



McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
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The following meetings of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the McHenry County Government Center- Administration Building, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock, IL unless otherwise posted.

MEETING DATES FOR 2007

January 17, 2007

February 7, 2007

March 7, 2007

April 4, 2007

May 2, 2007

June 6, 2007

July 4, 2007

August 1, 2007

September 5, 2007

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November 7, 2007

December 7, 2007

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2007**

ROLL CALL

Present: Denise Collins, Gail Drabant, Bonnie Duresa, Dorothy Scherschel and Tip Hamilton.

Absent: Gloria Mack, Nick Chirikos and David Gervais.

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin.

Chairperson Denise Collins called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Duresa pointed out Indian Trail Road should read Indian Trail. Motion by Ms. Scherschel, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to approve the November 1st Historic Preservation meeting minutes as corrected. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Collins submitted her report in writing and it is attached. The first order of business was the 2007 election of officers. Ms. Collins opened the nominations. The three positions open are Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Ms. Scherschel, to nominate Ms. Collins for Chairman. Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to close nominations for Chairman. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Scherschel, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, to nominate Ms. Duresa for Vice Chairman. Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Ms. Collins, to nominate Ms. Mack for Vice Chairman. Motion by Ms. Collins, seconded by Ms. Scherschel to close nominations for Vice Chairman.

By paper ballot, Ms. Duresa was elected Vice Chairman.

Motion by Ms. Scherschel, seconded by Ms. Duresa, to nominate Ms. Mack for Secretary. Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, to close nominations for Secretary. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Collins asked Ms. Duresa to write a letter to Katherine O' Connor from the State Preservation Agency inquiring about the Historic Preservation Award that was given to the Commission in 2005. The award included a paperweight that was misprinted and has yet to be returned. In the letter, Ms. Duresa will ask Ms. O'Connor if they do not have the time to make the correction to please return the award to the Commission.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Collins stated she would like to see the Historic Preservation web site condensed to make it more manageable for editing. There are too many files and folders of unnecessary information and she would like the extraneous information purged. The current web host, Traverse Global, provides this service for a reasonable fee. Ms. Collins requested money from the budget to accomplish this task. She said once the clean up is done, there will be less confusion when the next person takes over the site. Ms. Wanaski mentioned that the Planning and Development Department will be maintaining the web site in the near future.

Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Ms. Duresa, to allocate not more than \$250 per Ms. Collin's request.

A roll call vote was taken: Denise Collins: Aye, Bonnie Duresa: Aye, Dorothy Scherschel: Aye, Gail Drabant: Aye, Tip Hamilton: Aye. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURVEY

Ms. Drabant discussed a farmstead in Huntley. Ms. Linda Moore is currently living there. She is renting it through a life lease. Ms. Moore's family sold the property to the high school district. Unfortunately, it is asbestos sided and replacement would be expensive. Ms. Drabant said Algonquin Road is going to be extended through the property and the family is looking to see if they could plaque the house to keep the road from going through. Ms. Drabant passed around pictures of the property. She said it does not have any unique characteristics that she could see and recommends calling Ms. Moore and informing her there is not much the Commission can do. Ms. Wanaski noted landmarking would not stop a road project.

Regarding the Allendale Bridge, there was discussion on whether the bridge still has landmark status. Ms. Drabant said the plaque was never put on the bridge. Ms. Collins stated the Commission should get the plaque and display it. Ms. Drabant asked that the record reflect, at this point the Allendale Bridge is still landmarked by the Commission and the motion passed by the Commission is the landmark status is removed upon removal from the site, not that it is removed already.

Because Mr. Hamilton had to leave the meeting, there was a motion by Ms. Duresa, seconded by Ms. Scherschel to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 due to lack of a quorum.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2007**

Chairperson Denise Collins called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Denise Collins, Gail Drabant, Bonnie Duresa, David Gervais and Nick Chirikos

Absent: Gloria Mack, Dorothy Scherschel and Tip Hamilton

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Guests: Tom Conley and Linda Moore, Huntley, IL.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Mr. Gervais to approve the minutes of the January 17th meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Tom Conley and Ms. Linda Moore were in attendance to discuss the Huntley farmstead where Ms. Moore lives. Ms. Moore would like to nominate the buildings on the farmstead. She brought with her a partially completed nomination form, a potential endangered historic site form and a binder of information regarding the property.

Ms. Moore asked to address the Commission because she wants to save the farmstead. She displayed pictures of the property and the buildings. Ms. Moore's grandfather sold the property to the Huntley School District. She is living there on a lease agreement with the school district. Ms. Moore's concern is when the Algonquin by-pass is constructed, there will be another road built to connect the high school to it that could impact the buildings on the property.

Ms. Collins asked if the property is in the Village of Huntley. Ms. Moore answered the school is in the Village of Huntley but the house is not. Ms. Wanaski checked and the farmstead buildings are on a separate 18 acre parcel.

Ms. Moore spent some time talking about the age of the buildings which goes back to the 1800s. She knows of two mayors that have lived on the farm. Edward Williams was one of the first people to sign up for World War II and serve. Mr. Gervais said it would mean a lot if Ms. Moore could tie the house with James Williams. It would be helpful to know how long Mr. Williams owned the house, if he was one of the founding families of Huntley. He suggested Ms.

