

### Memorandum

To: Historic Preservation Commission Members  
From: Jill Osth, Planner  
McHenry County Department of Planning  
Date: January 6, 1992  
Re: First Meeting

November 1991, the McHenry County Board appointed you to the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. Now that the new year has begun, it seems appropriate to schedule the first meeting of the Commission. The first meeting has been scheduled for *Tuesday, January 21, 1992* at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Government Center *Annex Building* down in the first floor conference room. This meeting date has been set, because it is consistent with the former schedule of the Historic Preservation Study Committee. The Commission will be able to decide on future meeting dates which will fit your schedules better. If you have a conflict with this date, please contact the Planning Department, (815) 338-2040 ext. 4540, so your schedule can be considered during this discussion at the first meeting.

This meeting will be more of an ice-breaker than anything else. Three of the new Commission members were members of the Study Committee. A good discussion of the goals of the Historic Preservation Ordinance should be a key to this meeting. A copy of the Historic Preservation Ordinance is enclosed for your review. Bring your questions to the meeting.

And finally, a note of welcome to all. You will be joined by:

John Dalton, Marengo  
Al Kramka, Woodstock \*  
Gloria Mack, Ringwood \*  
Richard McGrath, Crystal Lake  
Donna Spicer, McHenry  
Nancy Welch, Cary  
Jim Keefe, Woodstock  
Robert Luebbe, Crystal Lake  
David Weide, Johnsburg \*

(\* indicates Study Committee Member)

I look forward to working with you. The Study Committee has given the Commission some challenging goals. It is time to address these goals and begin the down the path toward achieving them.

See you on the 21st.



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**McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING DATES FOR 1992**

January 21, 1992	July 17, 1992 Survey Committee
February 18, 1992	July 21, 1992
March 24, 1992	August 1, 1992 Survey Committee
April 21, 1992	August 11, 1992 Strategic Plan Sub-committee
May 7, 1992 Strategic Plan Sub-committee	August 18, 1992
May 19, 1992	September 15, 1992
May 30, 1992 Survey Committee	October 3, 1992 Survey Committee
June 11, 1992 Strategic Plan Sub-committee	October 20, 1992
June 13, 1992 Survey Committee	November 17, 1992
June 16, 1992	December 1, 1992 Strategic Plan Sub-committee
July 11, 1992 Survey Committee	December 15, 1992

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
January 21, 1992

Present

John Dalton  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Bob Luebbe  
Gloria Mack  
Rick McGrath  
Donna Spicer  
David Weide  
Nancy Welch

Absent

Staff

Jill Osth

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Roll was taken and the commissioners and staff were introduced. **The Commissioners will send a short biography of themselves to share. This will give all insight into each others' specialties and interests in preservation.** Jill Osth will complete the list of Commission members, addresses, and phone numbers and distribute them.

OFFICERS

It was announced that Gloria Mack will be appointed by the County Board as Chairman to the Commission. This appointment will be finalized at the February 18, 1992 County Board Meeting. The positions of Vice-chairman and Secretary needed to be filled by vote of the Commission. Jill Osth pointed out that the duties of these positions are established in the Preservation Ordinance.

**MOTION BY GLORIA MACK, SECONDED BY JIM KEEFE, FOR AL KRAMKA TO FILL THE POSITION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY JOHN DALTON, SECONDED BY DAVID WEIDE, FOR BOB LUEBBE TO FILL THE POSITION OF SECRETARY. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

These individuals will begin acting in these capacities immediately.

Chairman:	Gloria Mack
Vice-Chairman:	Al Kramka
Secretary:	Bob Luebbe

BY-LAWS

It was determined that by-laws detailing rules and procedures for the Commission should be established. **The Commission will return at the next regular scheduled meeting with their thoughts on this subject.**

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Dates: The Commission scheduled their regular meeting dates on the third

Tuesday of the month to begin at 7:30 p.m.. **The next meeting is February 18, 1992.** These dates will be determined and will be published and posted in conjunction with the open meetings act.

**Planning Commission:** For the Commission's information Jill Osth noted that the McHenry County Regional Planning Commission will be addressing Historic Preservation at their next working session meeting on February 20, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. in the Government Center Annex Building (same as the Commission's meeting place). It was the general consensus of the Commission they attend to introduce themselves to the Planning Commission and establish a working relationship as well as hear the presentation to further their education in preservation planning.

**Staggering of Terms:** The Commission noted that the ordinance requirements for staggered terms of the initial members of the Commission has not been addressed. Jill will notify Ann Hughes of the oversight and attempt to remedy the situation at the same time as the Chairman appointment is confirmed during the February County Board Meeting.

**Liability and Defense:** The Commissioners expressed concern about their liability, individually as well as collectively, while fulfilling their duties as Commissioners. The method of defense in the case of an appeal to a Commission decision was also discussed. The Commission directed Jill Osth to obtain the State's Attorney's opinion on both of these topics.

#### COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The Commission discussed the necessity and timeliness of committee establishment. John Dalton noted the importance of establishing a committee which will be responsible for monitoring and following through on the annual/periodic responsibilities the Preservation Ordinance requires. Discussion continued in many directions as the Commission got a feel for the Preservation Ordinance requirements and time frame. It was finally determined to create two initial committees: Survey & Research and Preservation Plan. These two committees best address the ordinance requirements of planning and surveying. The remaining goals of the ordinance will be included within the plan and will be addressed at completion. The Commissioner's volunteered as follows:

#### Survey and Research

Dave Weide  
Jim Keefe  
Nancy Welch  
Al Kramka

#### Preservation Plan

Gloria Mack  
Donna Spicer  
Rick McGrath  
Bob Luebbe  
John Dalton

**The Committees decided to hold their first meetings at the Woodstock Public Library. Gloria Mack volunteered to call the library and reserve rooms for the committees. The following dates were set for the committees:**

<b>Preservation Plan:</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 4 @ 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Survey and Research:</b>	<b>Wednesday, February 12 @ 7:30 p.m.</b>

**The committees will bring their ideas and findings to the next scheduled meeting.**

**Misc:** Jill Osth noted that she will begin keeping a resource list. As names of contacts are brought up, she will note them and add them to the list. Rick McGrath mentioned John Dahlquist of Elgin as a preservation architect. The Commission will (please) try to note

any names or organizations they know and bring them to the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY DAVE WEIDE, SECONDED BY NANCY WELCH TO ADJOURN.  
ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS FEBRUARY 18, 1992 AT 7:30 P.M. SEE YOU  
THERE. Please contact Jill Osth at (815) 338-2040 if you will not be able to attend.  
Thank you.

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

February 18, 1992

## Present

John Dalton  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Gloria Mack  
Rick McGrath  
Donna Spicer  
David Weide  
Nancy Welch  
Glen VonBergen, MCCD

## Absent

Bob Luebbe

## Staff

Jill Osth

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Roll was taken. Five biographies were received. Upon receipt of all the biographies, Jill will distribute the completed paper to the Commissioners.

## SURVEY AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The committee met and discussed approaches to begin their work. The committee would like to focus on areas with the most potential for losing resources such as McHenry and Nunda Townships. Copies of the McHenry County Historic Structure Survey Summary were distributed. Included with this were copies of the survey photos of the "significant structures" which were outlined in the summary. The committee also began discussing the criteria to be used for landmark designation. Al Kramka supplied the Commission with copies of the criteria the McHenry County Historical Society uses. Copies of the Kane County "Built for Farming" book were distributed. **Jill will order four more copies for the Commissioners who are interested in purchasing the publication. This committee will meet again on March 16th at 7:30 p.m. at Jim Keefe's office in Woodstock.**

## STRATEGIC PRESERVATION PLAN COMMITTEE

This committee discussed the scope and direction of the plan. Some confusion existed in terms of how this plan relates to the McHenry County Land Use Plan: Year 2005 Update and the McHenry County Zoning Ordinance. It was determined that the plan should address each of the duties and goals as outlined in the Historic Preservation Ordinance. This will include ways to address potential changes to the Land Use Plan: Year 2005 Update and the Zoning Ordinance. To clarify terms, it was the consensus of the Commission to refer to the preservation plan as the strategic preservation plan. **This committee will meet again on March 10th at 7:30 p.m. at Gloria Mack's home in Ringwood.**

## OLD BUSINESS

**CHAIRMAN:** Ann Hughes was contacted regarding Gloria Mack's appointment to the Chairmanship. Mrs. Hughes confirmed that she was appointed during the January 21, 1992 County Board meeting.

**STAGGERING TERMS:** Mrs. Hughes also directed the Commission to determine their own terms of appointment. Numbers were drawn and the following terms were established:

Rick McGrath	1 year	Donna Spicer	1 year
David Weide	2 years	Gloria Mack	2 years
Al Kramka	3 years	John Dalton	3 years
Bob Luebbe	4 years	Jim Keefe	4 years
Nancy Welch	5 years		

**BY-LAWS:** John Dalton brought samples of by-laws used by other organizations. He also sighted examples of specific rules including officer election procedures and nomination forms and procedures. Al Kramka noted that addressing the by-laws at a methodical pace may be the approach for this Commission. **A By-law committee was formed including John Dalton, Gloria Mack, and David Weide. This committee will not be meeting immediately.** The Commission will be focusing on the survey and plan.

**STATE'S ATTORNEY REPLY:** The State's Attorney has not replied. Jill will try to find out why and when a reply may be forthcoming.

**MEETING DATE PUBLICATION:** This was completed. John Dalton requested a copy of the open meetings act to check for compliance of the sub-committee meetings.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:** Jill reminded the Commission that the Planning Commission will address Historic Preservation at the February 20, 1992 meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

**MAILING LIST:** A list of the Commission membership was sent to the members.

**RESOURCE LIST:** Jill noted that she began keeping a resource list. Rick McGrath presented numerous names of individuals in the preservation field as well as publications which focus on preservation issues. These will be invaluable to the Commission.

**SEMINARS:** Rick McGrath also presented the Commission with information for seminars which will be coming up in March. One is organized by Restorations of Kane County. This may be a good networking opportunity for the Commission.

**FIKE LETTER:** The Commission was presented with a letter to be sent to Nancy Fike. It is a formal invitation to Nancy to attend the Commission meetings.

**MOTION BY AL KRAMKA, SECONDED BY DONNA SPICER, TO APPROVE THE LETTER AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Jill will contact Mike Ward of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. He is the local government contact for the IHPA. A determination will be made of the Commission's qualifications for a Certified Local Government designation.

**NEXT MEETING:** The Commission changed the meeting date from March 17, 1992 to March 24, 1992 due to election day duties. Jill will look into publication requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY DAVE WEIDE, SECONDED BY AL KRAMKA TO ADJOURN. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS MARCH 24, 1992 AT 7:30 P.M. SEE YOU THERE. Please contact Jill Osth at (815) 338-2040 if you will not be able to attend. Thank you.



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes  
March 24, 1992

## Present

John Dalton  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Bob Luebbe  
Gloria Mack  
Rick McGrath  
Donna Spicer  
David Weide

## Absent

Nancy Welch

## Staff

Jill Osth

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Roll was taken.

MOTION BY JOHN DALTON, SECONDED BY JIM KEEFE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 1992, WITH THE ADDITION OF THE NOTATION OF APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 1992 MINUTES. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

## SURVEY AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Survey and Research Committee met and discussed the problem of where they are going to start. The southeastern portion of the county is generally out of the Commission's jurisdiction. It was determined that the focus should be on areas with more potential. The unincorporated village of Greenwood was named as an example. Justification of designation of a district would be required. Other possibilities would be to focus on Historical Society designated property. The Ridgefield Presbyterian Church is an example of one from this list. This committee will be scouting the county for potential landmarks.

## PLAN COMMITTEE

The committee was unable to meet prior to this meeting.

Gloria suggested the a meeting with the mayors and managers of the municipalities. Discussion continues on getting the municipalities involved. The mayor of Batavia may be helpful in gaining insight into the reasoning of municipality officials. It was also noted that Huntley is interested in establishing a district which would save the last remaining brick paved road in the town. In response to this discussion, a **Public Relations Committee was created. The following commissioners will sit on this committee: Rick McGrath, Jim Keefe, and Al Kramka.**

The commission also agreed to formally invited the County Board members to the Commission meetings. Jill will discuss the progress of the Commission with the Planning and Development Committee at their next meeting. The Commissioners will receive Planning and Development Committee meeting schedules. (Generally they meet on the first and third Friday of each month at the County Board Room.) The minutes of the Commission meetings are distributed to the County Board members.

## OLD BUSINESS

STATE'S ATTORNEY REPLY: The State's Attorney has not replied. Jill will try to find out why and when a reply may be forthcoming.

**MEETING DATE PUBLICATION:** The members were sent memos regarding the changing of meeting dates and the required notification.

**RESOURCE LIST:** Nothing new.

**KANE COUNTY PUBLICATION:** The four copies of the "Built for Farming" were distributed and fifty dollars was collected. Forty will go to Kane County and ten will be put into a kitty.

**BIOGRAPHIES:** The biographies were distributed.

### NEW BUSINESS

**PATRICK ARCHAEOLOGY:** Jill presented the Commission with information on archaeological surveys. The Commission requested that the McHenry County Conservation District be invited to address their archaeological programs and how they may fit into the Commissions role.

**THE COMMISSIONER:** Jill inquired about the Commissioners receipt of THE COMMISSIONER, a publication of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. She will be sending the IHPA an other copy of the Commissioners' addresses.

**HISTORIC ILLINOIS/PAPER:** Jill will get copies of the paper on different preservation techniques to the Commission. Historic Illinois was presented for your information.

**RICK McGRATH:** Rick discussed Restorations of Kane County activities. He is interested in starting an "Old-Home Home Owners Group". This may help develop a constituency. He also discussed the upcoming Batavia Seminar and the need to develop a relationship with a preservation architect. So far none can be found in McHenry County. There are two in Kane and John Dalton noted that the wife of one of his partners is a preservation architect. The Commission decided to request Mr. Dixon come before the Commission to explain this role in preservation. And Rick noted that the College of Lake County offers programs in preservation. The Commission may wish to solicit MCC to determine their interest in offering the same. MCC is conducting a bus tour on June 6.

### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY BOB LUEBBE, SECONDED BY DAVE WEIDE TO ADJOURN. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS APRIL 21, 1992 AT 7:30 P.M. SEE YOU THERE.** Please contact Jill Osth at (815) 338-2040 if you will not be able to attend. Thank you.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**April 21, 1992**

Present

John Dalton  
Al Kramka  
Gloria Mack  
Donna Spicer  
Nancy Welch

Jim Keefe  
Bob Luebbe  
Rick McGrath  
David Weide

Absent

Staff

Jill Osth

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Roll was taken.

MOTION BY JIM KEEFE, SECONDED BY DAVID WEIDE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 1992. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

SURVEY AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Survey and Research Committee met and toured the Solon Mills and Greenwood areas. They visited the Gardener home, the post office, the Overton Barn, Kotner's octagonal barn and first upright silo and the Richardson site. They continued in to Greenwood. A discussion of the potential of these sites as individual landmarks and districts continued. The committee will continue their touring of the county.

PLAN COMMITTEE

The Strategic Plan Committee met and discussed the possibility of landmarking the Old Mill Inn. The consensus of the commission was positive. But it was noted that the criteria and application procedure must be established prior to any landmarking activity. Discussion on this topic continued.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Dixon, a preservation architect from St. Charles, attended the meeting at the request of Rick McGrath. The Commission invited him to take the floor and discuss some of the activities and responsibilities of architects in the preservation field. He provided the Commission with credentials, examples of his work, and examples of other preservation programs in communities. He was very informative and helpful.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission opted to postpone the remainder of the agenda material until the next general meeting in May.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY DAVID WEIDE, SECONDED BY NANCY WELCH TO CONTINUE THE MEETING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1992 AT 7:30 P.M. AT GLORIA MACK'S RESIDENCE. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS MAY 19, 1992 AT 7:30 P.M. SEE YOU THERE. Please contact Jill Osth at (815) 338-2040 if you will not be able to attend. Thank you.

**Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission;  
Strategic Plan Sub-committee**

May 7, 1992

7:30 p.m.

Gloria Mack, hosting

Present

Gloria Mack, Chairman  
John Dalton  
Bob Luebbe  
Rick McGrath

Absent

Donna Spicer  
Nancy Welch

Staff

Jill Osth

The Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Discussion began with a review of the plan outline. John Dalton noted the following areas he felt should be addressed in the Strategic Plan:

- \* Specify the nominating procedure for nominating structures to National Register
- \* Outline county staff technical background.
- \* Specify the procedures for monitoring demolition by neglect of landmarks
- \* Make provisions for the required annual report

A discussion ensued regarding potential funding of the Commission's activities. In particular, the discussion focused on lobbying the County Board for monetary support. The consensus of the committee was to hold off on a full blown request until the Commission has some headway in some of the goals of the ordinance.

The committee reviewed Rick McGrath's outline for the plan. The committee decided to mesh the staff general outline with Rick's detailed outline. Rick will present his work at the next full Commission meeting.

**MOTION BY JOHN DALTON, SECONDED BY BOB LUEBEE, TO ADJOURN.  
ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes  
May 19, 1992

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
John Dalton Jim Keefe Al Kramka Gloria Mack Rick McGrath Nancy Welch	Bob Luebbe Donna Spicer David Weide Tom McArthur, MCCD	Jill Osth

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. Roll was taken.

MOTION BY JOHN DALTON, SECONDED BY JIM KEEFE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 1992. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

## SURVEY AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Robert Peterson Estate, 4112 West McCullom Lake Road, is interested in preserving their farmstead intact. There are no related heirs involved and Mr. Peterson has been making inquiries into the best way possible to make provisions that their home remains.

MOTION BY NANCY WELCH, SECONDED BY JOHN DALTON, TO RESEARCH THE SITUATION AND DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL OF THIS SITE. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Jill will contact the Garfield Farmstead organization in Kane County. This is an example of an income producer and educational enhancer and will offer insight into the feasibility of this type of project in relation to the Peterson Farm. Jill will also write a letter to Mr. Peterson telling him of the Commission's interest in helping preserve his site. Al Kramka will contact Mr. Peterson directly to reinforce this interest.

## STRATEGIC PRESERVATION PLAN COMMITTEE

The plan is being typed by Rick McGrath. He will send it in as soon as he has finished, and then it will be distributed to the entire Commission. The supporting text will be handled by the following:

Al Kramka & Jim Keefe	History of the County	
Gloria Mack	Protect major resources	Cultivate public knowledge
John Dalton	Foster municipal participation	Strat.: Lobby for legislation
Rick McGrath	Strat.: Education programs	Strat.: Seminars
	Strat.: Preservation library	Strat.: Resource list
Nancy Welch	Strat.: Landmark, Survey, and protect	Strat.: Networking

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Molly Walsh, from McHenry County College, sent copies of their flier for the Historic Architecture Tour. She said she would be happy to distribute the Commission's flier for the "Old-Home Owners" group. She also inquired about the Commission's willingness to co-sponsor workshops this fall at MCC. Jill will be contacting Molly to begin work on the workshops.

A tentative meeting date for the first meeting of the "Old-Home Owners" group was set for Wednesday, June 25, 1992 at the County Complex. Jill will reserve a room through the

County Board Secretary. This date is subject to change.

### BY-LAWS

John Dalton has finished a first draft, and it is being typed. Copies will be distributed as soon as they come in to the office.

### (Membership Review

This was covered in the strategic plan discussion. Everyone will be helping complete the plan.)

### OLD BUSINESS

State's Attorney will represent the Commission just as they do any other Commission of the County.

Any presentation of archeological information will be postponed. The Commission has more than enough to concentrate on currently.

The Commissioner newsletter should be received by the Commission members: The addresses were sent.

The public response pamphlets, "Old-Home Owners Group) are being distributed by Rick McGrath.

### NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Fike contacted Jill prior to the last meeting regarding a proactive approach to destruction of historic resources. Gloria Mack will write a letter offering help in solving the problems developers have with old buildings. Jill will round up developer addresses and send them out.

Rick McGrath announced that the state IHPA conference will be held on June 4, 5, and 6 in Joliet. He will be attending if he can.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

**The next meeting will be held at Glacier Park (MCCD site) at Weidrick Barn at 7:30 p.m. And the July meeting will be held at the McHenry County Historical Society in Union.**

### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JOHN DALTON, SECONDED BY JIM KEEFE TO CONTINUE THE MEETING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1992 AT 7:30 P.M. AT RICK McGRATH'S RESIDENCE AND THEN TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING AT GLACIER PARK ON JUNE 16, 1992. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS MAY 19, 1992 AT 7:30 P.M. SEE YOU THERE. Please contact Jill Osth at (815) 338-2040 if you will not be able to attend. Thank you.

**Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission:  
Survey Committee  
May 30, 1992**

Present

Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Nancy Welch

Absent

David Weide

Staff

The meeting was called to order as 9:15 a.m.

**ALDEN TOUR**

The committee went to the Disbrow house, 1880, in Alden for outside viewing. It is an Italiante framehouse thought to be the residence of one of the original settlers of the Village of Alden. On the way there, they saw a house at 16222 Alden Road, owner A.M. Small. They will investigate this house further.

They then stopped at the Dan Larson property at 1614 Route 173 (1/4 mile east of Alden Rd.). This home has a stone foundation, original windows in front, and return cornice.

They discovered 9203 Alden Road, owned by Dave and Joanne Lonse, which has been lovingly cared for and has been partly restored recently. This home also has stone foundation, original windows, and return cornices. This was next to a "fish scale" cottage, small pyramid style with unusual Italiante brackets and ornamentation.

They then went by the old feed mill (Alden) and the old Alden school with stone foundation, belfry, and tin ceilings. The school was viewed internally also.

They then viewed the outside of the Charles Andrews house (1872). It is now owned by Martha and Henry Schmidt. It retains its original shutters, windows, hardware, woodwork, porch and pillars. It is an upright and wing style.

**HARVARD TOUR**

They visited with Loren Bowdish and his lovely wife, Lois at 19419 Route 173. The house was built in 1930. They have lived there since 1945. The former owner was a Dr. Maxom. At that time, the house was a summer cottage. It has been expanded greatly since then, but it retains the original stone fireplace. They donated the old telephones used in Alden, a diaper basket, a picture from Island School and a piece of the original wood from some school to the historical society. They gave them to them to take back, and entertained them with wonderful stories of the past in that area.

They took a quick look in town just for fun. They found 20 Garfield, a beautiful Victorian, built by a counterpart of Frank Lloyd Wright, a Mr. Hunt. This house was built in 1902/1903. They saw an other Victorian from the 1880's on Brown Street in Harvard.

Then they went back to work and went to the William Coventry Farm, 1855, now owned by Tom and Angela Beetstra. The house needs work especially tuck pointing.

They continued on to Rodollius Hutchinson farm, 1840, this being a Gothic Revival style home. The home is owned by the Marandy's. It is in excellent exterior condition. They did not view the inside. Mr. Marandy might not be opposed to landmark status. This home was plaqued by the McHenry County Historical Society in 1983. Each finial of the house's many gables is different.

They then viewed the Davidson homestead, 1876, on Pagles Road, Harvard. This house has a tin roof, bell on top of house for calling from fields, and original windows. This place was a great sight!!! It has been in the family for 98 years. The upright and wing Italiante farmhouse sits on a limestone foundation, believed to have been carried less than a mile from he farm. The original portion of the barn was constructed during the Civil War.

The last stop was the abandoned, deteriorating school near the Davidson farm on Pagles road. The only structure found to be constructed entirely of Dunham Twp. limestone.

The meeting continued to the Plan Committee at 12:45 p.m.

CAN WEE GET AN OFFICIAL MOTION FOR THE OPENING AND CONTINUING PLEASE.



**Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission;  
Strategic Plan Sub-committee**

June 11, 1992

7:30 p.m.

Rick McGrath, hosting

Present

Rick McGrath  
John Dalton

Absent

Gloria Mack, Chairman  
Donna Spicer  
Bob Luebbe

Staff

Jill Osth

The Meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m.

The Committee discussed the latest proposed draft outline of the plan. One change was suggested. Letter "B" was manipulated. A new heading was added under letter "B" as follows:

- B. Obtain and Maintain Certified Local Government status
  - 1. Complete application and obtain designation and rights of a CLG
    - a. Contact appropriate agencies and secure all forms required for application
    - b. Secure contact name and phone number of resource person available to assist with any questions and other needs.
    - c. Develop an action plan to delegate responsibilities and time tables
  - 2. Complete an annual report for State Historic Preservation Officer
    - a. Document ordinance enforcement
    - b. Maintain qualified Commission
    - c. Report on Survey System
    - d. Report on Public Participation
    - e. Reviews National Register nominations
    - f. Report on representation at preservation meeting
    - g. Monitor proposed activity on historic sites
    - h. Notify ownership of property and provide hearing
    - i. Carry of CLG procedures

and

- F. Foster municipal participation
  - 1. Develop communication among the local governments and preservation organizations.....

The rest remains the same.

The Committee also discussed misc. information. John Dalton noted his progress on the By-laws. Rick McGrath noted his attendance at the State Preservation Conference. He found two individuals whose names should be added to the Resource list:

Nellie L. Longworth : lobbyist  
Bradford J. White : preservation atty.

The committee also suggested compiling formal survey cards for the survey committee. It will be discussed at the general meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission:  
Survey Committee  
June 13, 1992

Present  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Nancy Welch

Absent  
David Weide

Staff

They first stopped at the Seneca Town Hall, 1885, located in Franklinville and still used for voting. The building is owned by Seneca Township and has stone foundation and needs scraping and painting. We then went to the Franklinville Methodist/Episcopal Church, 1849, which is now a private residence owned by List Kelly. It is slowly being restored (roof has been redone) the building was used for church until quite recently. The original trim over the windows and cement block foundation can be viewed today. The steeple fell down in the 1920's.

River Road was a "gold mine", to quote Jim. That means they made several not on the list stops to look at what was present. 2200 River Road and Hawthorne is Limestone School, maybe National Register material. This building is owned by Angelo DeBonna of Marengo. He uses it for a storage building. They saw an other school house on River Road, 1014. It is marked "Standard School District 108; was a frame structure. The current owner current owner. They also went to the round barn, with cupola, at 25208 River Road, Marengo. It is the only remaining round barn in McHenry County. It is owned by Rudy and Jean Calzavara who run the "Top Hat" rodeo. The farm dates from 1897 and was built by Willard Brothers Construction, Belvidere for R.B. Willard. Joh Ward was the stone mason from Marengo. They also stopped at 24605 River Road. It is a white farm house next to the pig farm. The tenant will be sending a copy of a letter documenting the history of the house.

Next they stopped at a 1850 Greek Revival style brick homestead at 23918 River Road. It was built for Eliza Howe. It sold to Fleming and then to R.D. Watkins (2nd generation) at present residence). It needs tuck pointing. Other finds include:

24900 River Rd. - Brick Greek Revival upright and wing style  
19010 River Rd. - Helpers- kupple foundation, 1900, upright  
and wing  
26006 River Rd. - Chambers- limestone block, Greek Revival  
style

Tour ended.

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

June 16, 1992

### MCCD Glacial Park

#### Present

John Dalton  
Al Kramka  
Bob Luebbe  
Gloria Mack  
Rick McGrath  
Donna Spicer

#### Absent

Jim Keefe  
David Weide  
Nancy Welch  
Tom McArthy, MCCD

#### Staff

Jill Osth

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Roll was taken.

MOTION BY DONNA SPICER, SECONDED BY AL KRAMKA TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 19, 1992. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

#### SURVEY AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Al Kramka reported on his visit to the Robert Petersen Estate. The family is interested in getting protection for the property, and the property does appear to have historical significance. The family did not have any concrete documentation on the history of the property, but they were directed to do some research. Oral records place the date of construction at 1830's. Jill Osth noted that she had contacted MCCD and the Land Trust with the information of the estate. Jill talked to Virginia Peschke, County Board member, regarding this issue. Virginia reported that both MCCD and the Land Trust are actively pursuing the issue as well. This would appear to be a wonderful opportunity for some team work.

Al Kramka reported on the Survey Committee's activities. They toured Alden and noted structures with potential. For a detailed discussion of this tour, see the Survey Committee minutes.

The Committee also toured River Rd. west of Marengo. They were quite surprised at the resources on this road. They found two school houses, two red brick Greek Revival homes, a limestone house, the round barn, and a Greek Revival with two wings. The condition of these buildings varied, but all have potential.

The Survey Committee will receive examples of survey cards and compile a final format which will be used as the formal survey cards for any buildings the committee finds significant. This organization of the survey activity will aid in obtaining and maintaining Certified Local Government status.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE

The Plan Committee met and discussed the current status of the plan. A change was made in the outline under letter "B". A separate section was made for Certified Local Government activities and Municipal Participation was moved to letter "F". Other than that one change, the consensus was that the outline is ready for text.

John Dalton noted that he will be asking for additional information from the Commission to aid in his work on CLG status. He will need resume information from each member. Jill will copy and send out the form for this.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Commission discussed the need for the Commissioners to have identification cards of some sort. It is difficult to convince some people that the people at the door have sincere intentions. Jill will look into this.

