

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, February 19, 2013
MINUTES**

5 CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Donna Britton called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Huntley Historic Preservation Commission for Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 6:00 pm in Village Hall Conference Room C107, located at 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois 60142. The room is handicap accessible.

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ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Deb Waters, Karen Langhenry, Vice-Chair Lonni Oldham and Chairperson Donna Britton

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Karen Rocks and Jake Marino

ALSO PRESENT: Planner James Williams

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Public Comment There were no public comments.

4. Approval of Minutes

A MOTION was made to approve the January 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes with the following changes:

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Page 1, Line 7, replace "Chairperson Donna Britton" with "Vice Chair Lonni Oldham"

Page 2, Line 19, replace "about" with "around"

Page 2, Line 21, "program" with "programs"

Page 2, Line 34, add "would be available"

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Replace "Kelly" with "Kelley" where applicable

MOVED: Vice Chair Oldham

SECONDED: Commissioner Langhenry

AYES: Commissioners Karen Langhenry, Deb Waters, and Vice Chair Lonni Oldham

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NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Chairperson Donna Britton

MOTION CARRIED 3:0:1

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5. Old Business

Referring to the Sawyer-Kelley Mill letter drafted by Commissioner Waters reflecting the Historic Preservation Commission's support of preserving the structure, Chairperson Britton suggested providing additional information in the letter such as a context for why the Historic Commission believes the structure is historic.

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The decision was made to include in the letter the Huntley Area Public Library website link to historic photos, information about the original owners and construction of the Sawyer-Kelley Mill building.

Vice-Chair Oldham briefly reviewed her impressions from a tour of the Sawyer-Kelley Mill with Huntley Business Recruitment Coordinator Vic Narusis and members of the McHenry County Historic Society on January 30, 2013 and suggested offering the property to an entrepreneur for reuse/redevelopment.

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Commissioner Waters stated she would continue to create a template for demolition if the property were to be razed in the future.

Vice-Chair Oldham noted that as part of the McHenry County Historical Society's Fiftieth Anniversary they have initiated the "Save 50 Sites" campaign and she expects as part of this program that the organization will recommend preservation of this structure.

5 Turning to another matter discussed at last month's meeting, Chairperson Britton inquired about the possibility of the western-facing side of the Sawyer-Kelley Mill being used for a mural. Chairperson Britton said she had spoken with Marybeth Manning about the issue and Ms. Manning had a different recollection about the discussion she had with Commissioner Marino concerning this issue.

10 A. Discussion - Prospective Landmark Properties, Additions to existing Historic District and/or New Historic Districts

Chairperson Britton agreed to reconnect with the Dairy Mart property owner to determine if he was still interested in a historic designation of the property.

15 In regard to the Mullane's property at 11608 Second Street, Chairperson Britton hoped the spring break holiday may offer an opportunity for them to finish up outstanding landmark application issues.

20 Vice-Chair Oldham stated she would coordinate with Commissioner Marino in regard to acquiring the Second Street properties research former Historic Commissioner Conley collected.

6. New Business

25 A. Discussion – May *Look at Local History* Event

The Firefighters theme for the event discussed last month was considered further with Commissioner Langhenry agreeing to check with the personnel at Huntley Fire Station #1 about an open house.

30 Incorporation of the firefighter theme into the Pride in Preservation program included possibly determining locations where trucks and/or sirens were housed around the downtown area and firefighters' homes.

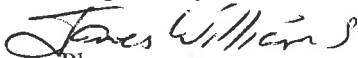
B. Discussion – Other Future Projects and Initiatives - *No additional projects were discussed.*

35 Vice-Chair Oldham reminded Planner Williams about the question of whether an additional historical information sign could augment the Town Square sign at the northwest corner of Main and Church Streets.

7. Adjournment

40 At 7:10 p.m., A MOTION was made by Commissioner Waters to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Langhenry. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Planner

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