Williams do a title search in the next 30 days. Ms. Collins agreed and added Ms. Moore's best information may be the historic significance to the town. Ms. Moore should speak first to the "historic integrity" of the buildings. Ms. Collins suggested maybe putting together a "friends of" group to add support to the cause. The question was raised whether the school district may be willing to sell the buildings to Ms. Moore. Ms. Moore said she will be going to the school board but is waiting until the new board is elected.

Ms. Collins asked Ms. Moore about the asbestos siding that is on the barn and the house. Because the barn and house are sided with asbestos, somebody would be responsible for the cost of removing the asbestos. The school may not want it. Ms. Moore said her husband and her would be willing to remove the siding themselves. Ms. Wanaski cautioned Ms. Moore that taking the siding off herself would not be a good idea. There are many things to think about, the main concern being the health issue. Ms. Wanaski stressed that Ms. Moore realize 1) taking siding off would not guarantee designation and 2) most importantly, asbestos removal needs to be done by a licensed contractor with permit approval.

Ms. Drabant reminded Ms. Moore the Commission can only make a recommendation to the County Board for approval. It was explained to Ms. Moore, the Survey Committee will make a recommendation and the Commission votes on that recommendation. If the Commission goes forward, a public hearing is scheduled. During the hearing, the Commission will vote whether it goes forward to the County Board.

Ms. Wanaski asked when the 18-acre parcel was created. Was it always that configuration or was it created when it was sold to the school district? If the parcel was created before the sale, it would be fine, but if the parcel was created around the time of the sale to the school district or after 1974, there would be a question of the legality of the parcel. Ms. Moore said it could have been its own parcel many years before the sale. The configuration of the parcel did not change when the property was sold to the school district.

Ms. Drabant asked about the interior of the house. Ms. Moore said some is original and some is not due to a fire, but they have found horse hairs in the plaster.

The Commission instructed Ms. Moore to make a copy of the information contained in the binder and get a current plat of survey. A legal description for the buildings would also be required. Once all of the information is completed the application could then be submitted. In the meantime, the Survey Committee, Ms. Drabant and Mr. Chirikos, will make a visit to the property.

The Commission thanked Mr. Conley and Ms. Moore for their time and commitment to Historic Preservation.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No Report.

SURVEY

Ms. Drabant submitted her 2006 annual report to Ms. Wanaski.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

Ms. Mack was not in attendance but did submit her report in writing and it is attached. Ms. Drabant read the report to the Commission. Ms. Mack's report included an update on the Joint Council Meeting to be held on March 24th. Ms. Drabant mentioned to the Commission it would be a great if they could attend the meeting. She said it is always beneficial to have the presence of the Commission at the Joint Council meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Collins said the request was put in for the \$250 to condense the folders for the Historic Preservation website. She will contact Traverse Global so that can proceed. The next issue of the Gazette will be posted on the website.

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS

No Report. Ms. Duresea reminded the Commission to come out on Saturday for the Indian Trail Scenic Road dedication which will be held in Lake in the Hills at the corner of Indian Trail and Meadow Lane.

REPORT FROM MCCD

No report.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission the Community Character Subcommittee of the Planning Commission would like to meet with some members of the Historic Preservation Commission. Historic preservation has been grouped under community character as opposed to resources. The sub committee has been in the process of formulating their goals and objectives. These goals and objectives will be brought to the County Board for their approval. Once approved, the sub committee will be meeting with various groups. They would like to know what the Commission would like to see in the plan and how they would like the plan to look at historic preservation.

All annual reports have been submitted. Mr. Chirikos will give Ms. Wanaski his resume. This is needed as part of Springfield's requirements for the CLG status. Ms. Drabant asked about the vacancy on the Commission. A ninth person is still

needed. Ms. Wanaski said she would make a request to the Administration Office.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Chirikos said he was asked to purchase a GPS for the Historic Preservation Commission's Local History Month contest. He said he found a Garmin unit with an antenna for \$200. This unit includes software that interfaces with a laptop or PDA. There was a discussion on the type of GPS unit to purchase. The GPS should be something that anyone can use if they don't have a laptop or PDA. Ms. Wanaski mentioned she looked into buying the VISA gift cards, but because each card purchased required a \$5 fee, she was not authorized to exceed the amount appropriated by the Commission's motion.

Ms. Duresa asked if there were any decisions on how to run the contest. Would it be through the mail, in the newspaper or on the website? Contest rules also need to be considered.

Motion by Ms. Duresa, seconded by Mr. Gervais to run a contest for Historic Preservation Month in May.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

Mr. Gervais said the contest is a great way to promote the Commission and the idea of preservation. He added it is something that fits in with the Commission's mission. The contest will make people aware of what is in their community. Ms. Collins suggested we run the contest for the entire month of May. We could run two pictures a week for four weeks. Mr. Gervais suggested running a photo and a question to go with the photo once a week. It was noted the Northwest Herald would be the best newspaper to publish the photos.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Duresa gave Mr. Gervais some information on contest rules to review. Ms. Collins asked the Commission to write possible questions for the contest. Each person should come up with four questions for the contest to be reviewed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Chirikos to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2007**

Chairperson Denise Collins called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Denise Collins, Gail Drabant, Bonnie Duresa, David Gervais, Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, and Dorothy Scherschel

Absent: Tip Hamilton

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted on page one under "Public Participation", in the first paragraph, the line "she brought in her nomination form" should read "she brought in her partially completed nomination form".