It would also be beneficial to start compiling information pamphlets on the Commission, landmarking, preservation, etc. to distribute.

The first meeting of the "Old-home owners" group is scheduled for June 24, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Government Center in Woodstock. This is just a general meeting to get the ball rolling.

Gloria Mack composed a letter to be sent to the municipal leaders. Rick McGrath said he would like to add information about other communities' programs to the letter. Elgin's and Evanston's facade programs are good examples which would be graphic representations to the local governments and would hopefully entice them to find out more. Rick will work on the final packet to be sent.

John Dalton also composed a letter. This one will be distributed to local developers. An article highlighting an Orland Park project will be included, again, for a graphic example of what can be done.

## BY-LAWS

John Dalton has finished a first draft, however, he will now be incorporating the information from the state on CLG status. As soon as this step is complete, copies will be distributed.

## OLD BUSINESS

(All discussed within committee reports)

## NEW BUSINESS

A copy of the county's Statement of Economic Interests will be distributed to the Commission. Please complete them and return them at the next meeting or by mail. Thank you.

The Valley Hi cemetery is in sad shape. The Commission agreed that researching and acquiring a memorial plaque for those buried would be an excellent activity. The potential of this project includes networking with local organizations to help fund the project.

John Dalton noted that MCCD is an ex-officio member for a reason, and their attendance at the meetings is important.

**MOTION BY JOHN DALTON, SECONDED BY BOB LUEBBE, TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION CHAIR TO COMPOSE A LETTER TO MCCD WHICH EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR ATTENDANCE AND REQUESTS THAT THEY BEGIN SENDING A DELEGATE ON A REGULAR BASIS. ALL AYE MOTION CARRIED.**

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting will be held at the McHenry County Historical Museum in Union at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY BOB LUEBBE, SECONDED BY AL KRAMKA TO CONTINUE THE MEETING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1992 AT 7:30 P.M. AT GLORIA MACK'S RESIDENCE AND THEN TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING AT HISTORICAL MUSEUM IN UNION JULY 21, 1992. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

The Survey Committee has tentatively scheduled their next tour for July 11, 1992.

The meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

**Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission:  
Survey Committee  
July 11, 1992**

Present

Al Kramka  
Nancy Welch

Absent

Jim Keefe  
David Weide

Staff

Riley

The Riley Methodist Church dates from 1890's. It had curved pews long before they were popular. This building plaqued by Historical Society as was the Riley Town Hall. The town hall dates from 1868 and is the oldest one in McHenry County.

S.R. Morris Home on Harmony Rd., #17907, is owned by Sherri and Fred Matoznik. The previous owners, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill, now live across the road. The Morris Home has a rubble foundation (cement now covers it). It is a Greek Revival and has the original siding, door trim, and cornice (mostly original). It also has the original freeze board with the windows. The home dates from 1854. They talked to Mr. and Mrs. Hill about the Morris property when they lived there and Al was trusted with some photographs of the home for copying. The Hills were very informative, helpful, and interested in preservation.

The Prescott Whitemare House, 13520 Marengo Rd., is Gothic carpenter, limestone with limestone foundation and filigree trim. The Borharts own the farmstead now. She invited them in to see the home and told about Bea Peterson who worked the farm originally. The farmstead also has an older turn of the century barn on limestone foundation. The original barn burned down and the current one stands on the original's foundation.

9600 Harmony Hill Road, Marengo, the Harmony Hill Farm date from 1882 and was the former home of Chapin Wilcox of Union. This farmstead includes a Second Empire house in excellent condition, a barn on a fieldstone foundation, and a tile silo. It is an awesome sight. It is unique in that it is one of two Second Empire homes found in rural McHenry County. The owners told Al it was once a Victorian, and had much activity during Prohibition. They intend to make an appointment with the owner as they are interested, but had no time during this visit. It is highly recommended that action be taken on this structure based on its uniqueness and condition.

Don and Anette Malaker: 815-923-4369

Beck Rd.. W.K. Szeskie residence off of Huntley-Harmony Road. An Italiante with rubble foundation and Hemmer house, a Victorian, should both be researched further.

Minutes of Strategic Plan Committee Meeting

July 17, 1992

The meeting was held at the home of Gloria Mack. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm. The members present were:

Gloria Mack

Rick McGrath

Donna Spicer

The resignation of Bob Lubbee was discussed. It was determined that a letter would be sent from the commission commending Bob for his contribution. Gloria Mack will compose the letter and present it to the entire Commission at the July 21st meeting.

Progress on the strategic plan was addressed. Gloria Mack suggested that date be set for completion of the plan. Rick McGrath thought that August was a realistic date. Gloria Mack and Donna Spicer concurred. Gloria Mack suggested we should get as much as our information to Jill as possible to prevent her from being buried with all sections of the plan at the same time.

Gloria Mack contacted Alderman Larry Skipper of Marengo. He stated that their Zoning Plan was in their "Legal Department" and if it met with their approval it would be adopted as is. He agreed to send us a copy of the agreement and I consented to send him a copy of County Historic Preservation Ordinance. He requested that it be sent to Betty Struckmeyer (sp ?) at the Marengo City Hall. He also asked that we include a note instructing Betty to provide copies to all the alderman.

Rick McGrath expressed concerns that with all the organizations "plaguing" how will we prevent doubling up. It was also discussed that

it would be beneficial if a representative of the Historic Society report on their activities and in turn report to them on our activities.

Rick McGrath reported that he is working on a package to present to Mayors regarding the economic advantages of preservation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**July 21, 1992**  
**McHenry County Historical Society**  
**Union, Illinois**

Present

John Dalton  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Gloria Mack  
Rick McGrath  
Steve Gulgren, MCCD

Absent

Donna Spicer  
David Weide  
Nancy Welch

Staff

Jill Osth

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. Roll was taken.

**MOTION BY JIM KEEFE, SECONDED BY RICK MCGRATH TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 1992. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

SURVEY AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The subcommittee minutes of July 11, 1992 were distributed. Al Kramka noted they attempted to use the Illinois Survey Cards. They need a little alteration to be appropriate for the Commission's purposes. Rick McGrath noted that the categories listed for the residential structures is quite limited in scope. The Commission suggested adding an "other" category to the list to allow for more flexibility.

Al continued with discussion on the homes the committee visited. There are a couple of excellent specimen on Harmony Hill Road. Both are reported in their July 11, 1992 minutes.

The committee still has many places to visit and complete reports. The Anson and Orson Rogers homes for example need to be reported. John Dalton suggested that more commercial buildings be addressed. In response, Al noted that most of the commercial buildings are found within corporate limits.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE

The minutes of the July 16, 1992 committee meeting were distributed for review. The first draft of the first section of the plan were distributed by Al Kramka and Jim Keefe. The Commission decided to make references within an appendix at the end of the final plan document acknowledging the sources of information contained within the plan. **First drafts of the rest of the plan sections will be due at the next Plan committee meeting in August.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Rick submitted a packet of floor plans which offer facades reflecting historic styles. This packet will be distributed to communities; so, they will be aware that developers do have style options are compatible with the surrounding area.

The Old Home Support Group will meet on Wednesday, July 22, 1992 at the County again. (Pease join us).

Jill is still working with MCC on the September 23, 1992 seminar on researching your home.

Rick also suggested that the Commission begin active networking with the local preservation organizations. Put a report of activities on the agenda each month and try to get on the mailing lists of the organizations. Jill will put together a list of the local organizations. (attached)

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY JIM KEEFE, SECONDED BY JOHN DALTON TO CONTINUE THE MEETING TO THE PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1992 AT 7:30 P.M. AT GOVERNMENT CENTER. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

The Survey Committee has tentatively scheduled their next tour for August 1, 1992.

The meeting closed at 9:12 p.m.

**Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission:  
Survey Committee  
August 1, 1992**

Present

Al Kramka  
Nancy Welch  
Jim Keefe

Absent

David Weide

Staff

13630 Nichols Rd.  
Hebron, IL  
Phone: 648-2830

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are interested in preservation and very graciously gave considerable time to the committee. They brought out pictures, gave a tour through the house and outbuildings, and will be filling out forms from the Historical Society.

Steve Johnson residence and farmstead, 164 acres, was the Brigham Farm. It dates back to the 1830's, and the homestead dates to approximately 1836. The original log cabin was across the road from where the present house stands and was moved over and became part of the existing structure. This can be seen from the basement. The house is primarily heated by the original huge wood burning furnace still in use. The Johnson's have supplemental heat, but report the house is comfortably fueled by the old wood burner. We spent over two hours on the farmstead viewing the house and barns inside and out. The cement silo has a redwood silo inside for the grain storage. The barn was built in approximately 1852 with wood brought from Kenoda, WI by oxen train. The out buildings are rich in unusual equipment, for example, a rendering operation was conducted in a shed style building for the purpose of producing mink feed by the early owner. Mr. Brigham also is reported to have dug and dammed the farm's good size pond himself. The house now has asbestos siding (pre WW II type).

Mr. Johnson's mother, Ruth Johnson, stopped over and invited the committee to her home at 10206 Johnson Road. This home is Greek Revival style with an active bell cupola for calling farmhands and grandchildren. This home dates from 1853 (about the same as the Gardner's). In the past, the house had a captain's walk. In general, the home has experienced some outside changes. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnson want to know if the home is worthy of plaquing.

Next meeting August 15, 8:00 a.m. at Jim Keefe's office.

**MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE OF AUGUST 11, 1992**

The meeting was held at the court house annex. It was called to order at 7:30 pm. Those present were Jill Osth, Gloria Mack and Donna Spicer. Rick McGrath telephoned that he would not be able to attend and John Dalton left a message that he was tied up on the Kennedy.

Jill informed us that she had spoken to Ann Hughes and that there were several highly qualified applicants for the vacancy caused by Bob Lubbees resignation. One person was a member of the Arts Commission and was an expert on historic landscape design. Another applicant was a licensed architect. It was discussed that a licensed architect would be of real value to the commission and would also comply with the requirements of the ordinance. We regreted having to surpass Gail Drabant but hoped that we would be able to persuade her to apply again.

The composition of the plan was discussed and Donna mentioned she needed some additional information to complete her section. Jill was able to provide her with some resource information that she had recently acquired.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**"Minutes"**  
**August 18, 1992**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

Present

Al Kramka  
Gloria Mack  
Donna Spicer  
David Weide  
Steve Gulgren, MCCD

Absent

John Dalton  
Jim Keefe  
Rick McGrath  
Nancy Welch

Staff

Jill Osth

QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT, THE FOLLOWING IS GENERAL DISCUSSION.

Survey and Research

Al Kramka discussed the recent tours the committee has done. The Bringham Farm, as per Survey Committee Minutes from August 1, 1992, has great potential for landmarking. Vander Kar Road was the destination for the August 15 tour. There were approximately three homes with potential within one mile of each other. The Weisner and Stewart places were particularly nice. Fleming Road boasts the Rider Home.

Plan

The minutes were distributed and briefly discussed. The Commission is falling behind on finishing the plan.

Public Relations

On August 20, 1992 there will be an other meeting of the Old Home Owners Support Group. And the September 23, 1992 seminar on researching your old home is moving along. Fliers were distributed to members.

By-laws

No discussion

Old Business

Al will start using the Peterson farm for a trial run of the draft nomination form. This will allow for activity on the Peterson farm as well as testing the form to see what is missing or needed.

Receipts of the Statements of Economic Interest were given to those present

Pauper Cemetery: no discussion

A new member was appointed today. His name is John Jurewicz. He is an architect from Wonder Lake. Jill will be sending him a letter of welcome as well as sending letters to the other three nominees to encourage their continued participation.

Misc. discussion.... Every one left at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION BY JOHN DALTON, SECONDED BY JIM KEEFE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 1992. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

### SURVEY AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Robert Peterson Estate, 4112 West McCullom Lake Road, is interested in preserving their farmstead intact. There are no related heirs involved and Mr. Peterson has been making inquiries into the best way possible to make provisions that their home remains.

MOTION BY NANCY WELCH, SECONDED BY JOHN DALTON, TO RESEARCH THE SITUATION AND DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL OF THIS SITE. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Jill will contact the Garfield Farmstead organization in Kane County. This is an example of an income producer and educational enhancer and will offer insight into the feasibility of this type of project in relation to the Peterson Farm. Jill will also write a letter to Mr. Peterson telling him of the Commission's interest in helping preserve his site. Al Kramka will contact Mr. Peterson directly to reinforce this interest.

### STRATEGIC PRESERVATION PLAN COMMITTEE

The plan is being typed by Rick McGrath. He will send it in as soon as he has finished, and then it will be distributed to the entire Commission. The supporting text will be handled by the following:

Al Kramka & Jim Keefe	History of the County	
Gloria Mack	Protect major resources	Cultivate public knowledge
John Dalton	Foster municipal participation	Strat.: Lobby for legislation
Rick McGrath	Strat.: Education programs	Strat.: Seminars
	Strat.: Preservation library	Strat.: Resource list
Nancy Welch	Strat.: Landmark, Survey, and protect	Maintain existing character
		Strat.: Networking

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Molly Walsh, from McHenry County College, sent copies of their flier for the Historic Architecture Tour. She said she would be happy to distribute the Commission's flier for the "Old-Home Owners" group. She also inquired about the Commission's willingness to co-sponsor workshops this fall at MCC. Jill will be contacting Molly to begin work on the

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
September 15, 1992  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

John Dalton  
John Jurewicz  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Gloria Mack  
Rick McGrath  
Nancy Welch  
Steve Gulgren, MCCD

Absent

Donna Spicer  
David Weide

Staff

Jill Osth

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

New member, John Jurewicz, was introduced briefly to the Commission.

MOTION BY JIM KEEFE, SECONDED BY JOHN DALTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 21, 1992. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY AL KRAMKA, SECONDED BY JIM KEEFE TO ACCEPT THE NOTES OF THE NON-MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 1992. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

SURVEY AND RESEARCH

Pictures of past tours were passed among the Commissioners: Vander Karr Road. The apparent interest of that community was reiterated. The Survey Committee did not meet since the last meeting. They will be going out again on October 3, 1992. They will meet at Jim Keefe's office in Woodstock at 8:00 a.m..

PLAN COMMITTEE

The Plan Committee did not meet either. But **THEY WILL HAVE A DRAFT OF THE PLAN DISTRIBUTED TO THE ENTIRE COMMISSION BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING, SO, IT CAN BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The "Research Your Old Home" Seminar is all set and will be held as scheduled on September 23, at 7:00 p.m. at MCC in the Conference Center. No one wanted to volunteer to moderate so Jill will be forced into public speaking that evening.

The Old Home Support Group will have its first educational meeting September 17, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. John Roberson, architect, will be speaking to the group about the priorities of preservation of a home. Lisa Kelley, a member of the group, is a freelance writer for the Star newspapers. She will hopefully be writing an article on the group and the Commission for the paper. With any luck, this should substantially add to the Commission's visibility.

Rick McGrath spoke with Mike Ward from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. Mr. Ward is very interested in the Commission's activities and would be willing to host a educational seminar for the Commission. It was also discussed that this could be more regional in nature with Kane and Boone County's participating. MCC was suggested for a

a Holiday dinner/meeting. More discussion next month.

**MOTION BY JOHN DALTON, SECONDED BY AL KRAMKA, TO CONTINUE THIS MEETING UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 20, 1992 AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER. ALL AYE MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting closed at 9:05 p.m.

**NOTE: THE NEXT MEETING WILL MEET AT 7:00 P.M. THERE IS A LOT OF BUSINESS TO COVER. BE PREPARED.**

**The survey committee will be touring on October 3, 1992 at 8:00 a.m. They meet at Jim Keefe's office in Woodstock.**

**The plan committee meeting is tentatively set for October 13, 1992 at 7:30 at Rick McGrath's house in Crystal Lake.**



**Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission:  
Survey Committee  
October 3, 1992**

Present

Absent

Staff

Al Kramka  
Nancy Welch  
Jim Keefe  
John Jurewicz

Welcome to John Jurewicz. He will be a very valuable addition to the survey committee.

2110 Country Club Road  
Simon Wheeler House

This home was built in 1867. The home was constructed of local brick and is Greek Revival style. The home is now owned by Bev and Bill Meikel and has been plaqued. The property has a wooden chapel in a separate building complete with a steeple and pews. It was built for the Wheeler's daughter to be married in.

6310 Crystal Springs Road  
Crystal Lake  
The Holcombville School

This school was constructed in 1858. Records state it was converted to a single family residence. We need to find out if this is in the county or Bull Valley jurisdiction. It was plaqued in 1978 by the Polly Crandall Questers. This one has definite potential.

8909 McConnell Road  
The Ormsby House

This house was built by the Ormsby family and was added to by the Stark (Stark piano factory) family. This Greek Revival home was built in approximately 1861. It could be the first swimming pool in McHenry County which was installed in the 1940's. The house is presently on the market for \$650,000. We spoke at length with the present owners, the Martinek's. They gave a gracious tour of the inside of the property. Parts of the exterior have been renovated and restored in keeping with the original character of the property.

2809 Country Club Road  
The Walkup House

This house is Italiante. The home has a rubble foundation, and is in excellent condition. The property was purchased in 1836 and an addition in 1869. This a tastefully maintained home that has stayed close to original design. This has definite landmark potential.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**October 20, 1992**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

Present  
John Dalton  
John Jurewicz  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Gloria Mack  
Rick McGrath  
Donna Spicer  
Nancy Welch  
Steve Gulgren, MCCD

Absent

Staff  
Jill Osth

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

MOTION BY JIM KEEFE, SECONDED BY AL KRAMKA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 1992. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

SURVEY AND RESEARCH

The minutes of their last tour have been submitted. They toured Country Club Road, Crystal Springs Road and Walk Up Road. Some of the buildings added to the survey included the Simon Wheeler home, the Ormsby home, the Walkup House, and the Holcombville School. They feel that this tour contained some of the best examples of potential landmarks yet.

PLAN COMMITTEE

A very rough draft of the goals were distributed during the meeting and discussed. For the most part, the Commission was in agreement with goals and text. A better draft will be completed and distributed prior to the next meeting, this is a promise.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The "Research Your Old Home" Seminar went well last month. The speakers were very well spoken and the turn out was good, about 40 people.

The Old Home Support Group is going well too. The last meeting had a low turn out, believe to be due to the presidential debates. But a steady following is building, and the interest is there.

BY-LAWS

John Dalton distributed the draft copy of the by-laws, all 23 pages of them. The Commission began their review of the draft, but will continue review until next month's meeting after the Commissioners have a chance to read the document thoroughly over the next month.

OLD BUSINESS

The Peterson Estate was discussed at length. Al Kramka went to visit the family again. They gave him a copy of their legal description for the nomination form. Al used the nomination form for a brief review of the estate. The weighting system of appendix D was discussed.

Something is not working and the results will either come out extremely high or low. Jill will call Kane County and ask how it is done. Al will bring in a copy of the McHenry County Historical Society system, you know it's not a shlacko group! Jill will run an aerial map of the estate for the Petersons.

The pauper cemetery was not discussed.

The nomination form was distributed and will be discussed next month.

The "Meyer" letter has been dropped. Nancy Welch got in touch with the man and he was just grasping at straws to get rid of the property.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Betty Thomas has been appointed to the vacated position of David Weide. Mr. Weide resigned last month. Ms. Thomas will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting in November.

**MOTION BY JOHN DALTON, SECONDED BY AL KRAMKA, TO ADJOURN. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.

**NOTE: THE NEXT MEETING WILL MEET AT 7:00 P.M. THERE IS A LOT OF BUSINESS TO COVER. BE PREPARED.**

**The survey committee will be touring on October 31, 1992. They meet at Jim Keefe's office in Woodstock.**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**November 17, 1992**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

Present

John Dalton  
John Jurewicz  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Gloria Mack  
Rick McGrath  
Donna Spicer  
Nancy Welch

Absent

Betty Thomas  
Steve Gulgren, MCCD

Staff

Jill Osth

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Betty Thomas sent a note of apology for not being able to attend this meeting. She had previous commitments. Steve Gulgren also sent apology for his absence.

MOTION BY JIM KEEFE, SECONDED BY AL KRAMKA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 1992. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

SURVEY AND RESEARCH

No minutes were submitted, but the Committee did meet.

The Committee visited the Kennedy Station. This house has been plaqued by the McHenry County Historical Society. This house has excellent potential for landmark status.

The Committee did tour other sites, but they were not note worthy, incorporated, or the owner expressed intense offense at the presence of the Committee.

The Committee also discussed the Somers/Krohme (sp.) house. The property was not viewed by the Committee, but interest in landmark status was conveyed by the owner of the property. It is possible this home sits on the site of the old Harvard Brickyard. The Committee will do some follow up on this expressed interest.

The Commission discussed the Evaluation Criteria. Jill explained how Kane County's worked, based on a phone call to Chris Poll, Kane County's Preservation Planner. This system is subjective although it involves the use of objective numbers. The Commission was adamant in expressing their feelings on the use of such a tool. They made it perfectly clear that this is just a a tool used to aid in the decision making process. All of the information presented in a nomination must be considered. A rating system can not possibly reflect an accurate cut off point for those sites to be considered for landmarking and those not to be considered.

MOTION BY JIM KEEFE, SECONDED BY DONNA SPICER, TO ADOPT KANE COUNTY'S RATING SYSTEM OF EVALUATION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES AS THE MCHENRY COUNTY'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RATING SYSTEM. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

The Commission discussed the submitted draft of the Nomination Form. Corrections were made.

MOTION BY JIM KEEFE, SECONDED BY NANCY WELCH, TO ADOPT THE NOMINATION FORM AS CORRECTED. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

### PRESERVATION PLAN

The Committee did not meet, but copies of a plan draft were distributed by mail. The Commission discussed the plan at length and the changes will be reflected in the next draft of the plan.

During this Committee report, the Commission addressed a top priority from the plan, the demolition process. Jill contends that a demolition permit is only required when the demolished building will not be replaced by a new structure. This comment was based on a conversation with one of the inspectors. The Commission will begin meeting with Jeff Thompson, Director of Planning and Development, to work toward cooperation from the permit division of the Department to allow for review of demolition permits and develop new policy for demolition permit requirements.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Commission commended Rick McGrath on his efforts with the Old Home Support Group. They whole-heartedly support this program as it is a key to gaining public understanding and involvement in preservation efforts. This program will undoubtedly influence many more people than the landmark program will.

### BY-LAWS

The By-law discussion was tabled until next month due to lack of time.

### OLD BUSINESS

The Peterson Estate and the pauper cemetery were not discussed.

Mike Ward will be in town in January for the Old Home Support Group. The Commission briefly discussed the possibility of organizing a seminar for regional preservation groups at this time. Rick McGrath explained that based on conversations with Mike, the ball is in his court for any additional activities during his visit.

John Dalton reported that the Certified Local Government nomination is moving along and he hopes to be able to submit by next spring ('93).

The Commission flier was distributed by mail. The typo has been corrected in Steve Gulgren's title. (sorry)

### NEW BUSINESS

The Annual Report will be completed for the January meeting.

Jill announced that the McHenry County Regional Planning Commission has requested the Commission submit information on historic communities in the County to be designated on the Plan Map as areas which will require sensitive development design.

**MOTION BY JOHN DALTON, SECONDED BY GLORIA MACK, TO DIRECT THE SURVEY COMMITTEE TO DESIGNATE HISTORIC AREAS TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE LAND USE PLAN MAP. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

Jule Hahn contacted Jill regarding the William Wingate property located along Walkup at the covered bridge. Mr. Wingate is interested in landmark status. The Survey Committee has taken the lead and will follow through.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION BY JOHN DALTON, SECONDED BY JIM KEEFE, TO ADJOURN. ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**NOTE: THE NEXT MEETING WILL MEET AT 7:00 P.M. THERE IS STILL A LOT OF BUSINESS TO COVER. BE PREPARED.**

**ALSO, SINCE THIS MEETING WILL OCCUR DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, DO NOT FORGET TO BE IN A FESTIVE MOOD. SOME OF YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO BRING FOOD!!! ENJOY.....**

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 1992 STRATEGIC PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE

.The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

.Those present: Gloria Mack John Dalton Rich McGrath.

Gloria Mack reviewed the IAHP request for a liaison and requested John Daltons permission to put his name in nomination for the aforementioned liaison at the next regular meeting. He concurred.

The pending newsletter was discussed. Rich McGrath brought a copy of a Belvedere newsletter for our review. Gloria Mack suggested that we contact all the preservation organizations and ask them to submit information for the newsletter. It was mutually concluded that at this point in time that a quarterly newsletter would be adequate.

Gloria Mack suggested that Donna Spicer might be interested in serving on the newsletter committee. She will be contacted for her input. Rich McGrath agreed to be on the newsletter committee as well. His knowledge of the organizations and other preservation groups will be invaluable.

John Dalton advised that we make it clear to Jeff Thompson (Director of the Planning Dept. ) that a representative of the Planning Committee attend our meeting and serve as staff to the commission as outlined in the ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
December 15, 1992  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

John Dalton  
Steve Gulgren  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Gloria Mack  
Rick McGrath  
Donna Spicer  
Betty Thomas

Absent

John Jurewicz

Staff

Mary Ann Littleton

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEEFE, SECONDED BY KRAMKA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 1992 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION: PAGE 2, PUBLIC RELATIONS - "...THEY WHOLE-HEARTEDLY SUPPORT..." VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

SURVEY AND RESEARCH

Jim Keefe reviewed the plan map designating areas requiring sensitive development design. This map was sent to the McHenry County Regional Planning Commission as requested.

John Dalton will be contacting Mike Ward regarding ordinance incentives and a copy of the enabling legislation to provide tax breaks for owners of landmarked property. These incentives would help offset the necessary restrictions placed on owners when their property is landmarked. The tax breaks would also ease the burden of retaining and restoring older buildings.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Many changes to The Plan were reviewed and noted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DALTON, AND SECONDED BY KEEFE TO ADOPT THE MCHENRY COUNTY PRESERVATION PLAN AS AMENDED. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

The remaining topics on the agenda were tabled due to lack of time.



**MINUTES  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 15, 1992  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be January 19, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. Staff will arrange to publish and post this meeting. Meeting dates for the balance of the year will be set at the next meeting and will be posted and published in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DALTON, SECOND BY KEEFE TO ADJOURN. VOTE:  
ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



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**McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING DATES FOR 1993**

January 19, 1993

February 16, 1993

March 16, 1993

April 20, 1993

**MEETING** May 11, 1993 **CANCELLED**

June 8, 1993

July 13, 1993

August 3, 1993

September 14, 1993

October 12, 1993

November 9, 1993

December 14, 1993

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
January 19, 1993  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
John Dalton	<del>Steve Galgren</del>	Patty Barrett
John Jurewicz	Donna Spicer	
Jim Keefe		
Al Kramka		
Gloria Mack		
<del>Rick McGrath</del>		
Nancy Welch		
Betty Thomas		

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KRAMKA, SECONDED BY WELCH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 1992 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION: NANCY WELCH ADDED TO ABSENT LIST. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Gloria Mack spoke at Sheppard of the Hills in McHenry to a group on the Historical Commission, which was well recieved.

Jim Keefe mentioned a calendar that is put out by the State of IL Historical Society, which accepts slides as a possible photo in the calendar. Anyone interested in trying to submit one can bring it to the committee to review, before the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The following were briefly discussed:

Kennedy House - no change, still interested.

Logo Update - Donna Spicer is working on it. John Jurewicz & Donna Spicer will have a few sketches for next meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM KEEFE AND SECONDED BY NANCY WELCH TO ACCEPT THE BY-LAWS. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be February 16, 1993, at 7:30 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM KEEFE AND SECONDED BY AL KRAMKA TO ADJOURN. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**February 16, 1993**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
John Dalton	Steve Gulgren	Linda Spates
John Jurewicz	Al Kramka	
Gloria Mack	Richard McGra <del>th</del>	
Jim Keefe	Betty Thomas	
Donna Spicer	Nancy Welch	

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DALTON, SECONDED BY KEEFE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 1993 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION: STEVE GULGREN WAS PRESENT AT JANUARY MEETING. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

A letter was received from Mr Wingate to Mr Keefe to review the historical building which was originally reviewed approximately 3 weeks ago. Mr. Wingate moved into Carefree Village and his land is now owned by the Nature Conservatory. Mr Keefe sent a letter stating the commission is looking for well maintained homes with historical significance. An application was also sent to Mr. Wingate. His home was moved in the 40's from Lake in the Hills and a large porch was added on in front. Recommendation is not to plaque at this time from the committee.

ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Mack and Mr. McGra~~th~~ met to discuss the Annual Report. Ms Welch sent Ms. Mack the Survey Committee Report to Ms. Mack than it was sent to Planning and Development Staff to be typed and attached. Mr. McGra~~th~~ gave Ms. Mack the old house statement to be attached with brochure. Ms Mack wrote a summary on Code Seminar and presented it at McHenry County College. Mr. Dalton requested copies of the seminar. Ms. Mack composed cover letter and reviewed it with the committee members. Mr. Dalton questioned the by-laws which are being sent with the plan to the County Board. He also requested that Ms. Mack contact Jeff Thompson and have to plan to be put on Planning and Development Committee Agenda.

