry County would have to recognize Woodstock Street as a landmark before an application can be submitted to IDOT for enhancement funding.

David Gervais stated that there is a list of criteria that must be adhered to. It was suggested that the Cary ordinance could be followed with certain modifications. Maryanne Wanaski stated that she spoke with Springfield and they stated Huntley would only qualify if they would adopt the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Gloria Mack made a motion that the Village of Huntley proceed in an appropriate manner towards entering into an intergovernmental agreement with McHenry County with approval of our legal council seconded by David Gervais. There was a roll call vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Huntley delegation stated that a temporary binder cover will be placed over the street during the winter for safe driving conditions. The Village engineer assured them that it would not harm the bricks. Susan Lamb commented that original bricks would be removed and placed in other areas of Huntley. Gloria Mack suggested that the original bricks should be used in the reconstruction of the street.

Mr. Carl Tomaso, Mr. Dave Johnson will contact Dave Gervais to work out a draft ordinance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Gervais made a motion to approve the minutes of September 2, 1998, seconded by Jennifer Iftner. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON: Gail Drabant

- None

SURVEY AND LANDMARKING: Chairperson, Jim Keefe, Dave Gervais and Jim Pearson

- See attached report

NATURAL FEATURES: Vacant

- See attached report

COMMUNICATIONS: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner

- See attached report

JOINT COUNCIL SUPPORT GROUP: Chairperson, Gloria Mack

- See attached report

MUNICIPAL LIAISON: Chairperson, David Gervais

- None
- The volunteers for the "Joint Endangered Site Committee" will be Marie Colman from Algonquin, Shirley Beere from Cary, Jennifer Iftner from Harvard, Mike Walkup from Crystal Lake and Dave Gervais from Cary. There will be a meeting scheduled immediately prior to the next joint meeting.

AWARDS: Chairperson, David Gervais and Tony Howard

- None

O.H.S.G. -- PUBLICATIONS: Chairperson, Gail Drabant

- None
- Dave Gervais commented that Gail needs all and any extra help she can get for the Old House Support Group.

GRANTS: Chairperson, Tony Howard

- None

HISTORIC SITES: Vacant

- None

REPORT BY STAFF: Maryanne Wanaski

- Maryanne distributed literature from the meeting in Elgin
- The Grant application (CLG) was submitted to Springfield.
- Maryanne commented that when the Commission sends its report on the witness tree to the Planning and Development Committee that Ed Collins speak on this subject to the Committee.
- Maryanne distributed a booklet from the Village of Lakewood who are celebrating their 65th anniversary.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ONGOING BUSINESS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Dave Gervais to adjourn seconded by Jim Keefe. All aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 1998**

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gail Drabant, Amy Duncan, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jim Keefe, Gloria Mack and Michael Walkup

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Iftner and James Pearson

STAFF: Nina Campione

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by Jim Keefe to approve the minutes of October 7, 1998. All aye. Motion carried.

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON: Chairperson, Gail Drabant

- See attached report

SURVEY AND LANDMARKING: Chairperson Jim Keefe, David Gervais and Jim Pearson

- No report
- Jim commented that the Liberty School was surveyed. The building is great shape (it was built in 1863 during the Civil War).
- It was suggested by Gail that special meetings could be scheduled before or after the regular meetings to prioritize what projects should be work on next year.
- David Gervais commented that the "Witness Tree" needs to be dated. Gloria Mack said Ed Collins will document the age of the tree by taking a sample of the core.

NATURAL FEATURES: Chairperson Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan

- No report

COMMUNICATIONS: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner

- No report

JOINT COUNCIL SUPPORT GROUP: Chairperson, Gloria Mack

- Woodstock Street in Huntley was discussed. David Gervais commented that there was not enough information supplied by the representatives from Huntley. David will contact Dave Johnson to explain the procedures for acquiring an intergovernmental agreement and the process for historical designation of Woodstock Street.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON: Chairperson, David Gervais and Michael Walkup

- No report

AWARDS: David Gervais and Tony Howard

- No report

O.H.S.G. -- PUBLICATIONS: Chairperson, Gail Drabant

- See attached report
- David Gervais suggested that volunteers from various organizations could be found to help with these projects.