In the second paragraph, it states, "Ms. Moore's grandfather sold the property". It should be changed to "Ms. Moore's father sold the property to the Huntley School District after her grandfather died".

The last sentence of the paragraph reads, "there will be another road built to connect to it". It should read, "There will be another road built to connect the high school to it."

In the third paragraph which starts out, "Ms. Collins asked if the property is in the Village of Huntley", the last sentence should read, "Ms. Wanaski checked and the farmstead buildings are on a separate 18-acre parcel".

In the last paragraph, it states "Ms. Moore spent some time talking about the building." It should read "Ms. Moore spent some time talking about the buildings."

Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Mr. Gervais to approve the minutes of the February 2nd meeting as revised. All members present voting aye except for Ms. Mack who abstained. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Collins did not have a report but she submitted a copy of the McHenry Township Newsletter which featured an article on Pioneer Road. The article is attached.

SURVEY

Ms. Drabant stated the McHenry County Conservation District has documented buildings that are going to be demolished. Ms. Drabant received a call regarding additional buildings that are to be demolished. She will be receiving an evaluation and will bring the information next month. One is a residence in the valley at Glacier Park and the other is a residence at a living land farm in Cary.

Ms. Drabant made a visit to Ms. Moore's farmstead in Huntley. She passed around pictures for the Commission to view. As historic integrity goes, Ms. Drabant stated she feels she has issues with the historic character of the buildings. There are many farmsteads in that area that have much more historic integrity such as on Coyne Station Road the beautiful stone house and the brick house around the corner.

Ms. Drabant described her visit to Ms. Moore's house. She noted 6 over 6 windows at the rear of the house. The upstairs still has the original interior including raised panel doors. Ms. Drabant said the house is at the earliest 1860's and not an 1840's house. There are no hand hewn beams in the basement. The building techniques in the basement reflect that of an 1860, 70' or 80's type house. There was a fire in the house in the 1960's and the plaster has been removed and dry walled. There is a brick smoke house on the property, which was converted into an outhouse. There is a corncrib and a chicken house. The hand hewn barn, covered in asbestos, has a garage added to the side and a shed addition to the back. It does have serious foundation problems. Ms. Drabant said it's a difficult situation if the school district has no interest in preserving this farmstead for educational purposes. Mr. Chirikos said he also visited the property. He went through both barns and saw much of what Gail pointed out in the pictures. He spoke to Ms. Moore and she indicated she was looking for information on what the next step would be. Ms. Drabant said Ms. Moore made it clear that she does not want to move. She has a landscaping and snow removal business and wants to continue the business. Ms. Moore would like to wait until after the school board election to submit a formal nomination. She is running for the school board.

After much discussion, Ms. Wanaski suggested a letter be written to Ms. Moore thanking her for the opportunity to visit the site. Language should be included in the letter which states the property is marginal regarding landmarking due to issues pertaining to historic integrity. Ms. Drabant will compose a letter and have Ms. Wanaski review it. It was noted the Commission would refer to the site as Williams Park or Harmony Road Farms.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

Mr. Gervais said he has tried to contact the Mayor of Trout Valley regarding a Trout Valley historic district. Because of other issues, he has not been able to follow up. Ms. Mack offered to give the Mayor a call.

Ms. Mack submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. She attended the Indian Trail dedication in Lake in The Hills along with Ms. Collins, Ms. Duresa, Mr. Gervais and Ms. Drabant. The dedication went very well and was well attended. There was a lot of public participation. Two trustees from the Village were also there. Mr. Gervais complemented Denise Collins on her speech.

The next Joint Council meeting will be on Saturday, March 24th at the Dole Mansion. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. with a presentation by Michael Dixon who is a preservation architect. Ms. Drabant said she hopes all Commission members will be able to attend.

Ms. Mack spoke to Nancy Frendreiss, the head of marketing at the Northwest Herald, regarding the contest for Preservation Month. Ms. Frendreiss requested the Commission send a packet of information including rules, questions and prizes. Ms. Mack suggested asking the Northwest Herald to co-sponsor the contest with the Commission. Ms. Frendreiss will forward the packet to the vice president of marketing.

Ms. Wanaski asked Ms. Mack if they had the next Joint Council program set. Ms. Mack answered they do not. Ms. Wanaski said the Regional Planning Commission has a subcommittee called "Community Character" which historic preservation falls under. The subcommittee wants to meet with groups for round table discussions. Ms. Mack will speak to Ms. Nancy Fike.

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS

No report.

REPORT FROM MCCD

No report.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Mr. Ken Koehler, McHenry County Board Chairman, forwarded to Ms. Wanaski a letter from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency regarding a house in Algonquin on Route 31 that is being considered for the National Register. Mr. Koehler is concerned the house might be near one of the County's road projects.