NEWSLETTER

Ms. Mack contacted Mr. McGra~~th~~ prior to the meeting and stated he would be happy to do the Newsletter. He is associated with the Homeowners group and is in touch with most of the Old Home organization and association.

## OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Mack spoke on Pauper Cemetary. Information was given to committee from Virginia Lovett. Gloria will contact Nancy Fike on 2/17/93 to see what information she has on County Farm. Commission wants to plaque the old cemetary.

## LOGO UPDATE

John Jurewicz and Donna Spicer is trying to track down interesting works of Christian Schneider. Examples were brought to the meeting from Mr Schneider's book.

## CERT LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATUS

John Dalton spoke briefly on the Tax Program.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mr Dalton announced the upcoming Preservation Day which will be held in Springfield sometime in March. He also distributed a brochure to commission member.

## ADJOURMENT

The next meeting will be held on March 16, 1993, at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr Keefe and seconded by Mr Dalton to adjourn. Vote: All Aye. Motion carried.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
March 16, 1993  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Nancy Welch	John Dalton	Linda Spates
Jim Keefe		
Al Kramka		
Steve Gulgren		
Betty J. Thomas		
Richard McGrath		
Gloria Mack		
Donna Spicer		
John Jurewicz		

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEEFE, SECONDED BY SPICER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 1993 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION: RICK MCGRATH'S SPELLING OF HIS LAST NAME WAS INCORRECT ON THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16TH MEETING. LAST NAME SHOULD BE SPELLED MCGRATH. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Steve Gulgren spoke on home reports. He's gotten approximately 150 people on his mailing list. He's planning a small meeting at his home the first Thursday of April to get any input from the other communities.

SURVEY

Al Kramka reviewed the rules and regulations procedure that was distributed at the meeting. The letter also mentioned the requirements of a chair person to be appointed for the Historical Preservation Commission. Gloria Mack questioned Al Kramka about the possibility of him being appointed chairman.

LOGO UPDATE

John Jurewicz and Donna Spicer brought in a proof of Christine Schneiders photo and brought copies for the Committee to look at. The intention is to photo-stat from Mr. Schneider's proof and reproduce for the cover of the plan.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEEFE AND SECONDED BY KRAMKA TO ACCEPT THE PLAN. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNUAL REPORT

It was the general consensus of the committee to accept the logo from John Jurewicz and Donna Spicer for the plan cover.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on April 20, 1993 at 7:30 p.m.  
A motion was made by Jim Keefe and seconded by Donna Spicer to  
adjourn. Vote: All Aye. Motion carried.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
April 20, 1993  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

Nancy Welch  
James Keefe  
Rick McGrath  
Steve Gulgren  
Betty Thomas  
Gloria Mack  
John Jurewicz

Absent

John Dalton  
Al Kramka  
Donna Spicer

Staff

Linda S Spates

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEEFE, SECONDED BY BETTY THOMAS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 1993 WITH THE AMENDMENTS.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Rick McGrath spoke on the Old House and last Thursday had a new record of 32 people. The next meeting will be on Period Landscaping. Last year on the housewalk one had a fantastic yard, to find out he's a landscaper. Their names are Nanette and Blake Mueller their home is located in Woodstock. The meeting will be by invitation only Saturday May 8, 1993 at 10:00 a.m.

SURVEY

Jim Keefe called Mercedes Paulson on the Kennedy home letting them know we would like to plaque there home. The cost is \$260.00 to plaque.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom VonGeldern was a visitor and spoke briefly on neighborhood Overlay Ordinance as commission standards.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation. Nancy Welch nominated, Betty Thomas seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Gloria spoke to Al on contacting other Historic groups to contact and get together through minutes or County Reports and to also meet on a monthly basis. We will discuss further at the next meeting.



Gloria also questioned anyone on doing the scrapbook. Nancy volunteered.

PRESERVATION WEEK

To get gathering of different Historical groups for Thursday May 13, 1993 at 7 p.m. Al and Jim could show slides on the History of Woodstock to be held at the Farm Bureau Building on Route 47 in Woodstock, Ill.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEEFE SECONDED BY RICH MCGRATH TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:00 P.M.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
June 8, 1993  
Woodstock Library  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

John Dalton  
Gloria Mack  
Betty Thomas  
Donna Spicer  
Al Kramka  
Jim Keefe  
Steve Gulgren  
Rich McGrath  
Nancy Welch

Absent

Staff

Linda Spates  
Jim Hogue

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Jim Hogue was introduced by Gloria Mack to all the commission members. Mr. Hogue spoke and gave a brief history of himself and his new position.

No approval on minutes from May 18, 1993

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Rich McGrath spoke on his meeting last month regarding Period Landscaping. He's waiting now for the questionnaire to be finished so he can distribute it.

SURVEY

At this time there is nothing new to report.

PLAQUES

Jim Keefe went to Zoia's monument company regarding the plaquing of the Tryon Grove Farm. He feels a Bronze Plaque would be the best at a cost of \$200.00.

A motion was made by Jim Keefe and seconded by Betty Thomas to approve the purchase of the bronze plaque at the cost of \$200.00. Vote: All Aye. Motion carried.

KENNEDY LANDMARK STATUS

At the present time, this is on hold.

### WALKUP HOUSE LANDMARK STATUS

Copies of Walk Up application forms were brought to the meeting by Mr. Al Kramka. Mr. Jim Keefe questioned whether owners have been contacted. Owners will be sent a copy of the application form, the by-laws and preservation ordinance.

### BUDGET

John Jurewicz is doing work on the negatives at the cost of \$100.00. Gloria Mack mentioned approaching Jeff Thompson regarding the cost of negatives. Gloria had previously spoken with Jeff Thompson regarding the Plaquing cost. Jeff will take it out of Planning and Development budget. Jim Hogue suggested that the commission members come up with possible items to be funded under a budget for the commission. A dollar value could then be assigned to items as a basis for budgeting.

### BUSINESS CARDS FOR SURVEY COMMITTEE

Discussion was held regarding format and style of business cards for the Survey Committee members.

### PUBLIC HEARING/TRYON GROVE FARM STATUS

*appraised*  
The public hearing for Tyron Grove Farm Landmark designation was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Gloria Mack stated neighbors were notified on May 29, 1993. Mr. Stresen Reuter II the owner of the Tryon Grove Farm brought copies of different photos and maps of the Farm. Commission finds that the nomination fully complies with the Secretary of Interior Standards. The commission has considered the application in light of its score of 70.8 on the rating system for the evaluation of Historic Structures, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

### ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be July 13, 1993, at 7:30 p.m.

A Motion was made by John Dalton and seconded by Donna Spicer to adjourn. Vote: All Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**July 13, 1993**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

Present

John Jurewicz  
Gloria Mack  
Jim Keefe  
Donna Spicer  
Al Kramka  
Richard McGrath  
Betty Thomas

Absent

John Dalton  
Nancy Welch

Staff

Jim Hogue

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

It was noted the minutes of the May meeting had been destroyed prior to transcription. A note to the file stating this fact will be created.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM KEEFE, SECONDED BY AL KRAMKA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 1993 AS CORRECTED. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Public Relations

Rich McGrath got back the draft questionnaire for the homeowners of the Old House Support Group. He spoke to an individual who does freelance writing in regards to a press release in the newspaper. The questionnaire will be distributed to the Planning and Development Committee when completed.

1. Planning and Development visit to Tryon Grove Farm.

Some County Board members and the Planning and Development Committee went out to visit the Tryon Grove Farm on June 25, 1993. Virginia Peschke, a County Board member taped the whole tour. Jim Heisler was also very impressed. The vote will be taken on Tuesday the 20th of July 1993 at the County Board meeting. Jim Hogue mentioned bringing pictures to the meeting to pass around to the County Board members for review. Al Kramka has duplicates to offer and Gloria Mack has brochures to be distributed also with copies of the Plaque to be used. Mr. Heisler would also like to make a recommendation to the County Board that each landmark property have a professional picture taken for prominent display in the county building.

2. Tryon Grove Landmark Ceremony

Gloria Mack suggested plaqueing of Tryon Grove occur in mid-September due to all of the storms. Jim Hogue commented on after the County Board considers this item it goes on a 30 day review. This allows us time to plan the plaqueing. Al Kramka

mentioned it could be mid-December by the time the Walk-up nomination is done. The committee members will start planning the Ceremony and send out invitations to individuals they feel should be recognized. Cake and coffee could be served. The County Board should also be invited and a short speech made. Possible music of the period could be arranged as entertainment. A date of September 19, 1993 for the ceremony is pending at this time.

#### 1. Walk-up nomination status

Al Kramka brought and reviewed a preliminary draft of the Walk-up nomination. Nancy Welch and Al Kramka were the only two committee members that attended the site visit. The current owners were very open and pleased to have them there and brought them through the house. The owners plan to sell and move to Florida. At the present time however there are no immediate plans for the move. The 1900's picture Al Kramka has of the house shows the changes that have been made to the porch. Al Kramka passed the pictures around to the members to review with different views of the property. Interior pictures were not taken. Al Kramka did mention much of the interior was original and well preserved over the years. The eaves and the porch are the two significant changes which were made. Jim Keefe and Gloria Mack mentioned setting the date for the Public Hearing. Also notification of the property owners abutting property needs to be done within 30 days of the initial report. Al Kramka mentioned the date of July 7, 1993 was posted on the envelope of the nomination form which was received in the mail. Jim Keefe mentioned moving up the monthly meeting from August 10, 1993 to August 3, 1993 at the Crystal Lake Library to conduct the public hearing.

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AL KRAMKA INITIAL WORK THAT WAS DONE VOTE ALL AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### a. Budget Request

Gloria Mack reported that the budget committee is requesting a budget from County Board. Items to be budgeted include letterhead, envelopes, plaques and business cards for the Survey Committee. Jim Hogue will inquire about a budget for the commission.

##### b. CLG Status

The packet of information regarding CLG status is nearly complete and ready to be sent to Springfield for review.

##### c. Newsletter

Rich McGrath displayed the format for the newsletter. Discussion was held on format and contact of the newsletter. This should also be included in the budget.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Municipal Presentations

It was suggested that a meeting schedule be created to make presentations to municipalities. Presentations would be to educate and inform local governments about preservation.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held August 3, 1993 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crystal Lake Library. The public hearing on the Walk-up nomination will follow at 7:30. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
August 3, 1993  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

Nancy Welch  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Steve Gulgren  
Betty J. Thomas  
Richard McGrath  
Gloria Mack  
Donna Spicer  
John Jurewicz

Absent

John Dalton

Staff

Jim Hogue  
Linda Spates

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY AL KRAMKA, SECONDED BY JIM KEEFE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 13, 1993 AS CORRECTED. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Rich McGrath spoke on Public Relations. His questionnaire did come back and Rich made up a draft with changes and distributed it to Committee members to review his master copy.

TRYON GROVE LANDMARKING CEREMONY

The date is set for September 19, 1993. Time is tentatively set for 2 p.m. Invitations will be going out to the general public and County Board members. Gloria Mack questioned Jim Hogue on making up invitations which will need to be sent out 1 month prior. Mr. Stresen-Rueter II would like a string quartet. Food will be mentioned to Mr. Rueter II. Gloria Mack questioned a possible home tour. Ann Hughs and Dianne Klemm will speak briefly and Al Kramka will do a short presentation.

BUDGET REQUEST

A packet was included with the previous minutes. Al Kramka mentioned adding photography costs of \$15.00 per landmark and \$125.00 for film and processing. Gloria Mack mentioned the official landmark photo idea that Mr. Heisler brought to the last meeting. Jim Hogue feels at this time the \$2000.00 is sufficient starting budget.

CLG REPORT

Gloria Mack is waiting for the review from Mr. John Dalton. Refer to next month's meeting agenda.

## NEW BUSINESS

Rich McGrath is working on a Directory for the Old House Support Group. He passed a draft of what and how he feels about it. He will fax a copy to John Dalton for his review. Gloria Mack spoke to Grace Moline from the Historic Preservation Society. They will be putting on a seminar but at this time she feels we should wait on a possible meeting date. The number of people for a possible seminar in McHenry County is in question. The gentlemans name who would speak is Micheal Jackson. He would like to address a larger group and possibly plan a time at McHenry County College.

## ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be September 14, 1993 at 7:30 p.m.

A Motion was made by Jim Keefe and seconded by Nancy Welch to adjourn. Vote: All Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
September 14, 1993  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

Nancy Welch  
John Dalton  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Steve Gulgren  
Betty J. Thomas  
Richard McGrath  
Gloria Mack  
Donna Spicer  
John Jurewicz

Absent

Staff

Jim Hogue  
Linda Spates

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY AL KRAMKA, SECONDED BY JIM KEEFE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 1993 AS CORRECTED. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Gloria Mack spoke on Public Relations. She passed out invitations to the committee members to review for the Plaquing of the Tryon Grove Farm ceremony. Music is covered and a string quartet will also be available. Mr. Stresen-Rueter II will furnish the cake and coffee.

NEWSLETTER

Rich McGrath distributed Newsletter to the Committee members for review.

SURVEY

October 12, 1993 is set for a Public Hearing on Diggins School at 6:30 p. m. Al Kramka spoke on the Turner Camp. The survey committee visited the Catholic Church Saint, Johns in Cary, Illinois. Nancy Welch feels it goes back to the early 1930s and may possibly be a candidate for landmarking.

CLG REPORT

John Dalton brought in the completed CLG application to have it signed by Dianne Klemm and forwarded to Springfield.

NEW BUSINESS

Rich McGrath brought in slide presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be October 12, 1993 at 7:30 p.m.

**A Motion was made by Jim Keefe and seconded by Nancy Welch to adjourn. Vote: All Aye. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
October 12, 1993  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

Nancy Welch  
Gloria Mack  
Al Kramka  
Donna Spicer  
Betty Thomas  
Steve Gulgren  
John Dalton

Absent

John Jurewicz  
Jim Keefe  
Richard McGrath

Staff

Jim Hogue  
Linda S.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN DALTON, SECONDED BY AL KRAMKA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 1993 AS CORRECTED. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

WALK-UP UPDATE

Gloria Mack stated that the County Board waived the 30 day review period. As such, the Walkup house was designated as the latest local landmark. Gloria Mack mentioned Mr. Bodner being upset with the Tryon Grove ceremony in regards to feeling he will not be able to compare to the Tryon Grove ceremony. Gloria Mack read the ordinance and found there is nothing stipulating that a ceremony is necessary. Gloria does plan to contact Mayor Wells and hopes he will agree to be present for the landmarking of the Walkup house sometime next spring. Al Kramka mentioned the Moloneys (Diggins School) and how they might feel about a possible landmarking and ceremony.

SURVEY

Nancy Welch has been in contact with Mr. ~~Daltry~~<sup>DALKE</sup> regarding the Turner Camp. She is waiting to receive information from him regarding a possible landmark designation. Nancy Welch went to their home and found out messages and applications were received. They have been out of town and plan to get materials to Nancy soon. Nancy also contacted the person who is charge of letting them visit the St. Johns Catholic Church. They will be happy to let them in to view the church with a days notice. They are interested in landmarking the St. Johns church. It is the oldest Catholic church in McHenry County and is still in use. It was built in the 1830's. Gloria Mack mentioned to Nancy Welch about contacting Mr. Vorsiak from Algonquin Township regarding the Turner Camp.

OLD BUSINESS

CLG STATUS

Gloria Mack informed the committee that we are now approved at the state level. The landmark application was forwarded to Springfield from Dianne Klemm. At this time there is an agreement that needs to be signed between County and State's Preservation office. In order for Dianne Klemm to sign off on the agreement approval by the County Board is required. Jim Hogue feels there should be no problem and it will go the Planning and Development Friday October 15, 1993.

NEW BUSINESS

John Dalton questioned the next group of projects projected for the future. Al Kramka brought up the Kennedy place and the Walkup place on Country Club Rd. Al Kramka is interested in the Ormsby place for landmark designation. Gloria Mack mentioned an old bridge from Ringwood that she feels could be considered for plaquing.

FYI-RINGWOOD

Gloria Mack stated the town is going to the municipalities to stop Ringwood from being annexed by Johnsburg.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be November 9, 1993 at 7:30 p.m.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY NANCY WELCH AND SECONDED BY JOHN DALTON TO ADJOURN. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
HEARING  
OCTOBER 12, 1993  
MCHENRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

PRESENT  
Nancy Welch  
Gloria Mack  
Al Kramka  
Donna Spicer  
Betty Thomas  
Steve Gulgren  
John Dalton

ABSCENT  
John Jurewicz  
Jim Keefe  
Richard McGrath

STAFF  
Linda Spates  
Jim Hogue

The hearing was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Gloria Mack opened the Public Hearing on the Diggins School. Al Kramka submitted the report. John Dalton questioned Al Kramka on the criteria of the report. Al Kramka stated 9 out of 14 criteria were met for nomination.

Al Kramka than summarized the criteria which included the following.

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9) It is an exceptional example of a historic or vernacular style or one of few remaining in the County of McHenry.

A motion was made by Al Kramka and seconded by Nancy Welch to approve the Landmarking of the Diggins School, 19017 River Road, Marengo, Illinois.

All Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
November 9, 1993  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

Nancy Welch  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Rich McGrath  
John Jurewicz

Absent

Gloria Mack  
John Dalton  
Betty Thomas  
Donna Spicer

Staff

Jim Hogue  
Linda S.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN JUREWICZ, SECONDED BY JIM KEEFE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 1993 AS CORRECTED. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Jim Keefe and Al Kramka spoke to Gloria Mack on the landmarking ceremony for the Walkup House with a spring date still pending at this time. Mr. Bodner, the owner, was noted as being ill. Jim Hogue mentioned wanting Planning and Development to attend the plaquing and possible ceremony. Al Kramka spoke to the Moloneys and at this time is pending for a possible plaquing in the spring. Jim Hogue mentioned questioning the owners if they would like a special time set for Planning and Development to review their properties for a possible plaquing.

Diggins school will be going to the full County Board on November 23, 1993 at 7 p.m. for appraisal. It was suggested that Al Kramka be appointed to attend the meeting.

CLG STATUS

Went to Planning and Development for review on October 15, 1993. and will go on to full County Board on November 23, 1993 and then forwarded to Springfield.

NEW BUSINESS

Preservation Plan Review:

Rich McGrath brought up memo that was passed and the map that is in the process of being done. Al Kramka said focus on the Newsletter is very strong now. Rich McGrath would like to see more time spent with the Committee working on our plan and strategy. Jim Hogue mentioned to the committee that Rich McGrath write up notes on work to be done and brought to the subsequent meetings. This would allow progress on projects to be monitored for the entire year.

## SURVEY

Nancy Welch spoke to Mr. Daltry and left messages regarding nomination of the property as a local landmark. Gloria Mack feels Nancy Welch should contact Mr. Vorsiak. Nancy has also left messages for him with no response.

## NEWSLETTER

Rich McGrath is working on next months newsletter Chronicle. Jim Keefe suggested people send pictures and short stories of their homes if their in the unincorporated county. Nancy Welch will bring up the landmarking in the Chronicle and will also do a write up on Diggins School. John Jurewicz mentioned the Stigmi house, possibly be put in the Chronicle.

## ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held December 14, 1993 at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Al Kramka and seconded by John Jurewicz to adjourn. Vote: All Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
December 14, 1993  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

Nancy Welch  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Rich McGrath  
Donna Spicer  
Gloria Mack  
Betty Thomas

Absent

John Dalton  
John Jurewicz  
Steve Gulgren

Staff

Jim Hogue  
Linda S.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM KEEFE, SECONDED BY AL KRAMKA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 1993 AS CORRECTED. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

In addition to last months minutes Nancy Welch spoke on the Turner Camp being a done deal. St. Johns will be done sometime in the spring. Gloria Mack spoke on the CLG status going to Springfield. She received a call from Amy Slocumb letting her know the CLG was received and She would like to come to a meeting and talk to the committee on CLG. She would like to attend our regular meeting when the weather is better, possibly looking at March of 1994.

Rick McGrath spoke on last months agenda and went down the list with who's doing what on the committee and etc:

COUNTY LANDMARKING MAP

Jim Keefe and three others met Saturday a week ago and went out to the Greenwood Town Hall and is a done deal.

COUNTY SURVEY

Al Kramka surveyed Greenwood to try and organize and prioritize the landmarking projects. The first nomination is the Hutchinson Home which is located North of Harvard at 10308 Route 14. The owner name is Glen H. Anderson. It was built in the late 1830's its a brick home. The second one will be the Chapan Wilcox home on Harmony Hill Rd. The third one is a framed Greek Revival of Vanterkirk Rd. Al Kramka has the owners name and phone number. He also passed around pictures for the committee to view on these homes.



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**McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING DATES FOR 1994**

January 11, 1994

February 8, 1994

March 8, 1994

April 12, 1994

May 11, 1994

June 14, 1994

July 12, 1994

August 9, 1994

September 13, 1994

October 11, 1994

November 15, 1994

December 13, 1994

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
January 11, 1994  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

Nancy Welch  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Steve Gulgren  
John Jurewicz  
Richard McGrath  
Gloria Mack

Absent

Betty Thomas  
John Dalton  
Donna Spicer

Staff

Jim Hogue  
Linda Spates

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY AL KRAMKA, SECONDED BY JIM KEEFE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 1993 AS CORRECTED. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED

COUNTY LANDMARKS MAP

John Jurewicz presented copy of the map and would like to prioritize a list with the potential landmarks for reference. Jim Keefe would like the County Board to look at the map to see what the commission is considering. John Jurewicz would like the map to be mylared. Al Kramka will review the map.

COUNTY SURVEY

The nomination form is complete from Sarah Vogel. Al Kramka will have the planning report at the next meeting and asked Jim Hogue to make copies and distribute them for the February meeting. Al Kramka has also started taking photographs for the survey forms.

MUNICIPALITIES

Gloria Mack spoke to the village of Richmond and they will put her on their meeting schedule. The village President will call Gloria Mack tomorrow January 12, 1994 to set-up a time. Gloria also called North Shore magazine.

#### OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP/NEWSLETTER

Rick McGrath is working on the 2nd Old House support group newsletter. Next up is on Home Safety regarding Lead and Asbestos. Rick McGrath also spoke to a Wheaton firm to find out information on lead and asbestos. This will be presented at the next meeting in February. The newsletter is all set up to go and should be in the mail shortly.

#### PRESERVATION WEEK AWARDS

Rick McGrath spoke to Donna Spicer for some ideas on the Preservation Week awards. It is anticipated awards may be given in several categories. Rick McGrath would also like participation from related groups throughout the County with hopes of a small presentation and plans for the New Year. The committee would also like the recognition awards program to take in recommendations from individuals county wide.

A meeting is set up for January 25, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at Rick McGrath's house for a Sub-Committee meeting.

A meeting with Amy Slocumb regarding the CLG status has been scheduled. She will be attending the meeting February 8, 1994.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

Gloria Mack will be helping Rick McGrath prepare the annual report.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held February 8, 1994 at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Jim Keefe and seconded by Al Kramka to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
AGENDA

February 8, 1994

7:30 PM

County Government Center, Annex Building

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes (Jan 11, 1994)
3. Meeting with Amy Slocumb from the State Historic Preservation Office, regarding our CLG application and certification.
4. Committee Reports:
  - A. State Preservation Liaison, John D.
  - B. County Landmarks Map, John J./Jim K.
  - C. County Survey, Al K.
  - D. Municipalities Liaison, Gloria M.
  - E. Old House Support Group / Newsletter, Rick M.
  - F. Preservation Week Awards Program, Donna S.
  - G. Public Relations, Betty T.
  - H. Nancy Welch.
4. Old Business:
  - A. Awards Night preparations for National Historic Preservation week; Monday May 9th to Sunday May 15th.
  - B. Annual report. (Rick M.)
5. New Business:
6. Adjournment

Please contact the McHenry County Department of Planning if you have any questions or if you are unable to attend. The number is 815-334-4560. If you have agenda items you wish added please contact Rick M. 815-455-1096.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**February 22, 1994**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

Present

Jim Keefe  
Rick McGrath  
Gloria Mack

Absent

Donna Spicer  
Betty Thomas  
John Dalton  
John Jurewicz  
Nancy Welch  
Al Kramka

Staff

Jim Hogue  
Nina Campione

The meeting was called to order 7:45 p.m.

There were no MOTIONS to start the meeting or during this meeting  
to poor attendance.

A statement was made by Rick McGrath that members of this commission should call Linda Spates at (815) 334-4560 by 3:30 p.m. if they cannot attend. It is up to the members themselves to let us know if they will not be attending the meeting.

**PRESERVATION WEEK AWARDS PROGRAM AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

There was a discussion of the Awards Night Presentation which will be in Richmond on the 14th of May. Also a discussion of dedicating the Walkup House where there will be a reenactment on May 15th. During the same week the ~~Doh~~ House should be open for tours. Jim Heisler from the City of Crystal Lake will be contacted to give a historical presentation in the Crystal Lake paper which will be good public relations.

The Diggins School was discussed and comments were made by Gloria Mack that plaquing should be done before school lets out as the children of the school and maybe the Scouts should be participants in this presentation. Jim Hogue stated that Planning and Development might want to participate in this also some of the Board Members.

It was stated by Jim Keefe that the Kennedy Station should be <sup>way</sup>plagued around the 1st of June but Jim Hogue said it still needs a legal description.

Rick McGrath asked if all of the categories and property owners were recognized. The categories are:

1. Best Renovation/Restoration, Residential, Victorian and earlier.
2. Best Renovation/Restoration, Residential, Post Victorian
3. Best Renovation/Restoration, Retail/Office/Commercial
4. Best Adaptive Reuse RE-USE
5. Best ~~Adaptive Reuse~~ ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP)
6. Best Historically Sensitive Addition

Jim Keefe stated that he did not like the word "BEST" and suggested that we use the word "OUTSTANDING" instead.

Gloria said that there are 2 residents from Spring Grove that have been telling historical stories to children in Vogle. She suggested that we have a special honor award for these residents and others that have outstanding achievement in their community.

Rick McGrath mentioned that slide would be a good idea for the awards show as it would be a good way for all present to view the buildings that were nominated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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**February 22, 1994**  
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Jim Keefe	Al Kramka		Amy Slocumb
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The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

1. Rick McGrath announced he had received written resignation from Donna Spicer. This leaves a space available on the Commission. Dianne Klemm has been contacted and several people have applied for the spot.

2. Approval of Minutes -

Several corrections were made to the Minutes of the February 22, 1994 meeting. Motion for approval as corrected was made by Commissioner Keefe, seconded by Commissioner Dalton. Minutes were approved by voice vote.

3. Amy Slocumb - CLG status -

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- a. Program Administration
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- c. Surveys
- d. National Register Designations



- e. Planning
- f. Development

The Commissioners had various questions for Ms. Slocumb, particularly with regard to availability of grant money.

Ms. Slocumb noted grants are reimbursement oriented.

Discussion was held regarding the Kennedy Way Station and obtaining grant money to have a survey done so the property can be landmarked. Nancy Welch and John Jurewicz will see if they could find surveyors who may do the job gratis.

#### 4. Committee Reports

- a. State Preservation Liaison - John Dalton - no report
- b. County Landmarks Map - Jim Keefe and John Jurewicz

The map was reviewed by Al Kramka. Discussion was held as to what else could be identified on the map and how it could be presented. The map needs to be put into final form and checked for accuracy.

- c. County Survey - Al Kramka

Al Kramka presented the preliminary report on the nomination of the Greenwood School as a local landmark. The Commission considered the report. A Motion was made by Commissioner Mack, seconded by Commissioner Keefe. The Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. The Commission then directed liaison Hogue to schedule a Public Hearing for the next meeting and begin the notification.

- d. Municipalities - Gloria Mack

Gloria Mack stated she had been in touch with people from Crystal Lake and Richmond who had expressed an interest in creating a presentation ordinance. She was also going to talk to people from Fox River Grove. Nancy Welsh stated she would make contact with people in Cary to see if any interest exists there.

- e. Old House Support Group - Rick McGrath

Rick McGrath reported that the newsletter had been sent.

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VCR presentations are anticipated at some of the houses on the tour. These will focus on purchase and maintenance of old houses.

The Survey Committee will discuss criteria for presentation week nomination.

**MOTION to adjourn:** Commissioner Keefe.  
Seconded, Commissioner Dalton  
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
March 8, 1994  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

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**MOTION to adjourn:** Commissioner Keefe.  
Seconded, Commissioner Dalton  
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
April 12, 1994  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

Nancy Welch  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Rich McGrath  
Gloria Mack  
Steve Gulgren

Absent

John Dalton  
John Jurewicz

Staff

Jim Hogue  
Linda S.