GRANTS: Chairperson, Tony Howard

- Tony stated that the CLG Grant application was submitted to Springfield. Information should be received in November.

ENDANGERED HISTORIC SITES: Vacant

- Michael Walkup suggested a slide presentation of endangered sites be shown to the municipal league.
- Libby Aving contacted Gail regarding the preservation plan for the Village of Greenwood.
- Gail commented that the Peacock House (owned by the Theiland family) might be demolished. The Commission has been given permission to remove any historic items from the home before demolition.

REPORT BY STAFF: Maryanne Wanaski

- No report

NEW BUSINESS

- It was commented that Gloria Scherschel from Cary would like to join the Historic Commission. Maryanne will send her an application.
- Gail Drabant's commission will expire at the end of November. A motion was made by Gloria Mack, seconded by Jim Keefe to nominate Gail Drabant for a second term as Chairperson of the McHenry County Historic Commission. All aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- No report

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by Gloria Mack to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 1998
7:07 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gail Drabant, Amy Duncan, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, Gloria Mack and James Pearson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Keefe and Michael Walkup

STAFF: Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gloria Mack, seconded by Tony Howard to approve the minutes of November 3, 1998 with the following correction:

Page 2, under NEW BUSINESS should read:
"A motion was made by Gloria Mack, seconded
by Jim Keefe to nominate Gail Drabant for a
second term as a Commissioner of the McHenry
County Historic Commission."

All aye. Motion unanimously carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON: Chairperson, Gail Drabant

- See attached report
- Gail requested a volunteer for the "Endangered Historic Sites" Committee. Jennifer Iftner volunteered for this position.

SURVEY AND LANDMARKING: Chairperson Jim Keefe, David Gervais and James Pearson

- The "Witness Tree" was discussed. There is concern with the documentation of the age of the tree. The Commission was assured that Ed Collins would evaluate the age and document it in writing. David Gervais will work with the surveyor as to the ownership of the land around the drip line of the tree. Markers were discussed because the public should be able to locate the tree.
- Gail suggested that the Survey and Landmarking Committee get together to discuss their ideas for next year's landmarking projects.

NATURAL FEATURES: Chairperson Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan

- See attached report

COMMUNICATIONS: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner

- No report

JOINT COUNCIL HISTORIC GROUP: Chairperson, Gloria Mack

- See attached report

MUNICIPAL LIAISON: Chairperson, David Gervais and Michael Walkup

- See attached letter to Mayor James Dhamer of Huntley regarding the intergovernmental agreement between the Village and the County's Preservation Commission on the possible designation of Woodstock Street in Huntley.
- Maryanne Wanaski commented that there will be an IDOT workshop on December 8, 1998 in Arlington Heights regarding TEA-21 funding for the transportation projects. Huntley is currently seeking funds from this program in order to pay for repairs to Woodstock Street.
- David stated that Village of Algonquin has passed their Historic Preservation Ordinance. A letter of congratulations will be sent to them.

AWARDS: Chairperson, David Gervais and Tony Howard

- No report

O.H.S.G. -- PUBLICATIONS: Chairperson, Gail Drabant

- See attached report

GRANTS: Chairperson, Tony Howard

- See attached report
- Tony wanted to acknowledge Gail Drabant's restoration work on the Powers-Walkup Home. He suggested that a visit to this home is a must to appreciate all the work that has been done to restore one of the County's few Greek Revivals.

ENDANGERED HISTORIC SITES: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner

- No report
- David Gervais gave Jennifer a list of Endangered Historic Sites for reference.

REPORT BY STAFF: Maryanne Wanaski

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Gail Drabant has graciously invited the Historic Commission to hold their January meeting at her home in Richmond. The Commission is looking forward to enjoying their monthly meeting in Gail's historic home.

OLD BUSINESS

- Maryanne will send Gloria Scherscel an application. Ms. Scherscel is a realtor from Cary.
- It was decided that the meetings will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month. A new calendar will be sent with next month's mailing.

ADJOURNMENT

- This meeting will continue until a later date for discussion of future projects.