It is the Christian Geister house, 302 South Main St. Ms. Mack will check with Don Purn of the Algonquin Historic Preservation Commission.

Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission the Annual Statewide Conference and Award Recognition Program is going to be held June 14-16 at the University of Chicago in Hyde Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Duresa said she will be representing the Commission at the next Trout Valley Historic Society meeting on March 15th.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission discussed the Historic Preservation contest for historic preservation month. Ms. Duresa thanked Mr. Gervais for helping her put together the rules for the contest. After some discussion, it was noted answers could be emailed or postmarked within 7 days after publication. Each week there will be three questions, one scenic road question, one historic site question and one McHenry County general knowledge question.

Mr. Chirikos will purchase the Garmon GPS and Ms. Mack will call Discover Card to purchase gift cards for the winner of the contest. The Commission asked staff to forward a proclamation to the Planning and Development Committee supporting Local History Month.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Chirikos, seconded by Ms. Mack to adjourn. All members present voting aye Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY
APRIL 4, 2007**

ROLL CALL

Present: Bonnie Duresa, Tip Hale, Nick Chirikos and Gloria Mack

Absent: Denise Collins, David Gervais, Dorothy Scherschel and Gail Drabant

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Guest: Holly Guge

There was no quorum present. Vice Chairman, Ms. Duresa opened the meeting for discussion at 7:13 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Because there was no quorum present, approval of the minutes will be deferred until the next meeting. Mr. Hale noted his name should read Tip Hale instead of Tip Hamilton.

Holly Guge was present at the meeting. She is interested in filling the vacancy on the Commission. Ms. Guge is a resident of Trout Valley and is very interested in historic preservation. She has documented the Jensen Landscape in Trout Valley and would like to do a landscape design inventory. She also has been reading up on the Hertz family. Ms. Duresa handed Ms. Guge additional information that she had on the Hertz family.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

SURVEY

Mr. Chirikos said he tried to find a buffalo wallow that may be located behind the Richardson's house on Richardson's farm but he was unable to contact them. He will keep pursuing this and possibly get a photograph. He went to see the Kattner Farm in Spring Grove which is owned by Arnold and Eugene Kattner who raise feeder calves. The family is no longer running a dairy farm. The octagon barn and the location of the original silo site, is all as it was a year ago when Mr. Chirikos went on a barn tour. George Richardson of the Richardson Farm family has offered to buy the barn and move it to his farm. Ms. Wanaski asked if they were to move the barn, how that would be accomplished. Mr. Chirikos said the move would be approximately 4 miles and if they would have to go through town, they would have to dismantle the barn. Mr. Chirikos said it depends on the

route and the cost of the move. A new foundation would have to be poured. Mr. Chirikos cautioned the move would depend on whether the property sells.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

Ms. Mack submitted the bill for the Discover gift cards that will be used for prizes for the Historic Preservation Contest for the "Look at local History Month in May". She stated she received a call from Nancy Frendreiss, the head of marketing at the Northwest Herald. Ms. Frendreiss declined to co-sponsor the contest stating the cost for the newspaper to participate would be \$2,500. Ms. Duresa telephoned the Daily Herald and spoke with Sally McDowell, editor of the Neighbors section. Ms. McDowell indicated she was very willing to assist the Commission. Ms. Mack e-mailed Mr. Allen Stebbins of Woodstock the information about the Historic Preservation Month Contest. Mr. Stebbins is putting together a brochure on Preservation Month activities in the County.

Ms. Mack said the Joint Council meeting at the Dole Mansion on March 24th was a success. Mr. Michael Dixon, a preservation architect, gave a wonderful presentation. Members of the Commission that were present were Ms. Drabant and Mr. Chirikos. Ms. Mack would like the Commission to send a personal thank you note to Ms. Aneida McDermott who arranged for the Joint Council to use the Dole Mansion for the meeting.

Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission the proclamation supporting Local History Month has been submitted to the County Board and should be on their April agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS

No Report.

EDUCATION

No Report.

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS

Ms. Duresa wanted to give mention of the following people who attended the Indian Trail Scenic Road dedication. They are Denise Collins, Bonnie Duresa, Gloria Mack, Dorothy Scherschel, Dorothy Otis and Sarah Edwards.

Ms. Duresa submitted preliminary contest rules and the application for the historic preservation contest for "Look at local History Month". An entry form will be posted on the Commission's web site. The timeframe for submissions will be 7 days from when the questions are submitted.

Ms. Duresa mentioned the Historic Preservation Commission's web site needs to be updated. Indian Trail should be added under Scenic Roads. Also, the text on the Trout Valley Stone Gate Entrance page, which is under McHenry County Landmarks, states the farm boasted two Kentucky Derby winners and mentions show horse Count Fleet. Ms. Duresa pointed out there was actually only one Kentucky Derby winner on the farm and Count Fleet was not there. The site also states John D. Hertz constructed the gate during the 1920's. This may not be the case so Ms. Duresa suggested the text should read *it's believed John D. Hertz constructed the gate during the 1920's*. She also suggested adding text stating anyone can nominate a scenic road.

SURVEY

No report.

REPORT FROM STAFF

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Wanaski told the Commission she will be mailing the Annual Report to Springfield. She passed it around for the Commission to view.