*Betty Thomas position open*

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM KEEFE, SECONDED BY AL KRAMKA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 1994 AS CORRECTED. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

LANDMARK MAP

Jim Keefe feels it is finalized. Jim Hogue touched base questioning if he should be doing anything at this time in regards if a Mylar should be made with the map. A Mylar is used to run blueprints. Jim Keefe would review the map and return it to Jim Hogue so a mylar can be made.

COUNTY SURVEY

Al Kramka made sure we had standards for evaluating the nominations for preservation week.

MUNICIPALITIES

Gloria Mack stated that Crystal Lake is moving along at this time. Gloria also spoke to Mary Tennis. She and Jim Heisler are going to see Mayor Wells on Thursday, April 14th. Gloria spoke to Mayor Wells and he's very receptive to the idea of speaking at the Walk-up plaqueing and landmarking and they are also trying to get a study committee going for Crystal Lake. Gloria also spoke to Gary Peterson the Business Manager of McHenry and gave him information. McHenry has an Independent Commission, they are not a City Commission, plus there is no Ordinance and Mr. Peterson does not see it happening. Rick McGrath stated Algonquin approved their Historic Preservation Commission. Gloria Mack stated that Ringwood has a possible chance to incorporate. Legislation has been introduced by Ann Hughs to allow them to incorporate. Al Kramka has mixed feelings on it.

## OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP

Rick McGrath stated last Thursday was Open House with approximately 20 people in attendance. The Daily Herald came out and took pictures and did interviews. Rick McGrath recently received the listing from the Woodstock Committee of all the homes that have been plaqued and a mailing list.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Rick McGrath stated that Betty Thomas resigned. Rick McGrath has gone ahead and faxed information to different newspapers in hopes they will run some portion of the newsletters on a monthly basis. Al Kramka questioned if reporters will be present at the different homes for plaqueing and landmarking. Rick McGrath will pursue it.

A motion to postpone regular business until Hearing is over was made and approved.

The Hearing for Greenwood School was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Rick McGrath began the Public Hearing of Greenwood School. The legal has been sent out and seven criteria have been met for landmark status.

1. It has character, interest, or value which is part of the development, heritage, or cultural character of the community, county, state or nation.
2. It embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials.
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6. It establishes a sense of time and place unique to a community and/or the County of McHenry.
7. It is an exceptional example of a historic or vernacular style or one of few remaining in the County of McHenry.

Property owners have been notified by certified mail. No objections were received. Rick McGrath questioned if any would like to speak on the nomination. Clara Vogel and her son Val were present at. Three of the committee members toured Mrs. Vogel's home. Al Kramka mentioned the old front doors are still in Mrs.

Vogel's basement. A motion was to approve the nomination for the landmarking of the Greenwood School by Nancy Welch seconded by Jim Keefe motion was unanimously approved. Hearing is Closed.

#### PRESERVATION WEEK

Rick McGrath spoke on the nominations which have been received. Rick McGrath would like extra copies of the Chronicle to drop off at perspective peoples homes. Gloria Mack spoke on the nomination for Ringwood. Rick McGrath will encourage different groups throughout the County. Rick McGrath mentioned to Jim Keefe being the M. C. for Preservation Week, and if Al Kramka would consider a presentation or do it jointly with Rick McGrath.

The next meeting will be held May 10, 1994 at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Jim Keefe and seconded by Al Kramka to adjourn. Vote: All Aye: Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**May 11, 1994**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Rich McGrath	Gloria Mack	Jim Hogue
Nancy Welch	Steve Gulgren	Nina Campione
Jim Keefe	John Dalton	
Al Kramka	John Jurewicz	

The meeting started at 7:40 p.m. Since there was no quorum there was a general discussion of the Historic Preservation Awards and events for Saturday, May 14 and Sunday May 15, 1994.

Rich McGrath discussed the presentation of the awards that are scheduled to be presented on Saturday, May 14th and Sunday May 15th. He stated that once the decisions were made as to who would receive which award he would get Diane's signature.

It was stated that Rich McGrath would do the presentation at Dole Mansion identifying residential architectural styles. The museum in Union has been contacted about combining their slides along with Rich's slides.

Gloria Mack has arranged for a tent to be donated from Al's Rental in Crystal Lake for Sunday's Walkup Plaquing at 1:00 p.m. Gloria's son Rick and Rich McGrath will set it up on Sunday morning. Gloria has also volunteered to provide the folding chairs at her own expense. It was stated that Ann Hughes and Donna Schafer will be attending. Mayor Wells has not responded as of yet.

Ders Anderson will be heading up the presentation at the Stickney House. Rich McGrath will be doing the slide presentation at the Palmer House.

A schedule was discussed for the Saturday night awards. The first half will be a introduction of the different groups from around the county. The second half will be the actual awards presentation. The ceremony for the Hall be at 5:00 p.m. until approximately 6:00 p.m. Chris Gallagher has organized refreshments and the musical program from the local children of the community.

Nancy and Jim will be doing the introductions of the different groups represented. Shelly Trost from the Old House Support

Group, Hugh Engleman from Crystal Lake, a representative from

Dohl Mansion, a representative from the Environmental Enhancement Committee from Woodstock, and Grace Moline from the Museum. Carl Ferguson from the McHenry Landmark Commission, Chris Gallagher from the Memorial Hall Committee, a representative from the Richmond Architectural Commission, Ders Anderson from the Stickney House and also Sherry Anderson the Woodstock Opera House, Inc. will speak.

Al Kramka will then give a short description of each award to be presented.

Nancy Welch stated that she will contact the people that would be receiving the awards so they would be sure to attend. She will also contact the teachers that would be receiving the group award.

It was discussed that Algonquin Historic Commission should receive a group award.

Part of the agenda was then discussed.

1. No roll call was taken.
2. The minutes could not be approved from the last meeting of April 12, 1994.
3. The State Preservation Liaison could not be discussed because of the absence of John Dalton.
4. Jim Hogue stated that the County Landmark Map will be ready possibly in a week.
5. Jim Hogue stated that the Greenwood School will go in front of the County Board on May 17th.
6. Nancy stated that she had the annual report almost ready.

Slides were then shown of the nominees for the awards.

It was decided that the awards will presented as follows:

\* Adaptive Re-use \*

Roger's Hall  
Karl Mogden, B & M Enterprise  
Seminary Avenue  
Woodstock

\* Renovation, Restoration Victorian and Earlier Residential \*

Springshire Inn  
Claudia and Jerry Henning  
8909 McConnell Road  
Woodstock

\* Renovation, Restoration, Retail, Office or Commercial \*

West McHenry State Bank Building  
John Swierk, President  
Direct Design  
3922 West Main Street  
McHenry

\* Renovation, Restoration, Retail Office or Commercial \*

Schafer Builders  
26 E. Crystal Lake Avenue  
Crystal Lake

\* Outstanding Achievement by a group or an individual \*

Spring Grove School, Students and Teachers

\* Historically Sensitive Addition \*

Sherry and Don Brewer  
314 Washington Street  
Algonquin

Shelly Trost  
Washington Street  
McHenry

\* Renovation, Restoration, Residential Post Victorian \*

There will be no award for this category since  
there were no nominations

\* Honorable Mentions \*

Grampy's Antiques - Adaptive Re-use  
Colin McCormik  
Rt. 47 & 173  
Hebron

Kevin Mitchell - Adaptive Re-use  
1005 Algonquin  
Fox River Grove

McCullom Button House - Renovation, Restoration, Victorian  
Brent Lane and Earlier Residential  
3715 Waukegan  
McHenry

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Heaney - Renovation, Restoration, Victorian  
10314 East Street and Earlier Residential  
Richmond

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
June 14, 1994  
Woodstock Library  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

Gloria Mack  
John Jurewicz  
Al Kramka  
Jim Keefe  
Steve Gulgren  
Rich McGrath

Absent

Nancy Welch

Staff

Jim Hogue  
Linda Spates

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Al Kramka, seconded by Gloria Mack to approve the minutes of May, 1994. Vote all Aye. Motion carried.

Rick McGrath introduced Gail Drabant to the committee members, as a new member of the Historic Preservation Commission. This is pending approval of the recommendation by the County Board on June 21, 1994.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

County Landmark Map, John J./Jim K.

The map was brought out and introduced by Jim Hogue. A Mylar copy was created. This will be reviewed by commissioners for accuracy.

County Survey, Al Kramka.

At present time there is nothing to report.

Municipalities Liaison, Gloria Mack.

Gloria Mack spoke to Mary Thennes from Crystal Lake. The city council of Crystal Lake has informed them its OK for a study committee under the Planning and Development Department. That group will pick the members for the Study Committee. They plan to start their study in September. Gloria also visited the McHenry City Landmark Committee and spoke to their city manager, Mr. Petersen. He stated that the Landmark Commission in McHenry and the City of McHenry have an advisory relationship. It was also not realized. The City of McHenry Preservation Commission was not created by ordinance.

### Preservation Week

Rick McGrath plans to forward a list of the names pertaining to the Historic Preservation Committees.

### Old House Support Group

Rick McGrath stated that Pat Diehl will be doing the next Newsletter. Included in this will be a questionnaire asking for any topics of interest that will add to the information presented each month.

### Old Business

There was not old business discussed.

### Annual Report

Gloria Mack stated basically the Annual Report is complete. It takes into account what homes have been plagued were also identified. Rick McGrath questioned Gloria on the year-end summary. Gloria stated that the Annual Report will be sent to County Board office and to the State Preservation office to fulfill the Certified Local Government requirement.

### New Business

Illinois State Historic Preservation Conference June 2nd-4th, DeKalb: Rick McGrath informed commissioners of the happenings at the conference. All in all it was worthwhile. Rick felt awards for projects on a more local level would be made appropriate than the way the awards were preserved.

### Adjournment

The next meeting will be held July 12, 1994 at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Jim Keefe and seconded by Al Kramka to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**July 12, 1994**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

Present

Nancy Welch  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Rich McGrath  
Gloria Mack  
Gail Drabant  
Thomas Oeffling

Absent

Steve Gulgren  
John Jurewicz

Staff

Jim Hogue  
Linda S.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM KEEFE, SECONDED BY GAIL DRABANT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 1994. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

Introduction of Tom Oeffling to Committee Members.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**COUNTY LANDMARKS MAP**

Jim Keefe stated at this time the map is basically done. Al Kramka did make 2 corrections on the map and reported it back to Jim Hogue. The William Coventry House has been annexed into Harvard so now it is part of Harvard. The second correction was the Kennedy Way Station with a correction on the spelling of Kennedy. The Barn in Marengo Township was the Willards Round Barn. Also, in Alden, on the North Alden Road, approximately 3 to 4 houses down, is a little pyramid house from the early twenties with very fancy scroll work. This may be considered for addition to the Landmark Map. Rick McGrath questioned the final display of the Landmark Map and where we might display it. Jim Hogue stated we should keep the master copy on file and run any copies we need of it on paper. Jim Hogue will up-date the mylar with all the corrected changes.

**COUNTY SURVEY**

Al Kramka contacted Glen Anderson regarding the Hutchinson house north of Harvard. Glen Anderson has a contract out for the sale of the Hutchinson home. Glen Anderson feels the owner of the Hutchinson House might be interested in Landmark Status and felt Al Kramka should contact them. Al Kramka does feel they want it landmarked. Al Kramka also contacted the Moloneys and spoke to Jerry Moloney in hopes of setting up a date for the sub-committee to meet with him regarding the garage. At this time there has been no response. Gloria Mack stated they are on vacation till

mid or late of August. Al Kramka did mention to Jerry Moloney in their conversation that he should read the ordinance regarding his garage. It can not be destroyed without approval from the commission, if approved he would than need a Demolition permit. Al also contacted the Bahls home who own the Walkup house on Country Club Rd. Al Kramka left Mrs. Bahl a package of materials approximately one year ago and at this time has not heard from them.

#### **MUNICIPALITIES**

Gloria Mack has has plans to meet with the Greenwood Township Commission on Sunday at 2 p.m. They do have a Township Planning Commission. A letter was out to the Crystal Lake Historic Preservation people. They are planning on starting a study committee.

#### **OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP/NEWSLETTER**

Rick McGrath has been talking to Pat Diehl and plans on getting a newsletter out at the end of week. Around September Rick McGrath plans on another newsletter being put out.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Rick McGrath spoke on new business and what needs to be done with Public Relations and other committees.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held August 9, 1994 at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Jim Keefe and seconded by Al Kramka to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
August 9, 1994  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

Nancy Welch  
~~Jim Keefe~~  
Al Kramka  
Rich McGrath  
Steve Gulgren  
John Jurewicz  
Gail Drabant

Absent

Gloria Mack  
Tom Oeffling  
Will submit  
letter of  
resignation

Staff

Jim Hogue  
Linda S.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN JUREWICZ, SECONDED BY AL KRAMKA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 12, 1994. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

A. Gail Drabant

Gail discussed last months meeting regarding updating the brochure explaining the preservation commission. Ideas were discussed and a draft brochure should be ready soon.

B. Tom Oeffling

Absent at this months meeting.

**COUNTY LANDMARKS MAP, JOHN J. / JIM K.**

At present time no other changes are needed on the map, other than those already identified. Jim Hogue will be working on the changes noted by Al Kramka. John Jurewicz plans on getting displays for the public to view. Rick McGrath questioned if it could be a mobil display for schools and others to view also.

**COUNTY SURVEY, AL K.**

Nancy Welch, Jim Keefe and Al Kramka met with the Maloney's regarding their garage. The construction of it would not allow it to be saved or restored. It would be costly to repair. Mrs. Maloney also had a contractor out to look at the garage door. The Maloneys will have to apply for a Demolition Permit with review from the committee members prior to any demolition. Committee members would like to see the new plans prior to the demolition. Al Kramka also reviewed the survey of Grafton Township and at this time had nothing to report. Al Kramka would like to go to Alden next.



**MUNICIPALITIES LIAISON, GLORIA M.**

Gloria Mack was absent at this meeting. Rick McGrath did mention that Crystal Lake has put out notices on the Study Committee and so far has received 9 applications for seats on their preservation commission.

**OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP / NEWSLETTER, RICK M.**

The next Open House will be sometime in <sup>September</sup> ~~December~~ of this year. At this time the Newsletter is on hold until the end of summer. Surveys regarding newsletter topics have been forwarded to Gail Drabant.

**SCRAP BOOK**

An invitation was accepted by the Survey Committee to go to the Wilcox home on September 3, 1994.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. John Dalton / Commendation for Service

<sup>Jim Hogue</sup>  
~~Rick McGrath~~ wrote up a draft commendation for John Dalton for committee members to review. The commendation recognizes Mr. Dalton's contributions to the preservation commission.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. The draft budget for FY '94-'95 was presented by Jim Hogue for review and discussions.

Mr. Hogue explained the money targeted for printing costs was split from \$500.00 to \$250.00. This was done to create new line item 4005, Dues, Conferences and Staff training. The postage budget was also altered from \$250.00 to \$150.00. A new line item, 5210-publications, was created. It is hoped grant money from the Certified Local Government Program could be obtained to offset any large printing costs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held September 13, 1994 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Nancy Welch and seconded by Al Kramka to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
September 13, 1994  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

Present

Nancy Welch  
Jim Keefe  
Al Kramka  
Rich McGrath  
~~Steve Gulgren~~  
Gail Drabant

Absent

Steve Gulgren  
Tom Oeffling  
John Jurewicz

Staff

Jim Hogue  
Linda S.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GAIL DRABANT, SECONDED BY JIM KEEFE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 1994. VOTE: ALL AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Rick McGrath spoke to Tom Oeffling on September 12, and Tom will be sending Rick a letter of resignation.

A. Brochure, Gail Drabant.

The draft brochure has been done.

B. County Landmarks Map, Jim Keefe.

It has been updated by Al Kramka and presented by Jim Hogue. Copies will be distributed to commission members.

C. County Survey, Al K.

Saturday Sept 10, four committee members went to Alden and visited 3 sites. The Schmidt place they felt was very misleading, but does have a good structure.

D. Municipalities Liaison, Gloria Mack.

The Greenwood School landmarking will be held September 17, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Bill Schuette will be the speaker at the landmarking. Gloria will ask Rick McGrath about procedures for that day. Gloria also contacted the Herald Newspaper and reporters will be there. Virginia Peschke will be doing the plaqueing.

E. Old House Support Group / Newsletter, Rick M.

At this time the Newsletter is on hold. Rick will speak to Mary Ann on it. Historic Preservation Study Committee met for the first time on Monday, September 12, and spoke on the log cabin in Huntley, Illinois.

F. Scrape Book, Nancy Welch.

At this time there is nothing to report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commission vacancy application status

There will be 2 openings since Tom Oeffling resigned and Al Kramka does not plan to seek reappointment upon the expiration of his term in November.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

"CLG Workshop"  
October 22, 1994, Springfield

Mr. Bob Kostra of Saint Charles will speak on the Main Street, USA program.

New Dept. of Interior publications on Federal Assistance for Historic Preservation are available.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held October 11, 1994 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Al Kramka and seconded by Jim Keefe to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW MEETING TIME \*\***

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
AGENDA**

October 11, 1994

**7:00 PM Commission Meeting**

McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Il.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes (September 13th, 1994)
3. Committee Reports:
  - A. Brochure(s), Richmond, Gail D.
  - B. County Landmarks Map, John J. / Woodstock Jim K.
  - C. County Survey, Al K.
  - D. Maryan Koehler
  - E. Municipalities Liaison, Gloria M.
  - F. O.H.S.G. / Newsletter, Crystal Lake, Rick M.
  - G. Scrap Book, Nancy W.
4. Old Business:
  - CLG Workshop Springfield, October 22nd
5. New Business:
  - FY 95' CLG Grants: Receipt of the;  
Historic Preservation Fund  
Grants in Aid Program  
Local Participation Manual  
(Pre-Application for CLG Grants are due Oct. 31 )
  - Cultural Resources Manangement Workshop:  
National Historic Preservation Act.  
State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act.  
The Archaeological and Palentological Resources Act.  
The Human Grave Protection Act.  
Springfield, Oct 27-28
  - New Dept of Interior publications on Federal Assistance  
for Hist. Pres.

6. Adjournment


Please contact the McHenry County Planning if you have any questions or if you are unable to attend. The number is 815/334-4560. If you have agenda items you wish added please contact Rick McGrath 815/455-1096.

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
AGENDA**

November 15, 1994

**6:30 PM Regular Meeting**

  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Il.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes (October 11th, 1994)
3. Committee Reports:
  - A. Brochure(s), Richmond, Gail D.
  - B. County Landmarks Map, John J. / Woodstock Jim K.
  - C. County Survey, Al K.
  - D. Maryan Koehler
  - E. Municipalities Liaison, Gloria M.
  - F. O.H.S.G. / Newsletter, Crystal Lake, Rick M.
  - G. Carol Ann Songer
  - H. Scrap Book, Nancy W.
4. Old Business:
5. New Business:

Nominations for assuming the position of chairman for this Commission.

6. Adjournment

Please contact the McHenry County Planning if you have any questions or if you are unable to attend. The number is 815/334-4560. If you have agenda items you wish added please contact Rick McGrath 815/455-1096.



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### MEMORANDUM

To: Members McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission  
From: James M. Hogue, Staff Liaison  
Date: November 7, 1994  
Re: Correction to the 11/15/94 Agenda

Please be advised that the agenda for the Commission meeting of November 15, 1994 contains an error. The agenda states that a Public Hearing on the Spring Shire Farm will be held at 6:00 P.M. with the regular meeting to follow. This is not correct.

In the past we have held the regular meeting of the Commission first. The Public Hearing then follows the regular meeting.

As such, the Agenda should read:

6:30 Regular Meeting

7:30 Public Hearing

A corrected copy of the agenda is attached for your convenience. I apologize for any confusion this error may have caused. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 334-4560.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**December 13, 1994**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

Members Present: Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Gloria Mack and Carol Ann Songer.

Members Absent: John Jurewicz, Rick McGrath and Nancy Welch.

Staff Present: Jim Hogue and Linda Spates.

Call to order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 1994

A motion was made by Chairman Keefe and seconded by Ms. Drabant to approve the minutes of November 15, 1994 meeting with corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A Survey & Landmarking

Ms. Welch was absent and there was no report.

B. Municipalities Liaison

Ms. Mack reported that Ms. Thennes of Crystal Lake has been cooperating with us and Mayor Wells has been attending meetings when possible. She further reported that she and Chairman Keefe have met with Ms. Fields and Ms. Mansfield from Woodstock. Both are drafting an ordinance for Woodstock and have started a study committee. Chairman Keefe questioned if Crystal Lake had an ordinance and Ms. Mack reported that they are in the development stage. Ms. Mack said she will attend Harvard's Historical Society meeting scheduled for January 19, 1995 at the Harvard Historical Museum. Ms. Drabant asked if Marengo has been contacted and Ms. Mack stated that she will be in contact with them.

C. O.H.S.G.

Mr. McGrath was absent and Ms. Drabant reported that the newsletter will be bi-monthly starting January 1995.



D. Public Relations/Communications

There was no report at this time.

E. Economic Development

There was no report at this time.

F. Awards

The Commission felt the calender published by containing his post cards of Woodstock should be considered for awards during preservation week.

G. Calender of Events

Mr. Hogue will be put together the Certified Local Government document and it will be available at next month's meeting in January, 1995. The Commission will also elect a Vice-Chairman and Secretary at the January meeting.

**Temporary Committees**

A. Brochures

Ms. Drabant is working on the art work for the brochure and business cards. She asked if anyone had photographs of the homes that have landmark status. Ms. Mack responded that Ms. Welch has them and Ms. Drabant will contact her. The Commission agreed to use parchment paper for the brochures which Ms. Drabant will supply. Ms. Drabant further reported that the business cards for Commission members will be printed and available at the next meeting. In addition, she will have a comprehensive landmark list at next month's meeting.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held January 10, 1995 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Chairman Keefe and seconded by Ms. Mack to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



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**McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING DATES FOR 1995**

January 10, 1995

February 14, 1995

March 14, 1995

April 11, 1995

May 9, 1995

**MEETING** June 13, 1995 **CANCELLED**

July 11, 1995

August 8, 1995

**MEETING** September 12, 1995 **CANCELLED**

October 10, 1995

November 14, 1995

December 12, 1995

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

January 10, 1995

McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

Members Present: Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Gloria Mack and Carol Ann Songer, Nancy Welch, Richard McGrath.

Members Absent: John Jurewicz.

Staff Present: Jim Hogue and Linda Spates.

### Call to Order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:00 p.m.

### Approval of the Minutes of December 13, 1994

A motion was made by Jim Keefe and seconded by Gloria Mack to approve the minutes of the December 13, 1994 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### Committee Reports

#### A. Vistas

Carol Ann Songer found newspaper clipping and forwarded to Gloria Mack.

#### B. Municipalities Liaison

Gloria Mack reported that she spoke to the <sup>BOYERS</sup> ~~Boyers~~ in regards to their home. Gloria stated that they could do what they want to the interior. Jim Keefe mentioned sending information to them to let them know what could be done. Nancy Welch feels the County Board should send a letter. Gloria Mack feels she should contact the Hennings since they would like their plaqueing ceremony sometime in April 1995. Gloria Mack is going to Harvard Historical Society on January 19, 1995.

#### C. O.H.S.G.

Old House Support Group was very happy with the response from the Recorder of Deeds and has a case study they will be going over. Nancy Welch will be attending. The newsletter will also be going out this week. Jim Keefe and Gloria Mack would like to possibly have Harvard added to our Newsletter mailing list. As far as Marengo Jim Keefe gave Gloria Mack a name of Cathy Skelton.

D. Awards

Jim Keefe would like to nominate a chairman for awards. With awards possibly being 2nd week of May. Gloria mentioned finding a nice location for the awards.

E. Survey

The Moloneys applied to Planning and Development for a permit. Nancy Welch spoke to the Malerhers and is still waiting for paperwork. They are still interested and in hopes of weather improvement things will go well.

Calendar of Events

Jim Hogue typed up a list of all last years meetings.

G. Brochures

Gail Drabant stated they are completed and ready for production and distribution to libraries, etc. Gail will prepare a cover letter if necessary. Business cards were distributed for commission members for the purpose of official introductions to prospective landmark owners. Notify me when more are needed. Letterhead was also provided to use as necessary.

Temporary Committees

Gail Drabant stated after a successful program on Historic Lighting, a festive open house was enjoyed by approximately 25 people in December. For January, we are pleased at the positive response we received from the Recorder of Deeds and the County Historical Society in putting together a program on Old House Research. This month starts are alternating month newsletters. We had a volunteer to take over processing the mailing list to ease publication. We are gathering input to try to trim our mailing list to those people with demonstrated interest in the programs. As agreed at the last commission meeting the commission will continue production if the newsletter due to the need to publish the commission's meetings and events, however OHSG will provide copier-ready newsletters and OHSG will also maintain the mailing list data base off-site.

Comprehensive Landmark List

Gail Drabant stated Data has been entered for the three county-wide lists (Commission, Historical Society and National Register). Local lists will be added as available. It is suggested that we provide local organization the draft list and request their local list for inclusion upon availability. Currently adding township identification.

Jim Keefe spoke on Diggins School House and Request for change. The Moloneys knew going in the our rules and regulations. If we (cave in) on this we have a (nothing law) A major change to school itself should be denied - complimentary addition to rear - side - okay.

Harvard Historical, Gloria Mack and I went to Harvard Historical meeting and Gloria Mack presented the landmark Ordinance. Nancy Fike called and told me Dean Cunat of Terra Cotta Properties has mailed some histories of buildings as a result of my call she has opened a correspondence with him about factory houses. Thanks to Gail Drabant about messages.

I hope we all have our biographies into Jim Hogue as was requested by state. Nancy Welch tells me she is bringing prospective commission member to our meeting in February, hopefully he will choose to join and then we need only one more to get us full again. Think Northwest and Southwest area. All of us now and old must file our Economic Interest Statements.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held February 14, 1995 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Jim Keefe and seconded Rick McGrath to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**February 14, 1995**

**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, IL**

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, John Jurewicz, Gloria Mack and Nancy Welch.

**Members Absent:** Steve Gulgren and Richard McGrath

**Guests:** Carol Lockwood and Frank Scherschel.

**Staff Present:** Julie A. Brenner and Jim Hogue.

**Call to Order and Roll**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:10 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes of January 10, 1995**

Gloria Mack said there was a correction to the minutes of January 10, 1995. She said under Municipalities Liaison, the name "Bonard" was spelled wrong and should be "Bodner".

Nancy Welch made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 1995 meeting with the above correction. John Jurewicz seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Standing Committees**

**Survey & Landmarking**

Nancy Welch reported that she is contacting the families on Harmony Hill Road regarding completion of the nomination applications she mailed.

Gloria Mack said she spoke to the owners of a house that has a brick silo similar to the house in Marengo that was toured by some of the Commission members. She gave Nancy the name and phone number to contact the owner to inquire about getting some of the tiles for the silo in Marengo.

Gloria said she heard the Seven Gables house is being restored. She suggested the Commission contact the owners and tell them to apply for a tax freeze.

Nancy reported that Al Kramka suggested that the Commission talk to the owners of the pyramid house in Alden regarding possible landmark status.

Nancy asked Jim Hogue if the Diggins School House owners applied for a building permit. Jim said that no permit has been applied for or issued. He further stated that the Planning & Development Office has been alerted and that any permit would have to be approved by the Commission.

### **Communications & Public Relations**

Gloria Mack reported that she contacted the Bar Association and asked if their newsletter would carry an article regarding the vacancy on the Commission. The article will appear in their next issue.

Gloria further reported that Wayne Kurzeja, a County Board member and artist will be painting a portrait of each County landmark. These portraits will be displayed throughout the Government Center.

Virginia Pescke had contacted Gloria regarding a fund-raiser for the Stickney House scheduled for May. The fund-raiser will be auctioning "bird houses" resembling various recognizable facades in McHenry County.

### **Municipalities**

Gloria and Jim Keefe met with the Harvard Historical Society at the Harvard Historical Society Museum. They presented the Society with copies of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance and Plan, material on the Main Street Programs, Tax Freeze Advantages and CLG advantages. Gloria reported that she felt that there was not much interest from the group present. However, the Harvard Planner, David Peterson, was very enthusiastic but seemed to want someone else "to carry the ball". She will contact him again.

She asked for more copies of the bound Ordinance. In addition she asked if Jim could get a "model" ordinance from the American Planning Association (APA). He said he would make the phone call.

### **Old House Support Group (OHSG)**

Gail Drabant reported that the January House Research program had to be canceled due to the snowstorm. As there were many calls inquiring about this program, the group decided to reschedule for the next regular program meeting. She pointed out that the Open Houses will remain as previously scheduled. Therefore, the Brewer's Open House will be in February. The House Research program will be rescheduled for March. The scheduled program in March will move to May and the May program will be the first program in the fall.

She said a good response was received from people who want to remain on the newsletter mailing list. The mailing list is still being revised and updated in preparation for the March newsletter. The media will be included. Gail also asked that copy for the newsletter be submitted to her as soon as possible.