Ms. Duresa asked Ms. Wanaski about copyright stickers for Indian Trail. Two stickers are needed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 7:40 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2007**

ROLL CALL

Present: Dorothy Scherschel, Gail Drabant, Bonnie Duresa, Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack and David Gervais

Absent: Tip Hale and Denise Collins

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Ms. Duresa called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted Mr. Gervais and Ms. Drabant also attended the Indian Trail Scenic Road Dedication Ceremony referenced in the March 7th meeting minutes. Motion by Mr. Chirikos, seconded by Ms. Mack to approve the minutes of the March 7th meeting as revised. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

SURVEY

Ms. Drabant said there was no change in two properties that the Conservation District asked her to evaluate. The buildings are not slated for demolition until September.

Ms. Wanaski handed Ms. Drabant a nomination form for the Old Cary City Hall building which was submitted by Holly Guge. Ms. Drabant pointed out the submission needs to go through the Village of Cary before it comes to the Commission. Ms. Wanaski will forward that information on to Ms. Guge.

Ms. Drabant mentioned as a Commission member and local Richmond historian, she gave research material and help to the Village of Richmond so that the Village could produce a self-guided CD and booklet walking tour of the historic homes in Richmond. All proceeds from the CD are going to the Memorial Hall Restoration Fund in Richmond.

ENDANGERED SITES

Mr. Chirikos said he visited Margaret Richardson owner of the Richardson Farms. He viewed a buffalo wallow site on her property and submitted pictures to the Commission. Ms. Richardson told him about another wallow that she knew of and pointed it out in the book titled, *The Greenwood Book*.

Mr. Chirikos submitted a letter by George Catlin who traveled and lived with the Indians in the west and southwest. Mr. Catlin wrote letters and had them published in 1844. The letters are a collection of articles about life in the plains of the western United States. In Letter No. 31, which is attached to these minutes, Mr. Catlin describes buffalo wallows. He observed how the Indians hunted buffalo and how the buffalo wallows were made.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

Ms. Mack said she is working on getting a location for the next Joint Council meeting. She said it will have to be more south than north to achieve better attendance. Ms. Wanaski suggested to Ms. Mack the Joint Council consider meeting with the Planning Commission here at the Government Center. It would be a good chance for them to talk with the Commission in order to promote preservation issues in the 2030 Plan.

Ms. Mack attended the Crystal Lake Historical Society Luncheon where Diana Kennedy was presented with an award. The Boone County Historical Museum had a program commemorating the 1967 tornado in Belvidere. Ms. Mack also mentioned she assisted Ms. Duresa with the Historic Preservation contest for Historic Preservation Month.

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS

Ms. Duresa attended the Preservation Easement Workshop in Chicago given by the National Trust. Around 25 people attended and most of the attendees were familiar with conservation easements. The big issue was the IRS. Applications and tax allotments are getting more complex, fewer benefits and fewer credits are offered. It was suggested as far as historic districts, there should be a local ordinance with a land preservation easement.

Ms. Duresa spent time working on contest rules and questions for the Historic Preservation Contest for Historic Preservation Month. The landmarks will be featured in the Daily Herald Newspaper with the next week's questions. Ms. Duresa brought a copy of the newspaper to the Commission. Ms. Wanaski said she would bring it to the Planning and Development Committee meeting on Thursday since they approved the proclamation.

Ms. Duresa stated there was a discrepancy in one of the questions for week three that has been corrected. Ms. Wanaski requested Ms. Duresa e-mail the questions to her on Thursday so they can be posted to the website to go live by Friday.

A scenic road nomination came in for a Barrington Hills roadway. Ms. Duresa is trying to get a meeting date and time for the subcommittee to meet. Ms.

Wanaski reminded Ms. Duresa any designation is honorary and dedication as a scenic road does not mean the road cannot be improved or widened.

Mr. Chirikos commented he feels the scenic road designation needs to equally represent all areas of the County and the Commission should give equal representation. He said at least one scenic road designation in every township should be a goal. Ms. Wanaski suggested the Commission get the word out to the Township Road Commissioners.

REPORT FROM MCCD

There was a discussion on whether Ms. Drabant's name should be on the agenda since she is not an official representative of MCCD. Ms. Wanaski pointed out she is not the liaison and she would not be noted as such.

Ms. Drabant said at the last MCCD Board Meeting on April 24th, the Board voted favorably on a motion to adopt a conceptual plan for the McConnel Farmstead restoration and its use as an historic site in Richmond. The concept was presented with a map and it was announced a visitor's center would be built on Route 173 so the farmstead could be left intact.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Ms. Wanaski offered tickets sent by the Chicago Heights Historic Preservation Commission to the Sears Homes' Conference to be held on June 2nd. Ms. Wanaski asked Ms. Mack to send her the address for Aneida McDermott so a thank you note can be sent for her help in procuring the Dole Mansion for the last Joint Council meeting. Ms. Wanaski mentioned to Ms. Duresa copyright stickers will be ordered for the Indian Trail signs. Ms. Duresa said the changes to the website that were noted at the last meeting have been made and they are fine.

Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission there will be a hearing tomorrow in the Administration Building at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room B. The Nethertons are selling their property and the potential buyers are coming in for a conditional use to use the property for their home and garden ornamental business. They own the landmarked Hutchinson House. Zoning does not affect the historic landmark status, but they are going to be using some of the barns for the business and the property's use will change. They are required to meet codes such as installing exit lights and ramps so there will be modifications to the outside. Plans for the construction will be presented during the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Drabant noted her name will change to Brown as of May 19th. Her address will remain the same.

Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Mr. Gervais to recommend the appointment of new member, Holly Guge to the Commission and to have Ms. Wanaski forward the Commission's recommendation to the Planning and Development Committee for their recommendation as soon as the paperwork is complete. All members present voting aye Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission the Annual Report has been mailed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Drabant to adjourn. All members present voting aye Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

McHenry County
Historic Preservation Commission *Tentative* Agenda
Wednesday, June 6, 2007
7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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REPORT FROM MCCD: **Mrs. Brown**

REPORT FROM PLANNING STAFF: Maryanne Wanaski

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: Local History Month Contest
 Website

ADJOURNMENT

McHenry County
Historic Preservation Commission *Tentative* Agenda
Wednesday, July 4, 2007
7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

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NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2007**

ROLL CALL

Present: Gail Brown, Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Denise Collins and David Gervais

Absent: Tip Hale, Bonnie Duresa, Holly Guge and Dorothy Scherschel

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Ms. Collins called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Brown noted "McConnell Farmstead" is spelled with one "L". In the Report from Staff, it should be noted the Nethertons, who are selling their property, own the landmarked Hutchinson House.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Mack to approve the meeting minutes of May 2, 2007 as amended. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

SURVEY

Ms. Brown informed the Commission about another historic home, the Smith House, which is going to be demolished by a developer. The house is located at the corner of McCullom Lake Road and Ringwood Road. The survey sheet is attached to these minutes. The developer is annexing to Wonder Lake and the property will not fall under McHenry County's jurisdiction once annexed. The developer has contracted with a scavenger that owns one of the antique stores in Richmond and the house is being stripped of all of its detail. Beverly Meuch had submitted an preliminary partial application for designation of the house. It was noted that the application included the entire 70-acre parcel which was not feasible to be processed. Mr. Chirikos pointed out other states and counties have found ways to put in legislation for preservation. He believes McHenry County can use these examples for crafting their own legislation. He suggested forming a subcommittee to address the issue. Ms. Wanaski stated that if historic homes are lost, a rural atmosphere cannot be maintained. The rural atmosphere of the County is one of the attributes the Regional Planning Commission wants to protect. A resolution may be something for the County Board to consider. Mr. Gervais suggested having a display of historic buildings that have been razed.

Ms. Brown submitted paperwork, attached to these minutes, on the two properties that the Conservation District asked her to evaluate. She also submitted pictures from Linda Moore. Ms. Moore was in attendance at the February 2, 2007 Historic Preservation Commission meeting to discuss saving the farmstead she rents from the Huntley School District.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

Ms. Mack reported the next Joint Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25th. She will relay information about the prospect of new legislation for preservation and hopefully come back to the Commission with some ideas. She also suggested having the Commission distribute brochures highlighting McHenry County landmarks and the history behind them. This would be beneficial to the Commission and a great way to market ourselves.

Ms. Mack thanked Ms. Wanaski for sending a note to Aneida McDermott thanking her for procuring the Dole Mansion for the last Joint Council meeting.

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS

No Report.

REPORT FROM MCCD

No Report.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Ms. Wanaski distributed a sheet on economic incentives for the repair and rehabilitation of historic buildings.

Ms. Wanaski explained Barb Wheeler, the Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, has assembled a task force to look into a more environmentally smarter, friendlier, greener way to subdivide land called "Land First." They are looking to do conservation design and working to incorporate this into the County Subdivision Ordinance. They are interested in preserving the oak and hickory trees are but fearful of developers cutting the trees and then applying for zoning. Ms. Wanaski suggested starting documentation on the groves. Ms. Brown thought it would be a good idea if the Commission had a "scenic grove program" like the Scenic Road Program. Ms. Collins will contact Ms. Wheeler.

FROM MCCD

Mr. Chirikos will head up the research subcommittee to address the issue of preservation legislation.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Mr. Chirkios to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007**

ROLL CALL

Present: Gail Brown, Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Denise Collins, Tip Hale, Bonnie Duresa and Dorothy Scherschel

Absent: David Gervais and Holly Guge

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Guests: Paul and Ann Ostrander representing the Huntley Park District

Ms. Collins called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Mr. Ostrander explained the Huntley Park District owns the Stowell-Deike Farmstead (one of the County's landmarks) they would like to re-roof the main barn. He submitted a report on the barn to the Commission which is attached to these minutes. The barn currently has asphalt shingles and water is starting to rapidly deteriorate the roof structure and framing. The Huntley Park District would like to replace the roof with fireproof wood shakes. Mr. Bryon Perona, who owns Country Craftsman, came to look at the barn. (See attached.) Ms. Brown mentioned they should salvage as much material as possible. She inquired as to why the rafters have to come down. Mr. Ostrander explained some of the rafters are cracked and they want to add more to support the walls. Before a permit can be issued a Certificate of Appropriateness will need to be completed by the Commission. Ms. Collins suggested the possibility of getting material from a barn located in Ringwood at the intersection of McCullom Lake Road that recently fell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Ms. Brown noted on page one, under Survey, "Beverly Meuch had submitted an application for designation of the house" should be changed to "Beverly Meuch had submitted a preliminary/partial application for designation of the house."
- Also, "It was noted that the application included the entire 70-acre parcel which was not feasible to be processed", should be added at the end the above sentence.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Duresa was made to approve the meeting minutes of August 1, 2007 as amended. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

At this point, Ms. Collins left the meeting and Ms. Duresa took over as acting chairman.