#### **Awards & Recognition**

Nancy said that the criteria/categories for the awards has been reviewed and revised. There are six categories and the word "outstanding" has been substituted for "best". Gail Drabant suggested that the Pre- and Post-Victorian category be renamed to Pre-1900 and Post-1900. Nancy said she will make the change.

#### **Economic Development**

No report.

#### **Report from Jim Hogue**

The 93-94 Annual Report was mailed to the Commission members. Jim said he has submitted the report to Amy Slocombe and marked it draft. If the members do not have any revisions the report can be officially adopted.

John Jurewicz made a motion to adopt the 93-94 Annual Report. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There was a discussion regarding the CLG grant applications which Jim listed on the Commission's calendar of events. He said that the grants are matched 60-40. Depending on the amount requested it might be possible to ask the County to match the funds instead of taking the money from the Commission's share of the budget. Jim said if members have any ideas they should discuss them with him.

#### **Old Business**

Jim Keefe reminded Commission members to file their Economic Interest Statements. Julie Brenner reported that they would not receive a statement this year because they no longer have a separate budget. Their budget has been incorporated into Planning and Development's.

#### **New Business**

Jim Keefe passed around a conference brochure titled "Preserving the Recent Past!" to be held March 30 - April 1, 1995. The fee is \$30 and the Commission will pay for members who want to attend.

#### **Adjourn**

Nancy Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Gail Drabant. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

March 14, 1995

McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, IL

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Gloria Mack, Steve Gulgren, and Nancy Welch.

**Members Absent:** Richard McGrath and John Jurewicz.

**Guests:** Carol Lockwood and Frank Scherschel.

**Staff Present:** Jim Hogue and Linda Spates.

### Call to order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:00 p.m.

### Approval of the Minutes of February 14, 1995

Nancy Welch said there was a correction to the minutes of February 14, 1995. She said she did not give the phone number to Gloria Mack about getting some of the tiles for the silo in Marengo from the owner.

Steve Gulgren made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the February 14, 1995 meeting with the above correction. Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

### Standing Committees

#### Survey & Landmarking

Nancy Welch reported that Frank Scherschel, Jim Keefe and herself went out to the "Old Brickyard House" near Harvard and took pictures to pass around to the Committee members to view for possible landmarking. Jim Keefe stated the current owners originally came from Oak Brook, Illinois. They also visited the House of the Seven Gables that is being restored and left a brochure. The new owner of the Seven Gables called Nancy Welch and said he plans to make it a Bed & Breakfast. He would be interested in receiving landmark status. Nancy Welch plans to revisit Seven Gables on April 8, 1995.

### Communications & Public Relations

Gloria Mack said she spoke to Mary Thennes of Crystal Lake. Ms. Thennes reported that their Landmark Ordinance should be completed by their March 31 meeting. The Ordinance, once completed, will be forwarded to the city attorney for his opinion. She is hoping that the Ordinance, which would be the first municipal Ordinance in the County, would be adopted in May, 1995.

She further reported that Crystal Lake has begun a campaign to save an old pump house. Their plan is to relocate the house to Vulcan Lake. Gloria asked if the Commission could apply for a grant to assist Crystal Lake's relocation effort. The estimate for moving the pump house is around \$50,000.

Gloria said that Maggie Field of Woodstock is beginning to use the Commission's Ordinance for much of their information. Ms. Field is looking for a preservation architect to assist them.

Gloria further stated that the Landmark Ceremony for the Ormsby/Starck House is scheduled for April 23, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held at 8909 McConnell Rd, Woodstock, Illinois. The Sweet Adelines double quartet may perform at the Ceremony.

### Old House Support Group (OHSB)

The OHSB's March program will be the rescheduled "Researching Old Houses" presented by the McHenry County Recorder of Deeds and the McHenry County Historical Society. A good turn-out is expected. The April meeting will be an Open House and the May meeting will be a program on insurance needs for older homes.

The mailing list has been revised and will be updated again after this month's "second chance responses" are received.

Gail Drabant stated that copies of the brochure will be available at the April Landmark Ceremony.

### Comprehensive Landmark List

A draft of the Comprehensive Landmark List is available for review by all contributing organizations. Upon receipt of their input, a final version will be printed and distributed. This should be available in May. The list includes the name of the property, address, city, township and year constructed. There will also be a longer version that will include all of the above information plus a descriptive

paragraph on each Landmark. We have landmark information from five organizations (three are County-wide and two are local). It is anticipated that the submissions by local organizations will increase as there are several local preservation efforts throughout the County in progress.

### Awards & Recognition

Jim Keefe spoke to Rick McGrath and Rick has asked to resign from Awards and Recognition Committee. Jim Keefe spoke to Frank Scherschel, at the meeting, and asked if he would head up that Committee upon his appointment to the Commission.

### Report from Jim Hogue

Jim Keefe asked Jim Hogue if the Commission could spend \$75.00 to have a speaker for Preservation Week. This would be done in conjunction with the County Historical Society. Nancy Welch made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$75.00 for a speaker during Preservation Week, seconded by Gail Drabant. The motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

No Report.

### New Business

Mr. Paul Glen, the architect for Sharon and Jerry Maloney, the owners of the Diggins School, brought in blueprints of the proposed alterations. Being a local landmark exterior alterations to the structure require a Certificate of Appropriateness. Most of the work is to the interior structure. A window will be added to the west side of the exterior. The window will be of the same type as those existing and will create symmetry to the east and west side of the structure. Nancy Welch made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Diggins School, seconded by Gloria Mack. The motion passed unanimously.

### Adjourn

Gloria Mack made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nancy Welch. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

April 11, 1995

McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, IL

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Frank Schershel and Nancy Welch.

**Members Absent:** Richard McGrath and John Jurewicz.

**Staff Present:** Jim Hogue.

### Call to order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:00 p.m.

### Approval of the Minutes of March 14, 1995

Motion was made by Gloria Mack and seconded by Nancy Welch to approve the minutes of March 14, 1995. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** - Letter of resignation from John Jurewicz. Chairman Jim Keefe acknowledged receipt of the letter of resignation and accepted Mr. Jurewicz's resignation with regret as Mr. Jurewicz was a founding member of the Commission.

### Standing Committees

#### Survey & Landmarking

Nancy Welch stated the Survey Committee had been to the House of the Seven Gables. The House (The Rudolph Hutchinson House ) will be converted to a Bed and Breakfast. As part of the restoration of the House the original porch will be replaced.

Nancy Welch explained some of the history of the structure and mentioned a tin roof was being considered for the structure. The Commission was concerned regarding this change. Without some sort of precedent for this type of change the Commission would prefer a wood shingle roof on the structure.

The owners are interested in landmarking the structure and expect the restoration to be done within one year. The owners will work with the Commission regarding the landmarking of the structure.

### Green Street Garage

The Survey Committee visited a new garage which was built to be sympathetic to the original structure. The structure was nominated by Shelley Trost for Walter and Beth Taylor, 1501 Green Street, McHenry, IL 60050. The structure was to be considered for an award during Preservation Week. The Survey Committee felt that although the structure was nice it was not of the quality to be worthy of an award.

### Holcombville School

An application has been received from John and Judith Lovaas, 6310 Crystal Springs Road for local landmark status of the Holcombville School. The Commission noted the excellent presentation of the application. The Commission directed the staff liaison to schedule a hearing on the landmarking for the meeting in May. Jim Keefe will prepare the initial report on the Local Landmarking of the Holcombville School.

### Communications & Public Relations

#### Municipalities

Gloria Mack stated she had not done any work with municipalities.

Gloria Mack stated the plaqueing of the Ormsby-Stark home is scheduled for April 23, 1995. The Chain-of-Lakes Sweet Adelines will give a 20 minute performance. John Jung and William Carroll will present the plaque. Gail Drabant will create a program for the presentation. Gloria Mack submitted written comments regarding the status of the Committee's activities

#### Old House Support Group

Gail Drabant submitted written comments regarding the status of the Committee. These comments are attached as part of the minutes.

### New Business

Gloria Mack stated she is putting together a notebook for new Commission members. She will provide the binders and dividers if the copying can be done in-house. Jim Hogue stated that the copying could be done. Gail Drabant said she would design a cover for the notebook.

Jim Keefe noted that he had put together a listing of standing committees. He noted that Carol Lockwood will be on the Communications Committee.

The Committee as a whole discussed the status of Rick McGrath. It was noted that he has not attended many meetings. His status on the Commission was questioned. It was decided to defer any action on his status to the May meeting.

Discussion of the general membership was also held. It was decided there was a need to think about candidates for membership. It was noted two vacancies still exist on the Commission.

Nancy Welch thanked Linda Spates for the work she had done in putting together the material for the nomination of Al Kramka for I.A.H.P.C. annual preservation award.

### Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Gail Drabant, seconded by Gloria Mack. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
MAY 9, 1995**

**McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, IL**

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Frank Scherschel, Nancy Welch.

**Members Absent:** Richard McGrath.

**Guests:** Tony Valenziano, Marcel Aimi, John and Judith Lovaas.

**Staff Present:** Jim Hogue and Linda Spates.

**Call to order and Roll**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of April 11, 1995**

Steve Gulgren said there was a correction to the minutes of April 11, 1995. He said he was absent at the meeting and that was not included in the minutes.

Gloria Mack made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the April 11, 1995. with the above correction. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Standing Committees**

**Survey & Landmarking**

Nancy Welch reported that Frank Scherschel and herself went out to the "Camp Algonquin" and stated it is alot like the Turner Camp. Nancy feels it is not acceptable for landmarking, since it does not meet any criteria and feels it is not historically significant.

**Communications & Public Relations**

Gloria Mack spoke on the Greenwood School and noted the Village of Greenwood was very interested in maintaining the Landmark status of the property. See report attached.

**Municipalities-Gloria Mack**

See report attached

**Old House Support Group (OHSG)**

Gail Drabant spoke on April meeting at the Diehls home, the Brochure and County-Wide Comprehensive Landmark List.

See report attached.

**Awards & Recognition-Rick McGrath**

Rick McGrath was absent at this meeting.

**Report by Jim Hogue**

Jim Hogue has spoken to a local realtor who was interested in the John B. Walkup House, which has been landmarked by the commission as #93-02. The Commission is concerned about this property being annexed and its status as a Local Landmark. (similar to the Greenwood School).

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Welch, seconded by Frank Scherschel. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. To conduct Public Hearing on the Holcombville School. Meeting readjoined at 8:00 p.m.



**Historic Preservation Commission  
Public Hearing Holcombville School  
May 9, 1995  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois**

Members Present: Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Frank Scherschel, Nancy Welch.

Members Absent: Rick McGrath.

Guests: Tony Valenziano, Marcel Aimj, John and Judith Lovaas.

The Hearing was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Jim Keefe opened the Public Hearing on the Holcombville School. Jim Keefe stated 9 out of 14 criteria were met for nomination.

- 1) It has character, interest, or value which is part of the development, heritage, or cultural character of the community, county, state or nation.
- 2) It embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials.
- 3) It embodies elements of design, detailing, materials, or craftsmanship that render is architecturally significant.
- 4) It embodies design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.
- 5) It has a unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature.
- 6) It has character which is a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, including, but not limited to, farmhouses, gas stations, or other commercial structures, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.
- 7) It establishes a sense of time and place unique to a community and /or the County of McHenry.
- 8) It is suitable for preservation or restoration.
- 9) It is an exceptional example of a historic or vernacular style or one of few remaining in the County of McHenry.

Jim Keefe stated aeriol photos of the Holcombville School is indicate it is not in the Village of Bull Valley. Mr. Valenziano stated he feels it is the Village of Bull Valley. Mr. Valenziano produced a survey showing the county line on the survey is going through the middle of the Holcombville School building.

Jim Hogue suggested we continue the Hearing on the Holcombville School and do not vote on it at this time. Jim Hogue also stated he will talk to the States Attorney on this matter to see if it is in the Village of Bull Valley and get an opinion as to how the Commission should proceed on this matter.

A motion was unanimously approved. The Hearing will be continued until the July 11, 1995 regular meeting.

There are no minutes for the June 1995 meeting of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission as the meeting was canceled.

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

July 11, 1995

McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Gloria Mack, Frank Scherschel, Nancy Welch

**Members Absent:** Richard McGrath

**Guests:** Betsy Boldt, Chicago Tribune

**Staff Present:** Jim Hogue and Nina Campione

### Call to order and Roll

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

### Approval of Minutes of May 9, 1995

Gail Drabant said there were two corrections to the minutes of May 9, 1995. She stated that on page one under "Communications & Public Relations" there was no report attached as stated. On page two under "Old House Support Group" there was no report attached as stated.

Gloria Mack made a motion to approve the amended minutes of May 9, 1995 with the above corrections. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote.

### Standing Committees

#### Survey & Landmarking

There was a discussion of the Windhill Farms in Greenwood. It was stated by Jim Keefe that the Survey Committee should tour the home to complete the documentation of the survey. Nancy Welch will schedule a tour.

There was a discussion of the Forbes Home in Crystal Lake. It was stated by Jim Keefe that this was the first log cabin built in Crystal Lake. Currently there is a house surrounding the cabin but a tour of the inside of the house should be scheduled to see if the log cabin is still originally intact. Nancy Welch will research this.

The Nedelson House was discussed. Jim Keefe stated that the Nedelson's will not be submitting their paperwork until the architect completes all of the plans for the restoration to its original state.

### **Old Business**

Jim Hogue discussed the Holcombville School issue. He suggested that the Commission follow the advice of the State's Attorney and work with the Village of Bull Valley toward an intergovernmental agreement.

A motion was made by Gloria Mack, seconded by Nancy Welch for the approval of a resolution to enter into an intergovernmental agreement or have the Village of Bull Valley pass an ordinance designating the McHenry County Landmark Commission the authority to landmark the Holcombville School.

A motion was made by Nancy Welch, seconded by Gail Drabant to recommend approval of the Holcombville School as a local McHenry County Landmark subject to an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Bull Valley.

See attached article from the Chicago Tribune written by Betsy Boldt regarding Holcombville School.

### **New Business**

There was a discussion on the Newman House application. Nancy Welch disagreed with the Commission that the house should be considered a local McHenry County Landmark.

A motion was made by Gloria Mack, seconded by Gail Drabant to recommend landmark status for the Newman House.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to consider the Newman House as a local McHenry County Landmark.

Jim Keefe, aye  
Gloria Mack, aye  
Nancy Welch, nay  
Gail Drabant, aye  
Frank Scherschel, nay

The vote passed 3 to 2.

A motion was made by Jim Keefe to adjourn, seconded by Gloria Mack.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
August 8, 1995**

**McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098**

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Frank Scherschel and Nancy Welch

**Members Absent:** Richard McGrath

**Guests:** Dave Barnes, Chicago Tribune

**Staff Present:** Jim Hogue and Nina Campione

**Call to Order and Roll**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:10 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of July 11, 1995**

Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 1995. Nancy Welch seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Survey & Landmarking**

There was a discussion of the Forbes House in Crystal Lake. Nancy Welch stated that she investigated the house and found that the log cabin, originally thought to be intact, was torn down years ago and no longer exists.

Nancy Welch and Jim Keefe went to the Windhill Farm in Greenwood which is owned by Michael J. & Barbara LeVerso. The basement is 12' high and is completely made of stone which extends up into some areas of the house. They discovered that the mortar is red instead of the usual gray. Jim Keefe received literature from the United States Department of Interior. Within this literature there is a picture of a home identical to Windhill Farm. The picture was taken in Fryeburg, Oxford County, Maine. The home belongs to the Osgood Family and is listed in the National Historical Register as a Federal House in architectural style. It was decided by the Commission that Windhill Farm is a Federal style

house, not a Georgian style as originally thought. Michael LeVerso believes that he may have found the original mantle from one of the numerous fireplaces. It was stated by Nancy Welch that main house was built in the 1800's and the outbuildings were constructed around 1945. The main house was remodeled in the late 1800's. Jim Hogue asked Nancy if she could get a plat of the property so the Commission would have an accurate legal description for publication.

Nancy Welch stated that she talked with the owners of the Seven Gables House. She stated that they are still interested in receiving landmark status and have continued the restoration of the porch.

### **Communications & Public Relations**

#### **Municipalities**

Gloria Mack stated that she went to the City of McHenry Council meeting on July 12, 1995 where the Mast Horse Barn was discussed. She spoke on the importance of maintaining the integrity of this barn. Gloria also contacted the State Preservation office concerning maintenance of the barn. The State Preservation office asked about the slate siding on the barn. Gloria stated that Amy Slocumb confirmed that it is slate. Gloria said that Amy Slocumb and Pam Altoff would work together obtaining any information to preserve this barn. Gloria said she spoke to E.J. Varga, who represents the Mast family, and asked if there were any photographs of this barn when it was in its "*hay day*".

#### **Old House Support Group (OHSG)**

Gail Drabant stated that the Old House Support Group is having a planning meeting August 31, 1995. The regular monthly meetings will resume the 3rd Thursday in September. The subject of the first meeting will be roofing. The schedule for the year will also be discussed.

#### **Report by Jim Hogue**

#### **Intergovernmental Agreement - Holcombville School**

Jim Hogue stated that he has a draft of the intergovernmental agreement and both resolutions concerning the plaqueing of the Holcombville School. Jim will be taking these documents to the County Administrator to see which direction the Commission should proceed. Jim would like to have the intergovernmental agreement and the two resolutions completed before presenting them to the Planning and Development Committee and County Board.

### Temporary Committees

Gail Drabant stated that she was working on the Comprehensive Landmark Listing.

### Old Business

There was discussion on the presentation of awards to Al Kramka, Rich McGrath and the Richmond Dress Shop . Gail will frame the awards and they will be presented to recipients at a later date.

### New Business

Jim Keefe stated that he has written to Mike Ward of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency requesting information on the FY96 CLG grants. He also wrote to Carol Shull of United States Department of Interior requesting any additional information regarding historic landmarks. Carol supplied the Commission with pamphlets and brochures which will be kept with Jim Hogue for any future references (see attached letters).

Jim Keefe submitted a bill for active member renewal in the I.M.P.A. Jim Hogue will submit the \$35.00 bill for payment.

Jim Keefe received a brochure from the Office of Lieutenant Governor, Bob Kustra regarding the main street progress (see attached).

Jim Keefe stated that Rick McGrath has now been appointed as an advisor to the Commission. He stated that it is imperative that the Commission gain three new members. Jim Hogue will speak to the secretary of the County Board concerning this matter and all members of this Commission will have a general assignment to contact any parties that they feel might be interested in joining the Commission.

Jim Keefe stated that at the next meeting on September 12, 1995, there will be the public hearing on the Brickyard House near Harvard.

A motion was made by Jim Keefe to adjourn. Nancy Welch seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

October 10, 1995

*McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois*

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Gloria Mack, Carol Lockwood, Nancy Welch

**Members Absent:** Frank Scherschel

**Guests:** *Dave Barnes, Chicago Tribune*  
Mike Orndahl, Attorney

**Staff Present:** Jim Hogue and Linda Spates

### ***Call to order and Roll***

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:00 p.m.

### ***Approval of Minutes of September 12, 1995***

Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 1995. Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

### ***Standing Committees***

#### ***Survey & Landmarking***

Nancy Welch reported she is unable to attend meeting on October 16, 1995.

### ***Communications & Public Relations***

#### ***Municipalities***

Gloria Mack stated she has written to 6 Mayors regarding the establishment of preservation commission at the municipal level. Copies of letters are attached to the minutes. She has also spoken to Mary Thennes of Crystal Lake with regard to adopting Landmark Ordinance in Crystal Lake.

#### ***Old House Support Group (OHSG)***

Gail Drabant reported the OHSG met for their September program on Wood Restoration. They had a representative from Abatron who gave a slide presentation and demonstration. The program was well attended and very informative. The emphasis was on restoration rather than replacement of wooden articles.

The October 19<sup>th</sup> Open House of The Old House Support Group will be at a house in Woodstock that is over 100 years old.

There was coverage and an interview of the OHSG in another article on preservation in the Chicago Tribune.

The OHSG was invited to give a presentation in Springfield at the Certified Local Government Workshop being sponsored by the State Historic Preservation Agency. Shelley Trost volunteered to represent our group. OHSG was chosen by Amy Slocumbe to give a different slant on preservation as opposed to a city giving a report on what structures they are trying to preserve. This workshop will be held October 28, 1995.

### ***Vistas - Carol Lockwood***

At this time Carol is accumulating information/suggestions for Vistas to explore for consideration by the Commission. So far she has 3 possibilities listed below.

1. Dodge Farm at Glacial Ridge - She has photos and paperwork underway.
2. Flat Iron Road - She questioned whether or not this is county highway. A member of the public suggested that it might be worth saving from future roadway expansion by plaqueing it. She also had questions about who to contact regarding roads.
3. There is a cemetery at Maple Street and Anthony Roads in Riley Township. It is beside a field and is in a bad state of disrepair and neglect. Some names that can be discerned on the tombstones are Metcalf, Hotchkiss, and Alden from the 1860s. Photos are on the way of this cemetery.

Any other suggestions are welcome.

### ***Report by Jim Hogue***

Jim Hogue stated he took the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Holcombville School to the County Board a couple weeks ago. The county board approved it at their meeting of September 19, 1995. The Village of Bull Valley also approved this agreement. It is anticipated this will go to County Board for approval in November.

### **Report by Chairman**

Jim Keefe will be attending the Certified Local Government Workshop on October 28, 1995 in Springfield, IL. Mr. Keefe also stated he ordered the Plaque for the Newman House. He also gave Nancy Welch name of person who is purchasing the Alden School.

### ***Old Business***

Nothing to report.

***New Business***

Nothing to report.

***Adjourn***

A motion to adjourn was made by Gloria Mack, seconded by Carol Lockwood.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 14, 1995**

**MCHENRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Steve Gulgren, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Beverly Merz, Frank Scherschel and Nancy Welch

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Gail Drabant

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Hogue, Nina Campione

**GUEST:** Barbara Gillette, Chicago Tribune

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 1995**

Gloria Mack made a MOTION to approve the minutes of October 10, 1995. Carol Lockwood seconded the MOTION, which was approved by unanimous vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Survey and Landmarking**

Nancy Welch stated that she had contacted Abe Barnes from the Chicago Tribune regarding the Holcombville School plaquing ceremony. She also commented that the Committee should set a date for surveying new sites.

**Communication and Public Relations**

Gloria Mack stated that she had one response from the six letters she sent out to Mayors of surrounding municipalities regarding the establishment of a Preservation Commission at a municipal level. The one response received, declined the offer.

Gloria Mack stated that on December 9, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. the McHenry County Historic Preservation and the McHenry County Historic Society will have a joint plaquing ceremony in the Holcombville School. County Board member Don Doherty is an alumni from the school and will do the plaquing at the ceremony.

### **Vistas**

Carol Lockwood will gladly accept any suggestions regarding Vistas.

### **Report by the Chairman**

Jim Keefe stated that he attended the Illinois Historic Preservation meeting in Springfield, Illinois. He spoke with members from different Historic Preservation Committees in Illinois. Mr. Keefe obtained fresh information along with brochures and pamphlets that were exchanged among the members. Some of the suggestions included driving tours, school tours, video tapes and coloring books.

### **Report by Jim Hogue**

Jim Hogue stated that he will be presenting the Newman House and the Holcombville School to the County Board for approval of plaquing at the November County Board meeting.

Camp Algonquin will be submitting an application for Landmark status consideration by the Committee.

Jim Hogue stated that applications for Commission Membership were sent in for review. One application was very well received by the Commission but a decision will not be made until all applicants are heard.

The City of Woodstock ordinance was discussed. Jim Hogue commented that the ordinance states that there should be a 7 day notice given for all public hearings, but the state statute reads that a 15 to 30 day notice be given.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

**ADJOURN**

Frank Scherschel made a MOTION to adjourn. Nancy Welch seconded the MOTION, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC HEARING JOHN JAMES HOUSE (1850)  
NOVEMBER 14, 1995**

**MCHENRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098**

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Steve Gulgren, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Beverly Merz, Frank Scherschel and Nancy Welch

**Member Absent:** Gail Drabant

**Guest:** Barbara Gillette, Chicago Tribune

The Hearing was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Jim Keefe opened the Public Hearing for the John James House which was built in 1850.

Mr. Keefe stated that letters have been sent out to the surrounding neighbors and a announcement was placed in the newspapers on October 26, 1995. There has been no response regarding the plaquing of this property as a local landmark.

The residence is located at 2719 Greenwood Road, Woodstock, Illinois, P.P.I. #08-22-200-003-0040.

The criteria for Landmarking this home is as follows:

1. It has character, interest, or value which is part of the development, heritage, or cultural character of the community, county, state or nation.
2. It is identified with a person who significantly contributed to the development of the community.
3. It embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials.
4. It embodies design elements, detailing materials, or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant.

5. It embodies design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.
6. It has a unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature.
7. It has character which is a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, including, but not limited to, farmhouses, gas stations, or other commercial structures, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.
8. It establishes a sense of time and place unique to a community and/or the County of McHenry.
9. It is suitable for preservation or restoration.
10. It is an exceptional example of a historic or vernacular style of one of few remaining in the County of McHenry.

Nancy Welch passed around pictures of the house while Barbara Levesko, the petitioner, briefly described the home.

A MOTION was made by Gloria Mack, seconded by Nancy Welch to approve the John James House (1850) for plaquing. MOTION approved by voice vote.

Jim Hogue stated that he will present this proposal to the Planning and Development Committee in December. This will go before the full Board in December or January.



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
December 12, 1995  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois**

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Gloria Mack, Mike Orndahl, Frank Scherschel, Nancy Welch.

**Members Absent:** Steve Gulgren, Beverly Merz, Carol Lockwood.

**Staff Present:** Jim Hogue and Linda Spates.

**Call to order and Roll**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of November 14, 1995**

Gloria Mack made a Motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 1995. Frank Scherschel seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

**Standing Committees**

**Survey & Landmarking**

Nancy Welch reported that she is working on the Annual Report for 1995. The Annual Report is due in February 1996.

**Communications & Public Relations**

Nothing to report.

**Municipalities-Gloria Mack**

Thanks to Gail Drabant on the Holcombville School Brochure she produced for the Landmark Ceremony.

**Old House Support Group (OHSG)**

Gail Drabant reported the OHSG met for the November program on Roofing Problems & Alterations. A lot of interesting information was provided by Robert Raleigh of Renaissance Roofing who specializes in historic properties. There was a lot of positive feedback on the information he presented.

The October Open House was at a house in Woodstock that is over 100 years old. The open house was well attended. It was interesting to see the transition that the Greek Revival house has undergone through the years. Many of the original elements and details are still present.

The December Open House will also be in Woodstock at the Joseph Petrei house dating from 1865.

The OHSG was invited to give a presentation in Springfield at the Certified Local Government Workshop being sponsored by the State Historic Preservation Agency. Shelly Trost volunteered to represent our group. OHSG was chosen by Amy Slocumb to give a different slant on preservation as opposed to a city giving a report on what projects they are trying to preserve. Thanks to Shelly for the excellent presentation that she did.

#### **Vistas-Carol Lockwood**

Nothing to report.

#### **Report by Chairman**

Nothing to report.

#### **Report by Jim Hogue**

Jim Hogue stated the status on the John James House. This petition will go to the County Board for the approval of Landmark Status at the December 19, 1995 Regular Meeting.

#### **Old Business**

Nothing to report.

#### **New Business**

Nothing to report.

#### **Adjourn**

Nancy Welch made a Motion to adjourn. Gail Drabant seconded the Motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



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**McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING DATES FOR 1996**

January 9, 1996

February 13, 1996

March 12, 1996

April 9, 1996

May 14, 1996

June 11, 1996

July 9, 1996

**MEETING** August 13, 1996 **CANCELLED**

September 18, 1996

October 16, 1996

November 20, 1996

December 18, 1996

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

January 9, 1996

McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Mike Orndahl, Frank Scherschel and Nancy Welch.

**Members Absent:** Beverly Merz.

**Staff Present:** Jim Hogue and Linda Spates.

### **Call to order and Roll**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:05 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes of December 12, 1995**

Nancy Welch made a Motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 1995. Gail Drabant seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Standing Committees**

#### **Survey & Landmarking**

Nothing to report.

#### **Communications & Public Relations**

Gloria Mack stated she feels we as the Committee should advertise more on Public Relations.

#### **Municipalities-Gloria Mack**

Gloria Mack stated she would like to meet with Mr. Bill Lefew, the Mayor of Harvard. The meeting would be held to discuss the possibility of Harvard creating and adopting a preservation ordinance.

#### **Old House Support Group (OHSG)**

Gail Drabant reported the OHSG met in December at the Joseph Petrie house in Woodstock. The house is currently owned by Dan and Linda Witonski. Members enjoyed a warm holiday evening at the Open House sponsored by the property owners.

The OHSG meeting, January 18th will be a program on Period Interiors presented by Kelly Frank. Kelly is a historic homeowner of the Woodstock home featured in the film "Groundhog Day" and is an interior design consultant. The OHSG is looking forward to her ideas for winter projects.

In February, OHSG will have an open house at Karl and Lynn Nielsen's home, in Woodstock. Future programs are in the planning stages.

Gail Drabant also stated she is currently working on the next printing of the Preservation Commission's brochure and business cards and planning an update of the Comprehensive Landmark List. This should be done in the Spring.

### Vistas-Carol Lockwood

Carol Lockwood stated she contacted Mike Magnuson at the County Highway Department on December 12, to discuss the possibilities of plaqueing scenic roads in the County before they are revamped and disappear. He said that County roads and highways, such as Flat Iron Road, which are scenic and rural are the very roads which are targeted for widening and accommodating greater traffic loads. Perhaps it is too late to plaque some of these roads.

Mike Magnuson was a bit more encouraging about the possibility of preserving township roads. He mentioned the status of certain roads under the 2010 plan which might be possibilities for the Commission.

1. River Road from Marengo to County Line Road.
2. Fleming Road
3. Country Club Road

Commission members should start noticing the views as you walk and drive and suggest possible scenic roads or vista's for preservation.

He also suggested that we look into preserving structures such as trestle bridges. He mentioned three:

- 1) The bridge west of Greenwood on Allendale Road.
- 2) The bridge on Streit Road off Deep Cut Road in Hartland Township.
- 3) The bridge north of US 20 on County Line Road. He said that the state considers it to be historical, but a potential problem for us could be that part of it might lie in the jurisdiction of Boone County.

As for other suggestions for vistas, people have mentioned:

- 1) Mill Races - apparently there are two near Greenwood that are in unincorporated areas.
- 2) Consideration of bogs, springs or groves that anyone knows of worthy of preservation.
- 3) Consult the original surveyors' report of the County from 1837, to see if any of the landscape features mentioned in them still exist (e.g. any trees or other features which were identified by the surveyor's and still exist).

### **Report by Chairman**

Nothing to report.

### **Report by Jim Hogue**

Jim Hogue stated the annual report should be sent to Springfield by the end of January 1996.

### **Old Business**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

- A. Election of Officers
- B. Establishment of Committees

Gloria Mack made a motion to re-elect Nancy Welch as Vice-Chairman for the Commission and committees will remain the same. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

### **Adjourn**

Carol Lockwood made a motion to adjourn. Nancy Welch seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

February 13, 1996

McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Beverly Merz, Frank Scherschel and Nancy Welch.

**Members Absent:** Mike Orndahl.

**Staff Present:** Jim Hogue, Maryanne Wanaski and Linda Spates.

**Guest:** Dave Barnes, Chicago Tribune

### **Call to order and Roll**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:10 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes of January 9, 1996**

Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 9, 1996. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Standing Committees**

#### **Survey & Landmarking**

Nancy Welch passed out copies to the Commission members on the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program.

Nancy also spoke to Steve Barrett in Cary regarding Trout Valley. There are no possible landmark designations.

#### **Communications & Public Relations**

Concerning the Mass Horse Barn, in McHenry, Gloria Mack sent a letter to the City of McHenry providing them with information about Mr. Raleigh, an expert in slate shingles and tiles (attached). Gloria also received a telephone call from the Clerk of McHenry, Pam Althoff stating that she had contacted Mr. Raleigh and they had an appointment to look at the Mass Barn.

Last Friday she discovered that the Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Ordinance was going before the Crystal Lake City Council on February 13th (this evening). Since she

has not yet discovered how to be in two places at once she submitted written testimony in reference to the Ordinance and in that way the Commission is represented. (copy attached).

Gloria also spoke to Barbara LeVerso, owner of John James Farm, and have scheduled the landmarking for May 19th. She stated she would not be adverse to the idea of serving refreshments at the Greenwood Hall rather than at the Farm. She has also secured Greenwood Hall for the May 19th award presentations.

### **Old House Support Group (OHSG)**

Gail Drabant reported the OHSG meeting for January was a program on Interior Decorating for Old Houses presented by Kelly Frank. Kelly is a historic homeowner (the Woodstock home featured in the film "Groundhog Day") and is an interior design consultant. There was a surprisingly excellent turnout on such a cold winter evening. Ms. Frank provided a lot of ideas and hints with respect to common problems in adapting old house interiors to modern living.

In February, OHSG will have an open house at Karl & Lynn Nielsen's house in Woodstock. Future programs are still in the planning stages.

### **Awards**

Gail Drabant stated a press release was distributed to members to submit to their local newspapers, and will try to also get coverage in the daily newspapers. The press release will also be published in the next OHSG newsletter.

### **Vistas-Carol Lockwood**

Carol Lockwood stated she is researching various bridges in McHenry County.

### **Report by Chairman**

Jim Keefe reported an old farmstead on Route 47, in Woodstock, is slated for development. Jim Keefe also stated he sees no historical significance for the property.

### **Report by Jim Hogue**

Jim Hogue stated the Woodstock Historic Ordinance copy was forwarded to Commission members.



Jim Hogue also stated he located Historical files on Vista's, cemeteries and other preservation topics. He also presented a series of newspaper articles which document the significance of the names of towns in the County for a historical perspective.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Nancy Welch stated Mr. Tony Howard was unavailable to attend the February meeting and will join us at the March 12th meeting, and should be considered for the vacant Commissioner's position.

**Adjourn**

Gail Drabant made a motion to adjourn. Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

March 12, 1996

McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Beverly Merz, Frank Scherschel and Nancy Welch.

**Members Absent:** Mike Orndahl and Steve Gulgren.

**Staff Present:** Jim Hogue and Linda Spates.

**Guest:** Kurt Begalka, Northwest Herald, Ray Minor, Daily Herald, Greg Lafgren and Nancy Fike.

### **Call to order and Roll**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:05 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes of February 13, 1996**

Gloria Mack made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 13, 1996. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Standing Committees**

#### **Survey & Landmarking**

Nancy Welch passed out materials she had received from Camp Algonquin. Ms. Welsh stated that she had been contacted by the Office of the States Attorney regarding the alleged violation of the Open Meetings Act during a site visit to Camp Algonquin by three members of the Survey Committee. Per the instructions from the States Attorney all information gathered on the site visit in February 1996 could not be used. Consequently, Ms. Welsh returned the information previously obtained. She then scheduled another appointment with the Camp Algonquin representatives and obtained new information. Ms. Welsh was the only member of the Survey Committee to visit the site. These are the materials which were distributed to the Commission regarding the Camp Algonquin landmark designation. The States Attorney also advised that the time line for preparation of the initial report was pushed back to March 8, 1996. This was the date that information regarding the designation was obtained. The initial report on the request for landmark status should be ready for the regular meeting in April.

Nancy also stated she has tried to contact Michael Angelos, who owns property in Trout Valley, in the unincorporated area that commission is interested in as a potential local landmark.

### **Communications & Public Relations**

Gloria Mack spoke on the Plaueing Ceremony for the John James House dated for May 19, 1996/Preservation Week at Greenwood Village Hall. They are looking for a speaker that can address the history of the Underground Railroad in the Greenwood area.

The Newman House Plaueing Ceremony is scheduled at the request of Scott Summers, owner, for Monday, May 27, 1996, Memorial Day. The ceremony will be coordinated with the observance of Memorial Day at the adjacent cemetery, where the Newmans are interred. Civil War uniforms are being sought to intersperse with the various other veterans uniforms as part of the ceremony. Also an "Abe Lincoln type" is being sought to recite the Gettysburg Address.

Crystal Lake Preservation Ordinance - Mary Thennes. Mary believes it will be on the Crystal Lake City Council agenda on 3/19/96. She is concerned that it may be on the same agenda as the citizens against a development that will create an extension of Walkup Road among other things. Mary is involved with both groups and feels it would be detrimental to the passage of Ordinance if the anti-development group and Ordinance vote was scheduled on the same agenda.

### **Old House Support Group (OHSG)**

The OHSG meeting for February was an open house at the Nielson's in Woodstock. The open house was well attended. Since the Nielson's have done extensive renovation to their house, many tips were passed on to other members

The March meeting will be a program on Foundation Repairs, specifically addressing foundation and interior cracks. A representative from Tuff-Kote will be giving the presentation.

The April meeting will be an open house in Richmond. The May meeting has not yet been planned.

### **Awards**

Gail Drabant stated notice of the upcoming awards program is being forwarded to members for distribution in their communities. We are urging re-submission to the

newspapers, plus notice to the municipalities, townships and libraries. Without sufficient nominations, the significance of the awards program is lessened.

### **Vistas-Carol Lockwood**

Carol Lockwood stated she contacted the highway department found out that there is no map or listing of "scenic roads" for the county. She will try to pursue this point and try to find out the way in which the state designates scenic roads. Carol also obtained a list of township highway commissioners and is playing "phone tag" with those in Greenwood and Hartland trying to get further information about the truss bridges in those townships.

Following Jim Keefe's lead, Carol has also been in touch with the National Trust. They told her to contact the Midwest Regional Office of the National Trust for information about preserving vistas and landscapes. She is waiting for their literature to arrive. It's a bit disheartening that everyone she speaks to about vistas says that they will have to "dig up" their information about it. The obvious implication is that it is an issue worth considering but no one is doing very much anywhere with regard to preserving vistas.

On the other hand, it does mean that perhaps we can be the "groundbreaker" on the issue (forgive the pun).

### **Report by Chairman**

Jim Keefe spoke on the Diggins School House located between Woodstock and Marengo, plaqued approximately 2 years ago. Jim has received calls from different prospects on purchasing the property. A lady from Des Plaines would like to purchase the property and add an addition on to the house. A letter was submitted for review by the Commission. Jim Keefe has also heard from the Certified Local Government Task Force in Springfield, IL. They have sent copies of their first meeting minutes for review by local landmark commissions. Also Mike Ward sent a copy of the Open Meetings Act. They will start having meetings locally instead of in Springfield.

### **Report by Jim Hogue**

Jim Hogue stated he needs resumes from new members to submit to Springfield for the HPC Annual Report. Amy Slocumb will accept the Annual Report upon receipt of the resumes of new members.

### **Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Nothing to report.

**Adjourn**

Beverly Merz made a motion to adjourn. Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**April 9, 1996**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Anthony Howard, Carol Lockwood, Beverly Merz, Frank Scherschel and Nancy Welch.

**Members Absent:** Mike Orndahl and Gloria Mack.

Beverly Merz made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 12, 1996. Anthony Howard seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

**Standing Committees**

**Survey & Landmarking**

Nancy Welch passed out copies from the withdrawal application of Camp Algonquin.

Nancy met with people in Cary to discuss their starting an Historical Society.

Nancy also received a Preservation Awards application, from a Mr. Andrew Sullivan.

Jim Hogue received a letter from the lady in DesPlaines who is interested in purchasing the Diggins School House. The prospective buyer is considering adding dormers to the building. During a telephone conversation, Jim Hogue advised her to resubmit a "concept sketch".

**Communications & Public Relations**

Gloria Mack was unable to attend the meeting. Her report is below.

**May 19, 1996/Preservation Week**

Gloria would like a consensus on what time the John James House Award Ceremony should start. Gloria would also like to know if refreshments will be served at the awards ceremony. The speaker for the John James Landmarking will be Gloria Urch. She will speak on the value of preservation and also touch on the "underground railroad" in the Greenwood area.

### Memorial Day, The Newman House

Gloria Mack stated Scott Sommers, owner of the Newman House requested that we coordinate our landmarking with the Memorial Day ceremony to be held at the cemetery adjacent to the house where the Newmans and Hammonds are interred. This ceremony is sponsored by the City of Harvard. John and Marcie Matusek of Union, who are Civil War reenactors will participate in our ceremony. Gloria will be calling the City of Harvard to begin coordinating the landmarking. She further contacted a Lincoln impersonator from Aurora, but he has a fee and Gloria dismissed the idea. However, Scott Sommers talked to his wife and they will pay the fee. Lincoln may be there to recite the Gettysburg address after all. Gloria stated she will be attending the City of McHenry Landmark Commission meeting on May 7th.

### Old House Support Group (OHSG)

The OHSG meeting for April will be an open house at the Wulffen's in Richmond. The May meeting has not been finalized.

### Awards

Gail Drabant stated the final deadline for nominations is April 15th. Gail hopes to have representation from all areas of the County. This year there are approximately 10 nominations in various categories. Runners-up will be given an "honorable mention". Timing logistics were revised for the coordinating on 19th or May 19, 96 plaqueing awards and refreshments. This will be finalized at the next meeting.

### Vistas-Carol Lockwood

Carol Lockwood discussed Vista'a and will elaborate more next meeting.

### Report by Chairman

Jim Keefe stated he received information from Nancy Fike regarding barns in McHenry County for possible landmarking.

### Report by Maryanne Wanaski

Maryanne reported Jim Hogue needs a resume from Anthony Howard and Beverly Merz needs to expand her "preservation background". Various materials, for possible "hand-out" information was given to committee members to review and comment.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Nothing to report.

**Adjourn**

Carol Lockwood made a motion to adjourn. Beverly Merz seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
May 14, 1996  
McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, IL

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Anthony Howard, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Beverly Merz, Frank Scherschel, Nancy Welch.

**Members Absent:** Steve Gulgren and Mike Orndahl.

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Linda Spates.

**Call to order and Roll**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of April 9, 1996**

Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 9, 1996, with corrections. Nancy Welch seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

**Standing Committees**

**Survey & Landmarking**

Nancy Welch reported on the barn meeting she attended in regards to the "1997 Barn Bus Tour". The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 1996 at 7 p.m. at the McHenry County Historical Museum in Union, IL.

**Communications & Public Relations**

**Municipalities-Gloria Mack**

See report attached.

**Old House Support Group (OHSG)**

See report attached.

**Vistas-Carol Lockwood**

See report attached.

**Report by Staff**

Nothing to report.

**Report by Chairman**

Nothing to report.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Nothing to report.

**Adjournment**

Carol Lockwood made a motion to adjourn. Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**June 11, 1996**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Anthony Howard, Gloria Mack, Carol Lockwood, Frank Scherschel, Nancy Welch.

**Guests Present:** Dave Barnes, Chicago Tribune.  
Bill Parks.

**Members Absent:** Beverly Merz.

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Linda Spates.

**Call to order and Roll:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of May 14, 1996** Gloria Mack made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 14, 1996. Anthony Howard seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

**Survey & Landmarking** Nancy Welch passed out tour information on the Bus Tour for the commission members to review. See attached brochure.

Nancy submitted an article from Northwest Herald dated June 8, 1996, stating that residents have until April 15, 1996 to nominate their properties for possible landmarking.

The Survey Committee will meet June 22, 1996 at Jim Keefe's office in Woodstock at 9 a.m. to review "Old Mill" in Alden, for possible landmarking.

**Communications & Public Relations/Municipalities** Gloria Mack, motion made regarding quarterly meetings see "New Business".

See report attached.

**Old House Support Group (OHSG)**

See report attached.

**Vistas-Carol Lockwood**

See report attached.

**Report by Chairman**

Nothing to report.

**Report by Staff**

Maryanne spoke about the possibility of getting funding for an Historic Preservation Plan. The grant would be available through Community Development Block Grant funds. Anthony Howard will follow up.

Maryanne mentioned the 50th National Preservation Conference Preliminary Program. A national conference to be held at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago, October 16th-20th. Attendance will fulfill the Commission's CLG requirement (be represented at one information meeting per year pertaining to the work and functions of the Commission or Historic Preservation). There are limited funds available for registration fees and the early deadline is July 15th. Commission Members need to check their schedules and get back to staff regarding reservations.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

A motion was made to support a quarterly meeting of representatives from each historical preservation group in the County. The purpose is to coordinate and inform each other of the works of each group. Maryanne Wanaski will arrange a room for the meeting when the Commission sets tentative date. A motion was made by Gloria Mack and seconded by Gail Drabant, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Adjourn**

Jim Keefe made a motion to adjourn. Carol Lockwood seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**July 9, 1996**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, IL**

**Call to Order and Roll**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Nancy Welch at 7:10 p.m.

**Present:** Tony Howard, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Frank Scherschel, Nancy Welch

**Absent:** Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Bev Merz, Mike Orndahl and Steve Gulgren

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski

**Approval of Minutes of June 11, 1996**

The following corrections apply to the referenced minutes:

- Survey Committee meeting slated for June 22, 1996 was postponed due to scheduling conflicts; *it will be rescheduled.*
- The Northwest Herald article noted by Nancy Welch was a misprint. Please disregard.

Gloria Mack made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 11, 1996, with corrections; Carol Lockwood seconded.

**Standing Committees**

**Survey & Landmarking**

- On July 22, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cary Village Hall, Nancy Welch and Gloria Mack will meet with village officials to discuss the value of adopting a preservation ordinance.
- Ms. Welch will contact Jim Keefe to reschedule the Survey Committee meeting.

**Communications, Public Relations, Municipal Liaison**

- Ms. Mack is working on a date, agenda, and guest list for the joint County/municipal historical commission meeting, as discussed on June 9th. More details will follow.

**Old House Support Group (OHSB), Awards, Recognitions**

- No report

**Vistas**

- Ms. Lockwood met with Mr. Everet Thomas to view areas for potential landmarking. None proved significant but Mr. Thomas suggested possible leads.
- *Work is still in progress to locate an intern to help this committee. University recommendations are being investigated.*

**Community Development Block Grants**

- An overview on CDBG requirements is attached. Members are asked to read the report in order to discuss feasible proposals at the August meeting.

(Side note: Crystal Lake has adopted an historical preservation ordinance and formed its preservation commission. Tony Howard, one of the new members, invited everyone to the first meeting: July 18, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. Crystal Lake City Hall. Kudos Tony!)

**Report by Staff**

- All of the articles, submitted by Commission members, have been forwarded to Amy Slocumbe for publication (maybe the 3rd week of July) in the *Commissioner*.
- A reservation for Gloria Mack and Nancy Welch will be made for the 50th National Preservation Conference, October 16-20, 1996 to be held at the Palmer House Hilton Chicago, Illinois.

**Report by Chairman**

- No report.

**Old Business**

- Tony Howard submitted a candidate to fill one of the Commission vacancies. Mr. David Gerbais, a Crystal Lake attorney, is a resident of Algonquin township.

**New Business**

- Nothing to report.

**Adjournment**

- Carol Lockwood made a motion to adjourn. Tony Howard seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**September 18, 1996**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

**Call to Order and Roll**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keefe at 7:05 p.m.

**Present:** Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Steve Gulgren, Tony Howard, Carol Lockwood, Frank Scherschel

**Absent:** Nancy Welch, Bev Merz, and Gloria Mack

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski

**Approval of Minutes of August 13, 1996**

Carol Lockwood made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 13, 1996. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

**Standing Committees**

**Survey & Landmarking**

- Maryanne spoke for Nancy Welch. Cary Village Hall officials would like to pass a resolution adopting the County's Preservation Ordinance. After discussion, Jim Keefe made a motion to wait for a letter from Cary (Maryanne will contact Larry Asaro) outlining the details. Maryanne will then follow-up with a letter to the State's Attorney Office. Gail Drabant made a motion to inform Cary Officials of the Commission's support. Tony Howard approved motion; seconded by Carol Lockwood; and approved by unanimous vote.

**Communications, Public Relations, Municipal Liaison**

- Report Attached.

**Old House Support Group (OHSG), Awards, Recognitions**

- Report Attached.

**Vistas**

- Report Attached

**Community Development Block Grants**

- Tony Howard led a discussion regarding the Commission's eligibility for CDBG funding for 1997.
- Maryanne will have the CDBG Coordinator (Maryann Taranowski) contact Tony before the October meeting.

**Report by Staff**

- Nancy Welch's re-appointment is coming up in November.
- Fiscal year's end is near and there is some budgeted moneys available for purchasing additional resources for the Commission's library. Members should let Maryanne know of any materials they would like to acquire.
- Certified Local Governments (CLG) has "Grants-In-Aid" available. The manual should be mailed shortly and will be passed to Tony Howard for review.

**Report by Chairman**

- Jim Keefe made a formal resolution eliminating Mike Orthanthal from the Commission's membership. The motion was approved by Tony Howard; seconded by Gail Drabant; and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Keefe contacted the owner(s) of Walkup House in regards to landmarking their home next spring.
- With respect to next year's budget, Mr. Keefe spoke to Jim Hogue and the total budget for Historic Preservation is \$2,000.00 (the same as last year) most of which will again be used to pay for plaques.

**Old Business**

- Nothing to report.

**New Business**

- New members, Jennifer Iftner of Harvard, and David Gervais of Crystal Lake were introduced to the membership. Formal appointment by the County Board is pending.

**Adjournment**

- Gail Drabant made a motion to adjourn. Carol Lockwood seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**October 16, 1996**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, IL**

***Call to Order and Roll:***

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Keefe at 7:05 p.m.

**Present:** Tony Howard, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant

**Absent:** Steve Gulgren, Nancy Welch, and Beverly Merz

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Linda Spates

**Approval of Minutes of September 18, 1996**

- Gail Drabant made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 18, 1996. Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

***Standing Committees:***

**Survey & Landmarking**

- Jim Keefe spoke in the absence of Nancy Welch. The Committee will review the Spring Shire Inn on McConnell Rd.
- Anthony Howard questioned the status on the old grain mill in Alden. Jim Keefe stated that even though an application was never formally submitted, a meeting should be scheduled with the Committee and owner(s) to discuss possible plaqueing. October 26, 1996 has been set as the tentative date.

**Communications, Public Relations, Municipal Liaison**

- Gloria Mack and Nancy Welch have discussed plans for a mid-January joint meeting to include representatives from municipal commissions, societies, and any other interested citizens of McHenry County. They envision this first gathering to be the hopeful start of semi-annual meetings that will coordinate preservation planning and activities throughout the County. Gail Drabant stated it would be helpful to publish the time in our newsletter once a final date is set. More details will follow in November.

**Old House Support Group (OHSG), Awards, Recognition's**

- Gail Drabant said that the Old House Support Group was having an "Open House" October 17, 1996 in Cary. At their September meeting, a tentative schedule and program was set for next year.
- There was nothing to report for publications.
- MCCD's Greek Revival House located on Glacial Park is on hold pending review.

**Vistas**

- Carol Lockwood spoke to Ted Hild in Springfield about Historic Preservation Planning Grants. He said that recent awards have ranged between \$1000 to \$2000; perhaps not enough for our purposes. (If we got an intern at \$6.50 per hour, it would get us only about 2

to 3 weeks worth of research.) Mr. Hild did mentioned the fact that that Nancy Fike was a successful applicant in the 1980's and that she might have suggestions.

- Carol also spoke to Wayne Temple, Chief Director, at the Illinois State Archives. They have the plats and surveyors notes from the 1837 McHenry County survey, but not for loan purposes. Microfilms are available at Newberry Library at N.E. Illinois and UI-C. When time permits, the books will be examined.
- Additionally, work continues on the monthly photo compilation of prairie flowers/grasses.

#### **Grants**

Report Attached.

#### **Report by Staff**

- Maryanne Wanaski stated that a memorial, in the Commission's name, was donated by the County Board to one of Frank Scherschel's chosen charities.
- Tony Howard will take Frank's place at the conference at the State of Illinois Building, Chicago, Illinois this coming Saturday.
- Nancy Welch's term expires in November and Beverly Merz has missed several meetings. These issues need to be addressed at the November meeting.
- Maryanne will also check on the formal appointments of Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais with the County Administrator's Office.

#### **Report by Chairman**

- No report.

#### **Old Business:**

- No report.

#### **New Business:**

- Nothing to report.

#### **Adjournment:**

- Tony Howard made a motion to adjourn. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**November 20, 1996**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, IL**

***Call to Order and Roll:***

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Keefe at 7:45 p.m. (Weather delayed a timely start.)

**Present:** Tony Howard, Gloria Mack, Jim Keefe, Jennifer Iftner, David Gervais, and Carol Lockwood

**Absent:** Steve Gulgren, Nancy Welch, and Gail Drabant.

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Linda Spates

**Guests:** Tom Wilcockson, Mapcraft and Georgian Cooper, Tribune.

**Approval of Minutes of October 16, 1996**

- Gloria Mack made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 16, 1996. Tony Howard seconded the motion with corrections. All present responded *aye*, motion carried.

***Standing Committees:***

**Survey & Landmarking**

- Jim Keefe stated that the Committee will be reviewing the Spring Shire Inn on McConnell Road, known as the Walkup House (plaqued in 1993) which is up for sale at this time.
- Jim Keefe spoke on Nancy Welch's absence. Pictures and articles regarding the House of 7 Gables in Harvard, Illinois were presented. The Landmark Committee asks that Commission Members examine the preliminary syllabus compiled by the Committee. (This data will be attached to the minutes.) If agreed upon by the Commission, a public hearing will be scheduled to start the landmarking process. This will be discussed again in December.

**Communications, Public Relations, Municipal Liaison**

- Report Attached.

**Old House Support Group (OHSG), Awards, Recognition's**

- No Report.

**Vistas**

- No Report.

**Grants**

- Tony Howard and Maryanne Wanaski completed and mailed IHPA's CLG grant application. Successful applicants will be notified in February.

**Report by Staff**

- Maryanne Wanaski presented drafts of the *FY 1996-1997 Calendar of Events and Work Program* that were discussed and then approved by those present. The *Calendar* and *Program* will be included with the minutes.
- With the start of the new year, Maryanne suggested that part of December's meeting be allotted to the review and discussion of the Commission's *By-laws, Goals and Strategies, and CLG Requirements*.

**Report by Chairman**

- Jim Keefe noted that Nancy Welch's commission would expire on November 26, 1996. A motion was made by Gloria Mack, seconded by Carol Lockwood, and unanimously passed to re-appoint Ms. Welch to another term. Maryanne will notify the County Administrator's Office.

**Old Business:**

- No report.

**New Business:**

- Presentation by Tom Wilcockson included illustrations for the Commission's Special Project.

**Adjournment:**

- Gloria Mack made a motion to adjourn. Tony Howard seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**December 18, 1996**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, IL**

***Call to Order and Roll:***

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Keefe at 7:04 p.m.

**Present:** Tony Howard, Gloria Mack, Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Nancy Welch, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, David Gervais.

**Absent:** Steve Gulgren and Carol Lockwood

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski

**Approval of Minutes of November 18, 1996**

- Nancy Welch made a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 1996. Gloria Mack seconded the motion with corrections, which was approved by unanimous vote.

***Standing Committees:***

**Survey & Landmarking**

- The 7 Gables house was discussed. Maryanne was told to set up a public hearing to take place before the Joint Municipal Liaison meeting (January 15, 1997 at 6:30 p.m.), to publish the notice, and to notify adjacent property owners per ordinance requirements.

**Communications, Public Relations, Municipal Liaison**

- Report attached.
- A motion was made by David Gervais seconded by Gail Drabant to send a letter to MCCD regarding the Powers - Walker House. (See attached.)

**Old House Support Group (OHSG), Awards, Recognition's**

- Report attached.

**Vistas**

- No Report.

**Report by Staff**

- Maryanne Wanaski suggested that because of time constraints the scheduled overview be postponed until February.
- Maryanne also suggested that the Commission consider splitting the Communications, Public Relations, and Municipal Liaison into two committees. Commission members agreed and beginning in February, Gloria Mack will be the Chair of both separate committees will help from Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais.

**Report by the Chairman**

- Outgoing Chairman, Jim Keefe nominated Nancy Welch as Chairperson; Gail Drabant as Vice-Chairman, and Tony Howard as Secretary. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the members.
- The commission directed Maryanne to compose and send a letter to the Marengo Library Board regarding an article in the Northwest Herald. (See attached.)

***Old Business:***

- Jim and Nancy will set up "special projects" joint signature account for donated moneys earmarked for the Commission's 1996-97 Special Projects (maps and possible book).

***New Business:***

- As previously stated, *Public Relations* will be its own standing committee starting in February.

***Adjournment:***

- Tony Howard made a motion to adjourn. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.



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## McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

### *Revised\*\** MEETING DATES FOR 1997

**MEETING** January 15, 1997\* **CANCELLED**

February 19, 1997

***March 5, 1997\*\****

***April 2, 1997\*\****

***May 7, 1997\*\****

***June 4, 1997\*\****

***July 2, 1997\*\****

***August 6, 1997\*\****

***September 3, 1997\*\****

***October 1, 1997\*\****

***November 5, 1997\*\****

***December 3, 1997\*\****

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.

\* Joint County and Municipal Historic Preservation Commission meeting Room B-170

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**February 19, 1997**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

**Call to Order and Roll**

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

**Present:** Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Anthony Howard, Carol Lockwood, Nancy Welch, Gloria Mack, and David Gervais.

**Absent:** Jennifer Iftner and Steve Gulgren.

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Linda Spates.