SURVEY

No Report.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

- Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached to these minutes. She said she received a call from Nancy Fike regarding the Ostend Cemetery which is a County Landmark. Ms. Fike informed Ms. Mack that someone was researching the Ostend Cemetery at the Historical Society Library to get information regarding installing a turn lane on Route 120 which would result in relocating graves. Ms. Mack sent an email to Mr. Jim Moelhling regarding legislation protecting cemeteries. He informed her there is the *Cemetery Care Act* that protects cemeteries. There is a gravel pit that surrounds the cemetery that is in the City of McHenry, but the cemetery is located in an unincorporated area. In addition to researching how much land surrounds the cemetery, Ms. Wanaski will also do some research on the gravel pit.

The annexation agreement with the Village of Wonder Lake included the Smith House located at the corner of McCullom Lake and Ringwood Roads. A wrecking permit was issued in accordance with the adopted policies and ordinances of McHenry County for the structure. The permit was filed by NRB Land Incorporated and the developer had contracted with a scavenger that owns one of the antique stores in Richmond. The house was stripped of all of its details. There was a brief discussion on the house and the implication on future preservation. Ms. Wanaski suggested this would be a good topic to bring up at the Joint Council Meeting on September 25th. Everyone can discuss strategies on how to avoid this from happening in the future.

- Ms. Mack reminded everyone of the Joint Council Meeting being held on September 25th at the Administration Building which will be a joint meeting with the Regional Planning Commission to provide input for the 2030 Plan. Ms. Duresa suggested having one or two of the Commission members greet people at the door. It was also suggested to have name tags to write not only the names of attendees but also the town they are from. Ms. Brown offered to bring the name tags. After some discussion it was decided to have two rooms available with eight tables including a sign-in table. Refreshments of bottled water, coffee and cookies will be served.

Ms. Duresa asked Ms. Wanaski for background information on the 2030 Land Use Plan. Ms. Wanaski explained there are 14 members on the Commission, 2 from each County Board district, one member at large and one liaison. The

members have been appointed for a 2-year time frame in which to draft the 2030 comprehensive land use plan. There are 8 different subcommittees which focus on relative land use topics. Each subcommittee focuses on their own specialty and they come together as a Commission to meet once a month. Ms. Wanaski referred the Commission to the website: www.mchenrycounty2030plan.com.

- Ms. Mack announced she will be a tour guide at Union Cemetery on September 16th. She will also be a tour guide at the Dole Mansion on the 29th of September.

COMMUNICATIONS

No report.

EDUCATION

No report.

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS

- Ms. Duresa put together a reference book of the Historic Preservation Contest held in May. The book contains all of the questions and answers and a picture of the winners. Ms. Duresa would like the Commission to consider running the contest again, next May. The Commission agreed and a motion was put forth by Ms. Duresa, seconded by Ms. Mack, to sponsor the Historic Preservation Contest again in May of 2008. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
- Ms. Duresa also submitted an article on Mason Hill Road which appeared in the Neighbors section of the *Northwest Herald* and an article on Trout Valley which was featured in the *Barrington Magazine*. Ms. Duresa put together booklets for each scenic road. Commission members thanked her for her organizational skills and noted the books will be a welcomed addition to the Commission's reference library.
- Finally, Ms. Duresa submitted minutes from the McHenry County Historic Preservation Scenic Streets and Roads Subcommittee. A scenic road nomination application was received in March for Spring Creek Road in Barrington Hills. Ms. Duresa went on site and took pictures of the road. After much discussion by the subcommittee, the road was not recommended as a scenic road of McHenry County.

Motion by Ms. Brown seconded by Mr. Chirikos that the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission concurs with the McHenry County Historic Preservation Scenic Streets and Roads Subcommittee's denial of the Spring Creek Road application for scenic road designation. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. Ms. Duresa will notify the applicant of the Commission's decision.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

No report.

REPORT FROM MCCD

Ms. Brown noted there will be an "Archeological Demonstration Day" at the Powers Walker House on September 8th from noon until four o'clock in the afternoon. Ms. Brown will be playing the part of Mary Powers and her husband will be there with his horse.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission there still is money available in the 2007 the budget. The Commission should be submitting suggestions for any materials they may want to purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Duresa suggested having magnets made to bring public awareness to the Commission's role and purpose. Ms. Wanaski again mentioned there is money in the budget to purchase promo items. After some discussion on the design of the magnets, it was decided to use the scenic road sign.