**Approval of Minutes of December 18, 1996**

- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 1996 with corrections. David Gervais seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

**Brief Notes and Comments:** (Note all regular *Standing Committee Reports* were postponed until the March meeting.)

- Chairman Welch will assign committees and appoint chairmen at the March meeting.
- Gail Drabant stated that MCCD contacted 5 architects for the preliminary study of the Greek Revival House. Paul Green was accepted as the architect. Commissioner Drabant was very encouraged by the action of MCCD.
- Jim Keefe spoke to Tom Wilcockson of Mapcraft and will plan on meeting with him sometime next week. The project maps should be ready by April 1, 1997. The project still needs another \$700.00. A tax-free number has been applied for from the State. Jim and Nancy are joint signatories on the McHenry County Historical Preservation Project Account that has been opened at the Harris Bank in Woodstock on the Square.
- Jim Keefe also submitted an application for the William P. Walkup House on County Club Road. The Historical Society plagued it last fall. Information will be included in your packets. The public hearing will be tentatively planned for April 1997.
- David Gervais suggested the Commission look at a long term goal and possibly schedule time to update the survey and related map. This item will be included under *New Business* on the March agenda.
- Gloria Mack noted that the Greenwood School (plaqued in 1994) is now located within the Village of Greenwood's corporate boundaries. Commissioner Mack feels that an intergovernmental agreement between the Village and the County should be drafted relatively soon in order to afford it the protection of the County's ordinance.
- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the Annual Report. Tony Howard seconded. All said aye, motion carried. David Gervais abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
McHENRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098

MINUTES  
MARCH 5, 1997

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL**

- The meeting was called to order by Gail Drabant at 7:12 p.m.  
**Present:** Gloria Mack, Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Tony Howard, Carol Lockwood, and Jennifer Iftner  
**Absent:** David Gervais, Nancy Welch, Steve Gulgren  
**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski, Nina Campione

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Gail Drabant made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 1997 with following correction:  

Page 1, (Brief Notes and Comments), comment 2 should read  
"Gail Drabant stated that MCCD contacted 5 architects for the preliminary study of the Greek Revival House. Paul Glen was accepted as the architect."
- Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

**REPORT BY CHAIRMAN**

- No report

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Survey and Landmarking***

- Maryanne Wanaski stated that the Commission's resolution recommending landmark designation for the House of 7 Gables will be presented to the Planning and Development Committee on Friday, March 8, 1997.
- Tony Howard questioned the scores on the Walkup House application. Jim Keefe recalculated the score. The total corrected score is 86.6. The Commission expressed interest in visiting this house since it has such a high historic value.
- Maryanne Wanaski was directed to schedule a public hearing for April 2, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Department of Planning and Development in Annex Building A with respect to the Walkup House on county Club Road.
- A meeting place was set up at 3 Brothers Restaurant on March 15, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. to survey the Walkup House, Peterson Farm, the house on Pistakee Bayview Lane and the Stilling's House. Tonight's meeting will be continued to March 15, 1997 to comply with the *Open Meetings Act*.

***Vistas***

- Carol Lockwood discussed "witness trees". She stated that these trees were used by the surveyors to landmark property lines. These trees can be identified by the flattened markings on the side of them and there may be 300 or 400 surviving trees. Carol and Gloria will start searching for these trees and report back to the Commission with their findings.

***Communications, Public Relations, Municipal Liaison***

- Gloria Mack submitted her report (see attached). Gloria stated that she spoke with Robert Stock the president of the Austin Cemetery Society regarding the cemetery on Route 120. Gloria and Mr. Stock feel that it is very important that the Survey Committee look into the preservation of cemeteries.

***Grants***

- No report

***Awards & O.H.S.G.***

- Gail Drabant submitted her report (see attached).
- There was a discussion regarding the Preservation Awards. It was decided that since this is the "Year Of The Barn" the Weiderich Barn in Glacial Park would be an ideal location to hold this years awards' ceremony. May 18, 1997, 3:00 p.m. is the tentative date and time.
- To the award category list add "Outstanding Preserved Barn", also in honor of the "Year of the Barn" theme.
- The House of Seven Gables will be plaqued if approved on April 20, 1997. (*tentative date*)
- Jennifer Iftner and Gloria Mack will meet with the Heatherton's for the plaquing of the Seven Gables House.
- It was suggested the 1st week in June would be a good time to plaque Walkup House.

**REPORT BY STAFF**

- Maryanne Wanaski stated that she faxed the intergovernmental agreement to David Gervais regarding the Holcombville School. Maryanne asked if anyone had any contact with someone from The Village of Greenwood. Gloria said that she knows the Mayor and will contact her regarding an intergovernmental agreement for the Greenwood School in order to keep it protected under the County's present ordinance.
- Mark Balasi a registered architect from Crystal Lake has submitted an application to the Historic Preservation Commission. Tony Howard made a motion to send a memo with Mr. Balasi's application and resume to the County Board Chairman recommending his nomination. Jennifer Iftner seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Jennifer Iftner commented that she is working on the scrapbook. It will be kept in the Conference Room of the Department of Planning and Development.

The meeting was continued to March 15, 1997.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes - April 2, 1997**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois**

**Members Present:** Chairman Nancy Welch, Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Carol Lockwood, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, and Mark Balasi.

**Members Absent:** Gloria Mack, David Gervais and Steve Gulgren.

- Nancy Welch made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 5, 1997. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

**Report by Chairman:** Nancy Welch

- Standing Committee for Fiscal Year 96-97 will be as follows:
  - Survey & Landmarking** - Jim Keefe, Chair  
Jennifer Iftner, Tony Howard, Nancy Welch & Mark Balasi.
  - Vistas** - Carol Lockwood, Chair
  - Communications** - Gloria Mack, Chair
  - Public Relations** - Jennifer Iftner, Chair
  - Municipal Liaison** - David Gervais, Chair
  - Awards & O.H.S.G.** - Gail Drabant, Chair
  - Grants** - Tony Howard, Chair

**Survey & Landmarking**

- Jim Keefe and Nancy Welch reviewed the Stillings home with Commission members. Maryanne was directed to send the Stillings a letter of regret; although the age qualifies the property for designation, but modern improvements have hurt its historical significance and integrity and therefore cannot be considered for landmarking at this time.
- Nancy Welch thanked Commission members for joining the Survey Committee Saturday, March 8, 1997.

***Vistas - Carol Lockwood***

- See report attached.

***Communications - Gloria Mack***

- See report attached.

***Municipal Liaison - David Gervais***

- No Report.

***Awards & O. H. S. G. - Gail Drabant***

- See report attached.

***Grants - Tony Howard***

- No Report.

**New Business**

- Survey Update, report attached.

**Ongoing Business**

- Scrapbook - Jennifer Iftner.

**Old Business**

- By-laws, Goals and Strategies, CLG Requirements - carryover
- Petersen property

**Adjournment**

- Jim Keefe made a motion to adjourn. Carol Lockwood seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote at 8:00 p.m.

## **;HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Minutes**

**May 7, 1997**

**McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois**

#### ***Call to order and Roll***

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

- **Members Present:** Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Nancy Welch, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, David Gervais, and Mark Balasi.
- **Members Absent:** Steve Gulgren.
- **Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Linda Spates.

#### ***Approval of Minutes of April 8, 1997***

- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 1997. Tony Howard seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

#### ***Standing Committees***

##### **Chairman Report: Nancy Welch**

- Nancy spoke to Commission members about Tryon Grove Farms, the Commission's first landmark. The house is going on the market for sale. An appraiser wondered how landmark status would effect the new owner. He was told to call Maryanne Wanaski regarding the County's *Preservation Ordinance*.

##### **Survey & Landmarking: Jim Keefe**

- Jim Keefe verified the June 22nd date for the plaqueing of the House of Seven Gables with Gloria Mack.
- Jim also heard from the owners of the Walkup House, the July date for the plaqueing is fine and again, Gloria will arrange the details.
- Mr. Philbin, the owner of the property on Bay View Lane, in McHenry was called and a message was left.
- The bulk of Jim work has been pictures for Gail and they will be shown tonight for the awards ceremonies.

##### **Communications & Public Relations: Gloria Mack**

- Report Attached.

##### **Awards - (OHSG): Gail Drabant**

- Report Attached.

##### **Vistas: Carol Lockwood**

- Report Attached.

**Grants: Tony Howard**

- Report Attached.

**Public Relations Report: Jennifer Iftner**

- Report Attached.

***Old Business***

- The map project is preceding as expected. It should be ready in June. Jim has an idea on how to distribute these maps and have the County Board love us.

***New Business***

- Nothing to report.

***Adjournment***

- Jim Keefe made a motion to adjourn. Tony Howard seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

June 4, 1997

McHenry County Government Center  
Woodstock, Illinois

### ***Call to Order and Roll:***

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Gail Drabant at 7:05 p.m.

- **Members Present:** Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, Nancy Welch, David Gervais, Jennifer Iftner and Mark Balasi.
- **Members Absent:** Steve Gulgren, Nancy Welch and Tony Howard.
- **Staff Present:** Jim Hogue and Linda Spates.

### ***Approval of Minutes of May 7, 1997:***

- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 7, 1997. David Gervais seconded the motion with corrections, which was approved by unanimous vote.

### ***Standing Committees***

#### **Report by Chairman: Nancy Welch**

- No Report.

#### **Survey & Landmarking: Jim Keefe**

- On Saturday, May 17th, the Survey Committee met to survey the Huemann Farm site at 2815 W. Huemann Rd, McHenry, IL. Present were: Jim Keefe, Nancy Welch, David Gervais and Mark Balasi. The Committee met with Mr. John Kainer who explained that the existing barn was about 80 to 100 years old. John Huemann's name can be found in local history books, the site itself is listed in the 1872 McHenry County Platt Book.
- On Tuesday, June 3rd, Jim Keefe spoke at the Harvard Rotary about the Commission, highlighting various landmarks and explaining the Commission's goals.

#### **Municipal Liaison: David Gervais**

- No Report.

#### **Communications & Public Relations: Gloria Mack**

- Report Attached.

#### **Awards - (OHSG): Gail Drabant**

- Report Attached.

#### **Vistas: Carol Lockwood**

- No Report.

**Grants: Tony Howard**

- No Report.

**Public Relations Report: Jennifer Iftner**

- Hugh Deneen, long time Harvard resident and local attorney, accepted the Commission's invitation to speak at the House of 7 Gables plaqueing ceremonies scheduled for June 22nd..
- A letter was sent to the Greater Area Harvard Historical Society inviting membership to the plaqueing ceremony.

***Report by Staff:***

- No Report.

***Old Business:***

- Due to scheduling conflicts, Tom Willcockson, the cartographer, told Jim Keefe that the maps would not be completed until the fall.

***Ongoing Business:***

- No Report.

***Adjournment:***

- David Gervais made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approve by an unanimous vote.



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**July 2, 1997**  
**McHenry County Government Center**  
**Woodstock, Illinois 60098**

***Call to Order and Roll:***

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

- **Members Present:** Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Carol Lockwood, Gloria Mack, David Gervais, Jennifer Iftner, Tony Howard and Mark Balasi
- **Members Absent:** Steve Gulgren and Nancy Welch
- **Guests:** Maryann Koehler and Lori Wilham
- **Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski

***Approval of Minutes of June 4, 1997***

- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 4, 1997. Jennifer Iftner seconded the motion with corrections; motion passed by unanimous vote.

***Standing Committees***

**Report by Chairman: Nancy Welch**

- No report

**Survey & Landmarking: Jim Keefe**

- Report attached

**Municipal Liaison: David Gervais**

- No report

**Communications & Public Relations: Gloria Mack**

- Report attached

**Awards - (OHSG): Gail Drabant**

- Report attached

**Vistas: Carol Lockwood**

- No report

**Grants: Tony Howard**

- No report

**Public Relations Report: Jennifer Iftner**

- Report attached

**Report by Staff:**

- Maryanne Wanaski introduced Lori Wilham, an artist that illustrates older homes throughout McHenry County. Maryanne stated that some of her work was presented to the Planning and Development Committee of the County Board. Commission members suggested line drawings of local landmarked structures be placed on permanent display in the Government Center (Commissioners might want to consider including these drawings on their internet page too). A calendar of these historical landmarks was also suggested. All suggestions were met with overall approval from the P&D Committee. A proposal will be presented to Mr. Bill Barron regarding costs.

***New Business:***

- The Cary Historical Plaquing Ordinance was discussed. It was decided that further discussion and information regarding an intergovernmental agreement would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

***Old Business:***

- None

***Ongoing Business: Mark Balasi***

- Report attached

***Adjournment:***

- David Gervais made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 6, 1997**

**McHENRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098**

***CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL:***

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Welch at 7:35 p.m., August 6, 1997.

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

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 2, 1997***

- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 2, 1997. Gloria Mack seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote

***STANDING COMMITTEES***

**Report by Chairman: Nancy Welch**

- None

**Survey & Landmarking: Jim Keefe**

- Report attached

**Municipal Liaison: David Gervais**

- Report attached

**Communications & Public Relations: Gloria Mack**

- Report attached

**Awards -- (OHSG): Gail Drabant**

- Report attached

**Vistas: Carol Lockwood**

- Report attached

**Grants: Tony Howard**

- None

**Public Relations Report: Jennifer Iftner**

- None

**Report by Staff: Maryanne Wanaski**

- Maryanne Wanaski discussed the possibility of obtaining a grant from the CDGB fund for projects and reports. Ms. Maryann Taranowski will work with Tony Howard directly on this project. Ms. Wanaski also discussed the calendar of historic landmark structures that would be created by artist Lori Wilham. Because of the budget crunch, this project will be postponed until after the 1st of the year.

***New Business:***

- None

***Ongoing Business: Mark Balasi***

- Report attached
- **Kudos and a big "thank you" to Mark for all of his hard work!!!**

***Adjournment:***

- Gloria Mack made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Jim Keefe seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 2, 1997

McHENRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
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WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098

***CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL:***

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Welch at 7:35 p.m., August 6, 1997.

- **Members Present:** Chairman Nancy Welch, Jim Keefe, Tony Howard, Gail Drabant, David Gervais, Carol Lockwood, Jennifer Iftner and Mark Balasi
- **Members Absent:** Steve Gulgren
- **Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 2, 1997***

- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 6, 1997. Jennifer Iftner seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

***STANDING COMMITTEES***

**Report by Chairman: Nancy Welch**

The barn located on Rawson Bridge and Three Oaks Roads has been donated to the Cary Grove Historical Society. There will be a Folk Festival on September 27, 1997, between 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. at the barn. All are invited.

**Survey & Landmarking: Jim Keefe**

- Report attached

**Municipal Liaison: David Gervais**

- Report attached

**Communications & Public Relations: Gloria Mack**

- Report attached

**Awards -- (OHSG): Gail Drabant**

- Report attached

**Vistas: Carol Lockwood**

- Report attached

**Grants: Tony Howard**

- None

**Public Relations Report: Jennifer Iftner**

- None

**Archival Sub-Committee: Mark Balasi**

- Report attached
- Mark Balasi made a motion seconded by Jim Keefe to establish a "Archival sub-committee", which was approved by an unanimous vote.
- The sub-committee information would come from the internet, libraries, newspapers, etc.

**Report by Staff: Maryanne Wanaski**

Maryanne Wanaski stated that she will call Springfield regarding the Marengo House. The CDGB application was discussed. A copy of the certified local government Grant Application will also be attached to the minutes so that commissioners can review it.

***New Business:***

- None

***Adjournment:***

- Gloria Mack made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Jim Keefe seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 1, 1997

McHENRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
ANNEX BUILDING A  
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Welch at 7:00 p.m., October 1, 1997.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1997**

- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 2, 1997. Gloria Mack seconded the motion that was approved by unanimous vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Report by Chairman: Nancy Welch**

The barn located on Rawson Bridge and Three Oaks Roads was discussed. It was reported by Nancy that it would not be insulated and there was concern regarding the possibility of fire.

The Folk Festival that was held on September 27, 1997, was discussed. It was a very successful with 500 people in attendance. It was decided that next year's festivities would include some refreshments with the Health Department's approval.

**Survey and Landmarking: Jim Keefe**

- Report attached

**Municipal Liaison: David Gervais**

David reported that there is log cabin located in the Barrington Hills area. The owner was contacted but is not interested in plugging this property at this time.

**Communications & Public Relations: Gloria Mack**

- Report attached

**Awards -- (OHSG): Gail Drabant**

- Report attached

**Vistas: Carol Lockwood**

- Report attached

**Grants: Tony Howard**

- None

**Public Relations Report: Jennifer Iftner**

- None

**Archival Sub-Committee: Mark Balasi**

- None

**Report by Staff: Maryanne Wanaski**

Maryanne stated that there will be a conference at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago regarding restoration and preservation. Passes would be provided for anyone interested.

***New Business:***

- None

***Adjournment:***

Jim Keefe made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Gloria Mack seconded the motion, which was approved by an unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 5, 1997

McHENRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
ANNEX BUILDING A  
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL:**

The meeting was called to order by Gail Drabant at 7:00 p.m., November 5, 1997.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 1997**

- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 1, 1997. Gail Drabant seconded the motion that was approved by a unanimous vote with the following correction:

“Members Absent should read, Mark Balasi, Jennifer Iftner and Steve Gulgren.”

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Report by Chairperson presented by Gail Drabant**

The owner of the log cabin located in Barrington Hills stated that he was not interested landmarking the cabin and would prefer to be left alone. Also, the owners of the house in Cary (owned by the founder of Cary) have received their application for plaqueing.

**Survey and Landmarking: Jim Keefe**

- Report attached

**Municipal Liaison: David Gervais**

- None

**Communication and Public Relations: Gloria Mack**

- None

**Awards -- (OHSG): Gail Drabant**

- Report attached

**Vistas: Carol Lockwood**

- Report attached

**Grant: Tony Howard**

- None

**Public Relations Report: Jennifer Iftner**

- None

**Archival Sub-Committee: Mark Balasi**

- Report attached

**Report by Staff: Maryanne Wanaski**

Maryanne reminded the Commission that this is the last month of the year and nominations for a new Chairperson should be considered. Also, the year-end report is due in January to be sent to Springfield as part of the Commission's CLG requirements.

Maryanne discussed the packet that Maryann Taranowski (CDBG) is assembling for submission to the Block Grant Program for \$17,000.00 that would be used to update and expand the Commission's County wide survey.

**New Business**

- None

***Adjournment:***

Jim Keefe made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Gail Drabant seconded the Motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**December 3, 1997**  
**Old Court House Inn**  
**on Historic Woodstock Square**

***Call to Order and Roll:***

On the pretext of sharing some "Holiday Cheer," the Commission dedicated its December meeting to retiring Commissioner, Gloria Mack. The dinner meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

**Present:** Tony Howard, Gloria Mack, Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Nancy Welch, Tony Howard, Carol Lockwood and David Gervais.

**Absent:** Steve Gulgren and Jennifer Iftner

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski

**Guests:** Al Kramka, Barbara Balasi, Mary Ellen Keefe and Fred Welch

**Approval of Minutes of November 5, 1997**

- Jim Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 1997. Gail Drabant seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

***Notes:***

- Calendar dates for FY 1997-98 were approved.
- A new Commission chairperson will be nominated at the January 1998 meeting.
- Nancy Welch reported that she is still in contact with the owners of the Cary house and that a nomination was in progress.
- Gail Drabant see attached report.
- David Gervais stated that he is working on a statement for the Municipal Liaison Committee.
- Carol Lockwood see attached report.
- Mark Balasi see attached report.
- Commission members thanked Gloria Mack and presented her with a plaque and pin. A unanimous vote was taken to nominate her as an advisor to the Commission. Ms. Mack was grateful for the recognition and stated that it had been "much fun making history together."

***Adjournment:***

- At 7:45 p.m. a motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting was made by Jim Keefe and seconded unanimously by the whole Commission.



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*

*September 2, 1998*

*October 7, 1998*

*November 4, 1998*

*December 2, 1998*

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.



McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission  
c/o McHenry County Dept. of Planning & Development  
2200 North Seminary - Woodstock, IL 60098  
815 - 334 - 4560

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McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING DATES FOR 1999

McHENRY COUNTY, IL

DEC - 4 1998

*Katherine C. Schultz*  
COUNTY CLERK

The January 6, 1999, meeting of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. at 5805 Broadway, Richmond, Illinois

The following meetings of the Preservation Commission will be 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.

February 3, 1999

March 3, 1999

April 7, 1999

May 5, 1999

June 2, 1999

July 7, 1999

August 4, 1999

September 1, 1999

October 6, 1999

November 3, 1999

December 1, 1999

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

January 6, 1999  
5805 Broadway  
Richmond, Illinois

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
3. **REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON:** Gail Drabant
4. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **Survey & Landmarking**  
Chairperson: Jim Keefe
  - B. **Natural Features**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan
  - C. **Communications**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner
  - E. **Joint Council Support Group**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack
  - F. **Municipal Liaison**  
Chairperson: David Gervais and Michael Walkup
  - H. **Awards**  
Chairperson: David Gervais and Tony Howard
  - I. **O.H.S.G -- Publications**  
Chairperson: Gail Drabant
  - J. **Grants**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - I. **Endagered Historic Sites**  
Chairperson: Jenifer Iftner
5. **REPORT BY STAFF**
6. **ON GOING BUSINESS**
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
8. **NEW BUSINESS:** Election of new chairman; discussion of work program, special projects
9. **ADJOURNMENT**



## NOTICE

Be advised that due to the severity of the weather the regular January 6th Meeting of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission has been postponed. The meeting will be held on January 13, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the location previously noticed.

Any questions should be directed to the McHenry County Planning and Development Department (815) 334-4560.

# NOTICE

Be advised that due once again to the severity of the weather the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission **has been postponed** to January 20<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting will be held at the location previously noticed.  
Woodstock, Illinois

Any questions should be directed to the  
McHenry County  
Department of Planning & Development  
(815) 334-4560

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 1999**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Chairperson, Gail Drabant, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan

**Members Absent:** Jim Keefe

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by Tony Howard to approve the minutes of December 3, 1998. All aye. Motion unanimously carried.

**REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON:** Gail Drabant

- See attached report
- Gail reminded the Commission members that all annual reports should be submitted to Maryanne Wanaski since they are due in Springfield by January 31, 1999.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Survey and Landmarking: Chairperson, Jim Keefe**

- See attached report
- The designation of Woodstock Street was discussed. James Pearson stated that it is difficult to vision the condition of the street from this report. It was suggested by the Commission that members should view the street for themselves to see if restoration is an option. David Gervais was concerned that there might not be enough original bricks for restoration and suggested that the Village of Huntley supply addition information to the Commission before the public hearing on February 3, 1999. The Commissioners stated that they would like to have more information on the restoration plans before designation of the street. Maryanne stated that the County Board has accepted the Village of Huntley's Preservation Ordinance. The public hearing is scheduled for February 3, 1999, 7:00 p.m. in the Court House, Room C-290.

**Natural Features: Chairperson, Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan**

- Gloria commented that she will research the natural features of McHenry County. "Friends of the Prairie" has a list of sites. Michael Walkup said that he would contact them for information.

**Communications: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner**

- No report
- Jennifer submitted minutes from the Preservation Commission Awards Committee meeting that was held on December 9, 1998 (see attached).

**Joint Council Support Group: Chairperson, Gloria Mack**

- No report
- Gloria said that there will a mailing for the February 24th meeting (Joint Council of Historic Groups). Nancy Fike will supply additions and deletions for the mailing list.

**Municipal Liaison: Chairperson, David Gervais and Michael Walkup**

- No report
- David complimented Maryanne Wanaski on the outstanding job that she has done in the writing of the intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Huntley and the Preservation Committee.

**Awards: Chairperson, Chairperson, David Gervais and Tony Howard**

- There was discussion about who should pay for costs of designation. There was discussion that the Village of Huntley could pay for the cost of designation of Woodstock Street.

**O.H.S.G. -- Publications: Chairperson, Gail Drabant**

- See attached report

**Grants: Chairperson, David Gervais and Tony Howard**

- There was a question as to where the award presentation should take place. It was suggested that it could be held at the Dole Mansion in view of the fact that this facility has everything needed for a function of this kind.

A motion was made by Tony Howard, seconded by David Gervais to offer the Dole Mansion \$200.00 as a consideration for use of their facilities.

All aye. Motion unanimously carried.

**Endangered Historic Sites: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais**

- No report

**OTHER COMMISSIONER INPUT**

James Pearson and Michael Walkup

- James Pearson had the suggestion the Commission have some type of identification during special meetings and hearings.

### **REPORT BY STAFF**

- Maryanne Wanaski stated that all year end reports are needed to send to Amy (even in draft form) by January 21, 1999.
- The new budget for the McHenry Historic Preservation Commission was discussed. It was proposed that a millennium calendar of sites that the Commission has designated could be designed and possibly sold.

### **ON GOING BUSINESS**

- None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mrs. Schershel was sent an application to be on the Commission. Since there has been no response, the Commission will look into other possibilities.
- There was discussion of nominations for the Commission for the coming year.

A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by Gloria Mack to nominate Gail Drabant as Chairperson for the year of 1999. All aye. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Michael Walkup, seconded by David Gervais to nominate Tony Howard as Vice-Chairman for the year of 1999. All aye. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Tony Howard, seconded by David Gervais to nominate Jennifer Iftner as Secretary of the year of 1999. All aye. Motion unanimously carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was continued to the Awards Committee meeting immediately following.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA**  
February 3, 1999  
McHenry County Government Center - Annex Building "A"  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
3. **REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON:** Gail Drabant
4. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **Survey & Landmarking**  
Chairperson: Jim Keefe
  - B. **Natural Features**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan
  - C. **Communications**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner
  - E. **Joint Council Historic Groups**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack
  - F. **Municipal Liaison**  
Chairperson: Michael Walkup
  - H. **Awards**  
Chairperson: David Gervais and Tony Howard
  - I. **O.H.S.G. -- Publications**  
Chairperson: Gail Drabant
  - J. **Grants**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - I. **Endangered Historic Sites**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais
5. **REPORT BY STAFF**
6. **ON GOING BUSINESS**
7. **OLD BUSINESS:** Special project - calendar
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA  
Public Hearing**

**Wednesday, February 3, 1999**

**7:00 p.m.**

**McHenry County Government Center Room C-290  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098**

**Landmark Designation  
1837 Witness Tree  
Coral Township, McHenry County**

1. Call to Order
2. Acknowledgment of Publication and Notifications to Property Owners
3. Introduction of Commission Members
4. Opening remarks and testimony by nominator
5. Public comment and/or questions
6. Criteria for landmark designation read into record
7. Hearing closed
8. Voting meeting opened: Commissioners' discussion and vote

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 1999

### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Chairperson, Gail Drabant, Tony Howard, Gloria Mack, Jennifer Iftner, Jim Keefe and James Pearson

**Members Absent:** David Gervais

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Keefe, seconded by Gloria Mack to approve the minutes of January 20, 1999 with the following corrections:

Under "AWARDS" the discussion concerning the costs of designation should be placed under "MUNICIPAL LIAISON".

Under "GRANTS" the topic regarding award presentation should be placed under "AWARDS".

Revise the agenda under "AWARDS" to read Tony Howard as Chairman.

### REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON: Gail Drabant

The committee should discuss new projects at the March meeting.

### SURVEY & LANDMARKING: Chairperson, Jim Keefe

Jim commented that he was contacted regarding the plaquing of the Ringwood School. Gloria Mack stated that this would be under the jurisdiction of the Village of Ringwood.

### NATURAL FEATURES: Chairperson, Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan

- See attached report

### COMMUNICATIONS: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner

- See attached report

### JOINT COUNCIL HISTORIC GROUPS: Chairperson, Gloria Mack

- See attached report



**MUNICIPAL LIAISON:** Chairperson, Michael Walkup

- None

**AWARDS:** Chairperson, Tony Howard

- Tony discussed the attached Historic Preservation Awards form.

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

- See attached report

**GRANTS:** Chairperson, Tony Howard

- None

**REPORT BY STAFF:** Maryanne Wanaski

- None
- Maryanne Wanaski made a suggested that the Commission nominate the Riley School for a Preservation Award.

**ONGOING BUSINESS**

- A comprehensive landmark list will be updated.
- The millennium calendar will be discussed at the next meeting.

At 9:50 p.m. the meeting was continued.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA**  
March 3, 1999  
McHenry County Government Center - Annex Building "A"  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
3. **REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON:** Gail Drabant
4. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **Survey & Landmarking**  
Chairperson: Jim Keefe  
Discussion of possible designation for the Coral Township Witness Tree
  - B. **Natural Features**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan
  - C. **Communications**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner
  - E. **Joint Council Historic Groups**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack
  - F. **Municipal Liaison**  
Chairperson: Michael Walkup
  - H. **Awards**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - I. **O.H.S.G. -- Publications**  
Chairperson: Gail Drabant
  - J. **Grants**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - I. **Endangered Historic Sites**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais
5. **REPORT BY STAFF**
6. **ON GOING BUSINESS**
7. **OLD BUSINESS:** Special project - calendar, driving tour
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES

MARCH 3, 1999

### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Chairperson Gail Drabant, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, Jim Keefe, Gloria Mack, James Pearson and Amy Duncan

**Members Absent:** Michael Walkup

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Keefe, seconded by Gloria Mack to approve the minutes of February 3, 1999. The motion was unanimously approved.

### REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON: Gail Drabant

- Gail submitted a letter that was sent to Mayor James Dhamer emphasizing the Commissions support of the restoration of Woodstock Street.
- Gail suggested that Commissioners limit themselves to two or three committees.

### SURVEY & LANDMARKING: Chairperson, Jim Keefe

- See attached report
- There was discussion regarding the Witness Tree nomination. It was decided in agreement by all that the "round" Plat of Survey be used when publishing the legal description. A name for the plaque was discussed. It was decided that "1837 Witness Tree" be used.
- Jim Keefe said that he would talk to with the owners of the adjoining properties regarding the hearing.
- A Public Hearing will be scheduled for the April meeting.
- Plaquing of the Witness Tree is scheduled for May 7, 1999.
- Maryanne will send notices to all adjoining property owners.

### NATURAL FEATURES: Chairperson Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan

- See attached report

### COMMUNICATIONS: Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner

- No report

### JOINT COUNCIL HISTORIC GROUPS: Chairperson, Gloria Mack

- There was discussion regarding the Joint Council meeting. The next meeting will be September 22, 1999.

**MUNICIPAL LIAISON:** Chairperson, Michael Walkup

- No report
- David Gervais commented that he and Michael Walkup would be interested in attending municipal league dinners. It was suggested that a program be put together.

**AWARDS:** Chairperson, Tony Howard

- See attached report

**O.H.S.G.:** Chairperson, Gail Drabant

- No report

**Grants:** Chairperson, Tony Howard

- No report

**ENDANGERED HISTORIC SITES:** Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais

- Attendance at the Harvard meeting was low. There will be a new meeting scheduled.

**REPORT BY STAFF**

- Maryanne presented the Commission samples of badges.
- There was a motion by Jim Keefe, seconded by David Gervais to approve the purchase of badges. (black with gold lettering) or (gold with black with black lettering) \_\_\_\_\_ The motion was unanimously approved.

**ON GOING BUSINESS**

- Amy Slocombe sent Maryanne a letter regarding the excellent job the commissioners did during the past year. She stated that the McHenry County Preservation Commission should consider nominating itself for the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commission's Local Preservation Award.
- The millennium calendar was discussed. There would be 14 pictures featured. James Pearson circulated pictures he had drawn of many of the historic building in McHenry County. Because of the magnificent quality of these pictures it was suggested that they might be used for the calendars.
- Gail suggested that a calendar committee be created. James Pearson and Jim Keefe were nominated.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Jim Keefe commented that he would be speaking at a Civil War Round Table which the State Historian will attend.

The meeting was continued at 8:45 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA**  
April 7, 1999  
McHenry County Government Center - Annex Building "A"  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
3. **REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON:** Gail Drabant
4. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **Survey & Landmarking**  
Chairperson: Jim Keefe  
Discussion of possible designation for the Coral Township Witness Tree
  - B. **Natural Features**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan
  - C. **Communications**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner
  - E. **Joint Council Historic Groups**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack
  - F. **Municipal Liaison**  
Chairperson: Michael Walkup
  - H. **Awards**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - I. **O.H.S.G. -- Publications**  
Chairperson: Gail Drabant
  - J. **Grants**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - I. **Endangered Historic Sites**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais
5. **REPORT BY MCCD LIASON**
6. **REPORT BY STAFF**
7. **ON GOING BUSINESS**
8. **OLD BUSINESS:** Special project - calendar, driving tour
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**APRIL 7, 1999**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Gail Drabant, David Gervais, Jim Keefe, Gloria Mack, James Pearson, Michael Walkup, Jennifer Iftner and Tony Howard

**Members Absent:** All present

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Gail Drabant, seconded by David Gervais to approve the minutes of May 5, 1999. All aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON, Gail Drabant**

- No report

**SURVEY & LANDMARKING, Chairperson Jim Keefe**

- See attached report

**NATURAL FEATURES, Chairperson Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan**

- See attached report

**COMMUNICATIONS, Chairperson Jennifer Iftner**

- No report

**JOINT COUNCIL HISTORIC GROUPS, Chairperson Gloria Mack**

- Gail Drabant commented that a mailing list has been completed.

**MUNICIPAL LIAISON, Chairperson, Michael Walkup**

- No report

**AWARDS, Chairperson, Tony Howard**

- There was discussion regarding the awards ceremony, which will take place on Sunday May 16, 1999.

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

- No report

**GRANTS, Chairperson, Tony Howard**

- No report

**ENDANGERED HISTORIC SITES, Chairperson Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais**

- No report

**REPORT BY MCCD LIAISON**

- No report

**REPORT BY STAFF**

- No report

**ON GOING BUSINESS**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- James Pearson discussed millennium calendar project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Slides were shown of the 10 award categories. Commission members voted on pre-Civil War residences, non-residential structures, preservation or restoration natural areas and historical achievement of an individual. The votes were tallied and the winners will be announced by the McHenry County Historic Preservation awards ceremony on Sunday May 16th.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was continued to the Awards Committee meeting.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA**  
May 5, 1999  
McHenry County Government Center - Annex Building "A"  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
3. **REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON:** Gail Drabant
4. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **Survey & Landmarking**  
Chairperson: Jim Keefe
  - B. **Natural Features**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan
  - C. **Communications**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner
  - E. **Joint Council Historic Groups**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack
  - F. **Municipal Liaison**  
Chairperson: Michael Walkup
  - H. **Awards**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - I. **O.H.S.G. -- Publications**  
Chairperson: Gail Drabant
  - J. **Grants**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - K. **Endangered Historic Sites**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais
  - L. **Special Project: Calendar**  
Chairperson: James Pearson
5. **REPORT BY MCCD LIAISON:** Amy Duncan
6. **REPORT BY STAFF**
7. **ON GOING BUSINESS**
8. **OLD BUSINESS:**
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**May 5, 1999**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Gail Drabant, David Gervais, Jim Keefe, Gloria Mack, James Pearson, Michael Walkup, Jennifer Iftner and Tony Howard

**Members Absent:** All present

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Gail Drabant, seconded by David Gervais to approve the minutes of April 7, 1999. All aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON, Gail Drabant**

- No report

**SURVEY & LANDMARKING, Chairperson Jim Keefe**

- See attached report

**NATURAL FEATURES, Chairperson Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan**

- See attached report

**COMMUNICATIONS, Chairperson Jennifer Iftner**

- No report

**JOINT COUNCIL HISTORIC GROUPS, Chairperson Gloria Mack**

- Gail Drabant commented that a mailing list has been completed.

**MUNICIPAL LIAISON, Chairperson, Michael Walkup**

- No report

**AWARDS, Chairperson, Tony Howard**

- There was discussion regarding the awards ceremony, which will take place on Sunday May 16, 1999.

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

- No report

**GRANTS, Chairperson, Tony Howard**

- No report

**ENDANGERED HISTORIC SITES, Chairperson Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais**

- No report

**REPORT BY MCCD LIAISON**

- No report

**REPORT BY STAFF**

- No report

**ON GOING BUSINESS**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- James Pearson discussed millennium calendar project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Slides were shown of the 10 award categories. Commission members voted on pre-Civil War residences, non-residential structures, preservation or restoration natural areas and historical achievement of an individual. The votes were tallied and the winners will be announced by the McHenry County Historic Preservation awards ceremony on Sunday May 16th.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was continued to the Awards Committee meeting.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA**  
June 1999  
McHenry County Government Center - Annex Building "A"  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
3. **REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON:** Gail Drabant
4. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **Survey & Landmarking**  
Chairperson: Jim Keefe
  - B. **Natural Features**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan
  - C. **Communications**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner
  - E. **Joint Council Historic Groups**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack
  - F. **Municipal Liaison**  
Chairperson: Michael Walkup
  - H. **Awards**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - I. **O.H.S.G. -- Publications**  
Chairperson: Gail Drabant
  - J. **Grants**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - K. **Endangered Historic Sites**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais
  - L. **Special Project: Calendar**  
Chairperson: James Pearson
5. **REPORT BY MCCD LIAISON:** Amy Duncan
6. **REPORT BY STAFF**
7. **ON GOING BUSINESS**
8. **OLD BUSINESS:**
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**JUNE 2, 1999**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Gail Drabant, David Gervais, Jim Keefe, Gloria Mack, James Pearson, Michael Walkup and Tony Howard

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Iftner

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

**Guest:** Denise Collins

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jim Keefe, seconded by Gloria Mack to approve to the minutes of May 5, 1999. All aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON, Gail Drabant**

- Gail extended her thanks and appreciation to the Commission for their time and effort spent on the Awards Presentation Ceremony.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Survey & Landmarking, Chairperson Jim Keefe**

- See attached report

**Natural Features, Chairpersons Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan**

- See attached report

**Communications, Chairperson Jennifer Iftner**

- No report

**Joint Council Historic Groups, Chairpersons Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan**

- See attached report

**Municipal Liaison, Chairperson Michael Walkup**

- Michael mentioned that he would like to attend the next meeting of the Municipal League. Gail stated the next meeting would be held in October at the Richmond Memorial Hall. The Commission recommended a slide presentation of their 15 landmarks.

**Awards, Chairperson Tony Howard**

- See attached report

**Awards, Chairperson Tony Howard**

- See attached report
- See attached letter

**O.H.S.G. – Publications, Chairperson Gail Drabant**

- See attached report

**Grants, Tony Howard**

- No report

**Endangered Historic Sites, Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais**

- No report

**Special Project, Chairpersons James Pearson and Denise Collins**

- No report

**Report by MCCD Liaison, Amy Duncan**

- None

**Report by Staff**

- The McHenry County Survey was discussed.
- Maryanne Wanaski reminded the Commission that there would be a conference in Quincy Illinois from September 23 through September 25<sup>th</sup>. She suggested members of commission attend.
- David Gervais made a motion, seconded by Jim Keefe that a member from the commission should be allocated to attend the Quincy meeting. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**Ongoing Business**

- None

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- There have been calls regarding "Witness Trees".

**Adjournment**

- The meeting was continued

**O.H.S.G. – Publications, Chairperson Gail Drabant**

- No report

**Grants, Chairperson Tony Howard**

- No report

**Endangered Historic Sites, Chairpersons Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais**

- David Gervais commented that the Commission should list what can be accomplished this year.

**Special Project, Chairperson James Pearson**

- James Pearson discussed the millennium calendar. It was decided that it would be too costly to create.
- A millennium photo contest was discussed.

**REPORT BY STAFF**

- Maryanne Wanaski stated that an application was received from Denise Collins. It has been sent to the County Board for approval.

The meeting was continued to the Survey Committee meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA**  
July 7, 1999  
McHenry County Government Center - Annex Building "A"  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
3. **REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON:** Gail Drabant
4. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **Survey & Landmarking**  
Chairperson: Jim Keefe
  - B. **Natural Features**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan
  - C. **Communications**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner
  - E. **Joint Council Historic Groups**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack
  - F. **Municipal Liaison**  
Chairperson: Michael Walkup
  - H. **Awards**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - I. **O.H.S.G. -- Publications**  
Chairperson: Gail Drabant
  - J. **Grants**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - K. **Endangered Historic Sites**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais
  - L. **Special Project: Calendar**  
Chairperson: James Pearson
5. **REPORT BY MCCD LIAISON:** Amy Duncan
6. **REPORT BY STAFF**
7. **ON GOING BUSINESS**
8. **OLD BUSINESS:**
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**JULY 7, 1999**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Gail Drabant, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, Jim Keefe, James Pearson, Michael Walkup and Denise Collins

**Members Absent:** Gloria Mack

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jim Keefe, seconded by Tony Howard to approve the minutes of June 2, 1999 with the following change:

Page 2 should read "the meeting was continued to the Survey Committee at 8:35 p.m."

The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON, Gail Drabant**

- See attached report

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Survey & Landmarking, Chairperson Jim Keefe**

- See attached report
- A date was set for the survey committee to meet in Jim Keefe's office on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Natural Features, Chairpersons Gloria Mack and Amy Duncan**

- See attached report
- A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by Michael Walkup to nominate Jim Keefe and Gloria Mack to judge the photo contest entries. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.
- The Commission noted that advertisement posters contributed from the Chicago Tribune would be posted for the photo contest.

**Communications, Chairperson Jennifer Iftner**

- No report

**Joint Council Historic Groups, Chairperson Gloria Mack**

- There will be a joint council meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Home State Bank at 7:30 p.m.



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA**  
August 1999  
McHenry County Government Center - Annex Building "A"  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
3. **REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON:** Gail Drabant
4. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **Survey & Landmarking**  
Chairperson: Jim Keefe
  - B. **Natural Features**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack
  - C. **Communications**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner
  - E. **Joint Council of Historic Groups**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack
  - F. **Municipal Liaison**  
Chairperson: Michael Walkup
  - H. **Awards**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - I. **O.H.S.G. -- Publications**  
Chairperson: Gail Drabant
  - J. **Grants**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - K. **Endangered Historic Sites**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais
  - L. **Special Projects**  
Chairpersons: James Pearson and Denise Collins
5. **REPORT BY MCCD LIAISON:** Amy Duncan
6. **REPORT BY STAFF**
7. **ON GOING BUSINESS**  
Greenwood Road
8. **OLD BUSINESS:**
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**August 4, 1999**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Gail Drabant, Tony Howard, Denise Collins, Gloria Mack and Michael Walkup

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Iftner, Jim Keefe, David Gervais and James Pearson

**MCCD Liaison:** Amy Duncan

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Tony Howard to approve the minutes of July 7, 1999 with the following correction:

"The minutes of July 7, 1999 should to include Michael Walkup as present".

All aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Report by Chairperson, Gail Drabant**

- Gail informed the Commission members about the meeting on July 15, 1999 with Ann Swallow, SuzAnne Ehardt (Director, Planning and Development), David Gervais and Maryanne Wanaski. There was discussion regarding the format of survey and what revisions should be made.
- See attached letter from Ann Swallow.
- There was discussion among Commission members regarding the completion of the McHenry County rural survey. Each member volunteered to review add and correct field notes.
- Gail will be speaking with Ann Swallow on Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss to final submission dates of the survey.
- There was discussion regarding funding received from Springfield for the survey project.

**Survey and Landmarking, Chairperson, Jim Keefe**

- See attached report

**Communications, Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner**

- No report

**Joint Council Historic Groups, Chairperson Gloria Mack**

- See attached report

- There was discussion regarding the Millennium photo contest. Commissioners were encouraged promote the contest in their respective areas.

**Municipal Liaison, Chairperson, Michael Walkup**

- Michael stated that he would be contacting Greenwood Township for pursuing an intergovernmental agreement.
- Michael and David will prepare presentation for the October municipal dinner to held at Memorial Hall in Richmond.

**Awards, Chairperson Tony Howard**

- No report

**Joint Council of Historic Groups, Chairperson Gloria Mack**

- See attached announcement for the McHenry County Joint Council Meeting for Wednesday, September 29, 1999. Announcements were sent out August 6<sup>th</sup> to members of the group.

**O.H.S.G. – Publication, Chairperson Gail Drabant**

- No report

**Grants, Chairperson Tony Howard**

- No report

**Endangered Historic Sites, Chairpersons Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais**

- There will be a discussion at the Joint Council meeting.

**Special Project, Chairpersons James Pearson and Denise Collins**

- See attached report
- There was discussion of having drawings of the McHenry County Landmarks on post cards.
- A map of the landmarks was suggested.

**Report by MCCD Liaison, Chairperson Amy Duncan**

- No report

**Report by Staff**

- No report

**Ongoing Business**

- None

**Old Business**

- See attached application for the statewide preservation conference.
- It was mentioned that the Ice Cream Social at the Powers Walkers House was well received.

**New Business**

- None

**Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 1999**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Gail Drabant, James Pearson, Jim Keefe, Gloria Mack, Jennifer Iftner, David Gervais, Tony Howard and Michael Walkup

**Members Absent:** Denise Collins

**MCCD Liaison:** Amy Duncan

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson Tony Howard representing Chairperson Gail Drabant at 7:06.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jim Keefe, seconded by James Pearson to approve the minutes of August 4, 1999 with the correction that David Gervais was not in attendance.

All aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Report by Chairperson, Gail Drabant**

- There was discussion regarding changing the meeting date to the second Wednesday of the month. Commission members decided to keep the meeting date as is.
- There was discussion among the Commission regarding the McHenry County Rural Historic Survey that will be sent to Ann Swallow in Springfield. Corrections are being made and entered into the computer while Gail Drabant is in weekly contact with Ann Swallow.
- Gail stated that volunteers from the Commission would be greatly appreciated to complete this project.
- Discussion ensued concerning the quality of the data. David Gervais and Tony Howard pointed out to Michael Walkup that the quality of the survey sheets has much improved over the original sheets.

**Survey and Landmarking, Chairperson Jim Keefe**

- Possibility of plaqueing Greenwood Bridge was discussed.
- Designating the Village of Greenwood was discussed. Maryanne stated that the entire Village would have to be in compliance.
- David Gervais feels that the Commission should have a better approach to recruiting new applicants.
- Maryanne stated that staff is working on a map with all current and proposed historic sites.

- The McHenry County Vista Photo Contest was discussed. There was a motion by Jim Keefe, seconded by Tony Howard to officially close the contest, no additional photos would be accepted after September 9, 1999. All aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Communication, Chairperson Jennifer Iftner**

- No report

**Joint Council Historic Groups, Chairperson Gloria Mack**

- See attached report

**Municipal Liaison, Chairperson Liaison Michael Walkup**

- No report

**Awards, Chairperson Tony Howard**

- No report
- Tony suggested that the Commission schedule an additional meeting to discuss the awards ceremony.

**O.H.S.G., Chairperson Gail Drabant**

- No report

**Grants, Chairperson Tony Howard**

- No report

**Endangered Historical Sites, Chairpersons Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais**

- No report

**Special Project, Chairpersons James Pearson and Denise Collins**

- There was discussion regarding distribution of post cards or notes depicting the historical sites that the Commission has plaqued.
- Gloria Mack suggested that pictures of the historical sites that have been plaqued be placed in the Government Center for exhibit.

**Report by MCCD Liaison, Chairperson Amy Duncan**

- The Trail of History Walk is scheduled for October and it was suggested that if the Commission is interested a booth could be set up for distribution of information regarding the Commission.
- Amy spoke to the Commission regarding the Nippersink creek and the work that the Conservation District has done changing the direction of the creek back to its original flow.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA**  
October 6, 1999  
McHenry County Government Center - Annex Building "A"  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
3. **REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON:** Gail Drabant
4. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **Survey & Landmarking**  
Chairperson: Jim Keefe
  - B. **Natural Features**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack
  - C. **Joint Council Historic Groups**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack
  - D. **Communications and Scrapbook**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner
  - E. **Municipal Liaison**  
Chairperson: Michael Walkup
  - F. **Awards**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - G. **O.H.S.G. -- Publications**  
Chairperson: Gail Drabant
  - H. **Grants**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - I. **Endangered Historic Sites**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais
  - J. **Special Projects**  
Chairpersons: James Pearson and Denise Collins
5. **REPORT BY MCCD LIAISON:** Amy Duncan
6. **REPORT BY STAFF**
7. **ON GOING BUSINESS**
8. **OLD BUSINESS:**  
Greenwood Road
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 6, 1999**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Gail Drabant, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jim Keefe, Gloria Mack, James Pearson, and Michael Walkup

**Members Absent:** Denise Collins and Jennifer Iftner

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gail Drabant at 7:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jim Keefe, seconded by David Gervais to approve the minutes of September 1, 1999. All aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Report by Chairperson, Gail Drabant**

- See attached report
- Revision of the Commission's agenda was discussed.
- James Keefe stated the majority of the residents have already been approached and are not interested in plaqueing their homes.
- Tony Howard stated that he would look into the prices of plaques.
- David Gervais suggested the Commission hold a separate meeting for discussion of the Commission's goals.
- James Pearson had concerns with lack of publicity the Commission receives.
- Gloria Mack suggested that each Chairperson define each committee's responsibilities.

A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by Michael Walkup to devote the November meeting updating the goals of the Historic Preservation Commission. A voice vote was called.

Jim Keefe – No

David Gervais - Yes

Gail Drabant – No

Michael Walkup - Yes

Tony Howard – No

James Pearson – No

Motion did not pass.

Maryanne Wanaski suggested the Commission use the established goals and objectives and prioritizes those.

David Gervais made a motion that all Commissioners prioritize current adopted goals by October 15, 1999 and mail/fax them to Maryanne Wanaski. There was a voice vote.



Tony Howard – Aye  
Michael Walkup – Aye  
Jim Keefe – Aye  
James Pearson – Aye  
Gloria Mack – Aye

David Gervais – Nay

Motion carried.

**Survey and Landmarking, Chairperson Jim Keefe**

- See attached report
- There was discussion regarding the McHenry County Photo contest. Gloria Mack stated that has been no response from the Tribune regarding the photo contest. Gloria will contact the newspaper.

**Natural Features, Chairperson Gloria Mack**

- No report

**Joint Council Historic Group, Chairperson, Gloria Mack**

- See attached report
- Jim Keefe volunteered to work with Gloria on designation of McHenry County Roads.

**Communications and Scrapbook, Chairperson Jennifer Iftner**

- No report but did submit items from the Lake in the Hills award.

**Municipal Liaison, Chairperson Michael Walkup**

- Michael commented that he is on the agenda for the last Tuesday of October to speak to the Village of Greenwood about the Greenwood school.
- Michael and David will attend the meeting at Richmond Memorial Hall hosted by the Municipal League. Their presentation would consist of the slides of historic sites plaqued by the commission.

**Awards, Chairperson Tony Howard**

- No report
- Tony commented that this meeting would be continued to the Awards Committee.

**O.H.S.G. – Publication**

- No report

**Grants, Chairperson Tony Howard**

- No report

**Endangered Historic Sites, Chairperson Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais**

- No report

**Special Projects, Chairperson James Pearson**

- No report
- **Report by MCCD Liaison, Chairperson Amy Duncan**
- No report

**Report by Staff**

- The County has offered to furnish the Commissioners with an IHPA Historic Year 2000 Calendar.

**Old Business**

- County Highway Department is considering expanding Greenwood Road into 3 lanes.

**New Business**

- Michael Walkup discussed the CDBG Plan Update with the Commission. It is suggested that each member write a letter to the CDBG coordinator requesting funding for Historic Preservation. It was advised that a member of this commission should be on the CDBG Commission.
- The McHenry County Historical Society is proposing to produce a map of the county showing all designated and plaqued sites by both the Society and the Commission.
- There was discussion about the remaining monies the Commission has. There was a motion by Jim Keefe, seconded by Gloria Mack to give the balance (\$1,925.00) to the McHenry County Historical Society for use of producing the historical map of McHenry County. A voice call was called.

Jim Keefe – Aye

James Pearson – Aye

Gloria Mack – Aye

Tony Howard – Aye

Michael Walkup – Aye

Gail Drabant – Aye

David Gervais – Aye

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was continued to the Awards Committee at 9:25 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 3, 1999**

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Gail Drabant, Denise Collins, David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, Jim Keefe, Gloria Mack, James Person and Michael Walkup and Amy Duncan

**Staff Present:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gail Drabant at 7:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jim Keefe, seconded by David Gervais to approve the minutes of October 6, 1999. All aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Report by Chairperson, Gail Drabant**

- See attached report
- There was discussion regarding the importance of a member of our Historic Commission joining the CDBG Commission. Michael Walkup volunteered.

**Survey and Landmarking - Chairperson, Jim Keefe**

- See attached report

**Natural Features - Chairperson, Gloria Mack**

- See attached report
- The winners of the photo contest were judged by the Chicago Tribune.

**Joint Council Historic Groups - Chairperson, Gloria Mack**

- See attached report
- Gloria suggested a spring workshop and a fall conference.

**Communications and Scrapbook – Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner**

- See attached report

**Municipal Liaison – Chairperson Michael Walkup**

- Michael discussed his meeting with Greenwood Township.
- Michael mentioned the slide presentation of historical sites in McHenry County that he and David Gervais presented at the Memorial Hall in Richmond for the Municipal League.

**Awards – Chairperson, Tony Howard**

- See attached report
- It was decided that the meeting would be continued after the regular meeting tonight to discuss awards.

**O.H.S.G. – Chairperson, Gail Drabant**

- No report

**Grants – Chairperson, Tony Howard**

- See attached report

**Endangered Historic Sites – Chairperson Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais**

- See attached report

**Special Projects – Chairpersons, James Pearson and Denise Collins**

- No report
- Denise discussed the property near Coral Woods that is the burial site for Civil War soldiers and the importance of marking their graves. She will follow up and report back to the committee.

**Report BY MCCD Liaison, Amy Duncan**

- No report

**Report by Staff**

- See attached report

**On going business**

- None

**Old business**

- None

**New business**

- None

The meeting was continued to the Awards Committee at 8:23 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA**  
December 8, 1999  
McHenry County Government Center - Annex Building "A"  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
3. **REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON:** Gail Drabant
4. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **Survey & Landmarking**  
Chairperson: Jim Keefe
  - B. **Natural Features**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack
  - C. **Joint Council Historic Groups**  
Chairperson: Gloria Mack
  - D. **Communications and Scrapbook**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner
  - E. **Municipal Liaison**  
Chairperson: Michael Walkup
  - F. **Awards**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - G. **O.H.S.G. -- Publications**  
Chairperson: Gail Drabant
  - H. **Grants**  
Chairperson: Tony Howard
  - I. **Endangered Historic Sites**  
Chairperson: Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais
  - J. **Special Projects**  
Chairpersons: James Pearson and Denise Collins
5. **REPORT BY MCCD LIAISON:** Amy Duncan
6. **REPORT BY STAFF**
7. **ON GOING BUSINESS**
8. **OLD BUSINESS:**  
Review of Goals & Objectives
9. **NEW BUSINESS**  
Woodstock Street, Huntley – Paving bricks
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 8, 1999**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Gail Drabant, Amy Duncan, David Gervais, Gloria Mack, James Pearson, and Michael Walkup

**Members Absent:** Denise Collins, Tony Howard and Jim Keefe

**Staff Present:** Nina Campione

**Guests:** Carolyn Starks, John Ambrose and Susan Lamb

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Gloria Mack, seconded by David Gervais to approve the minutes of November 3, 1999. All aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by Gloria Mack to place NEW BUSINESS first on the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**New Business**

- Representatives from the Village of Huntley, John Ambrose and Susan Lamb presented the Commission with information regarding the repair of Woodstock Street in Huntley. Over 150,000 bricks will be needed and it was decided they would purchase the Purrington bricks. It was suggested by the Commission that the original bricks should be used as borders and/or cross walks.

A consensus vote was taken by the Commission to approve purchase of the Purrington brick as a suitable alternative to the Barr brick.

James Pearson - Aye  
David Gervais - Aye  
Gloria Mack - Aye  
Jennifer Iftner - Aye  
Michael Walkup - Aye  
Gail Drabant - Aye

A consensus vote was taken by the Commission to encourage the incorporation of the original bricks as part of Woodstock Street.

James Pearson - Aye  
David Gervais - Aye  
Gloria Mack - Aye  
Jennifer Iftner - Aye  
Michael Walkup - Aye  
Gail Drabant - Aye

**Report by Chairperson, Gail Drabant**

- See attached report
- Gail spoke about the rural survey and the work that has encompassed this project. Explanations of the different categories were given.
- David Gervais suggested that if funding is available the Commission could survey the entire county.
- David suggested that the rural survey should be kept on the agenda and reviewed monthly.

**Natural Features - Chairperson, Gloria Mack**

- See attached report

**Joint Council – Chairperson, Gloria Mack**

- See attached report

**Communication and Scrapbook – Chairperson, Jennifer Iftner**

- No report
- See attached minutes from awards meeting.

**Municipal Liaison – Chairperson, Michael Walkup**

- No report
- Michael stated that he would follow up on the Greenwood project.

**Grants – Chairperson, Tony Howard**

- No report

**Endangered Historic Sites - Chairpersons, Jennifer Iftner and David Gervais**

- No report

**Special Projects – Chairpersons James Pearson and Denise Collins**

- No report

**Joint Council Historic Group, Chairperson, Gloria Mack**

- See attached report
- Jim Keefe volunteered to work with Gloria on designation of McHenry County Roads.

**Communications and Scrapbook, Chairperson Jennifer Iftner**

- No report

**Report by Staff**

- A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by Jennifer Iftner to approve the meeting dates for the year 2000. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Nomination for the elections of officers for the year 2000 were discussed.
- A motion was made by Jennifer Iftner, seconded by Gloria Mack to nominate Gail Drabant as Chairman for the year 2000. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- A motion was made by James Pearson, seconded by David Gervais to nominate Jennifer Iftner as Vice-Chairman. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- A motion was made by Gloria Mack, seconded by Michael Walkup to nominate David Gervais as Secretary. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**On Going Business**

- None

**Adjournment**

- A motion was made by Gail Drabant, seconded by Gloria Mack to adjourn. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.