Motion made by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Scherschel, to approve \$300 for Historic Preservation Commission magnets by a roll call vote. Ms. Mack aye, Ms. Scherschel aye, Mr. Chirikos aye, Mr. Hale aye, Ms. Brown aye, Ms. Duresa aye. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

- Mr. Chirikos announced the *5th Annual Barn Association Tour*, in conjunction with McHenry County College, will be held on Saturday, October 27th. He said the focus of the tour will be Greenwood Township as well as parts of Hebron and Alden Townships. The tour costs \$38.00 and includes a box lunch. Ms. Wanaski suggested Mr. Chirikos invite the Community Character Sub Committee to the event. He said he would bring flyers with him to the September 25th Joint Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. Mack seconded by Mr. Chirikos to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2007**

ROLL CALL

Present: Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Denise Collins, Bonnie Duresa and David Gervais

Absent: Holly Guge, Dorothy Scherschel, Gail Brown and Tip Hale

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Ms. Collins called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Ms. Duresa noted she would like the minutes to reflect that she took over as acting chairman after Ms. Collins left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- On page 3, second paragraph under Scenic Streets and Roads, it should be noted the "Neighbors Section" is featured in the *Northwest Herald*, not the *Daily Herald*.
- The motion in the last paragraph on page 3 was made by Ms. Brown, not Ms. Mack as noted.
- The adjournment should be noted in the minutes.

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Collins to approve the meeting minutes of September 5, 2007 as amended. All members present voting aye. Motion carried

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Ms. Duresa discussed the Ostend Cemetery and the concern with graves being relocated. She did some research and discovered Ostend is a registered cemetery in the State of Illinois. Registered cemeteries are regulated by the State of Illinois Comptroller's office. The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency can only issue a permit for moving graves in an unregistered cemetery. This was confirmed by the State's Attorney's office.

Ms. Wanaski asked Ms. Duresa if she received a written opinion from the State's Attorney's office. Ms. Duresa answered it was only a verbal opinion.

Ms. Wanaski informed Ms. Duresa that if, in the future, the Commission wished for an opinion from the State's Attorney's office, the request needed to go through the Department of Planning and Development. Ms. Duresa said she would do that in the future.

- Ms. Duresa attended the Joint Council meeting with the 2030 Regional Planning Commission subcommittee on "Community Character" on September 25th. She said she was disappointed with the subcommittee's lack of knowledge of historic preservation and noted only 2 out of the 5 members attended the meeting. She had hoped they would have been more familiar with historic preservation.

Other Commission members had a different view and expressed disappointment over the lack of understanding by Joint Council members. They believed that there were so many non-related personal agendas voiced that, for the most part, preservations issues were never truly discussed. It was their opinion that the Joint Council's role was to educate Planning Commission members, which was never accomplished.

SURVEY

No report.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

- Ms. Mack said she had spoken with Senator Pamela Althoff, who has taken an interest in the Ostend Cemetery. The person at IDOT who handles these types of road projects will contact Senator Althoff if a petition is filed.
- Ms. Mack attended the Joint Council meeting with the 2030 Regional Planning Commission. Ms. Mack stated she felt there were too many people with too many agendas and the main topic of historic preservation was not fully addressed.

Ms. Wanaski submitted a letter from Nancy Fike from the McHenry County Historical Society to the Commission which is attached to these minutes. Ms. Fike's letter expressed the importance of historic preservation in the 2030 plan. Commission members asked that it be forwarded to the Planning Commission.

After some discussion, the Commission agreed to put together a PowerPoint presentation for the subcommittee signifying the value of preservation and its role in maintaining the rural character of the County. Incorporated in the presentation will be information on scenic roads, trees, landmarks and various

slides showing historical resources. The Commission would also like to make the presentation to the Planning Commission as a whole. The timeframe to complete the presentation would be the end of November. Ms. Collins volunteered to organize the presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS & EDUCATION

No report.

SCENIC STREETS & ROADS

- Ms. Duresa distributed pictures of Dustin Warkenthien, the winner of the Historic Preservation contest with some members of the Commission and County Board members. Also pictured was Dorothy Otis of Marengo.
- Ms. Duresa asked Ms. Wanaski if she had received a bill for the Historic Preservation Commission magnets she ordered. Ms. Wanaski stated that a bill has not yet been received. Ms. Duresa also mentioned one of the Pioneer Road scenic road signs is missing and stickers are still needed. She will confirm this information and get back to staff.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Gervais seconded by Mr. Chirikos to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2007**

ROLL CALL

Present: Denise Collins, Nick Chirikos, Commissioner Duresa, Holly Guge, Dorothy Scherschel and David Gervais

Absent: Gloria Mack, Gail Brown and Tip Hale

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Ms. Collins called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Duresa stated she would like the Historic Preservation Commission roster to read *Historic Preservation Commissioners* instead of *Historic Preservation Commission Members* and she would like to be addressed as "Commissioner Duresa".
- Commissioner Duresa informed the Commission she has a new cell number (847-436-1902) and asked staff to update the Commission's roster.
- Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission, Ms. Guge has a new e-mail address: hguge@sbcglobal.net.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Collins to approve the meeting minutes of October 3, 2007. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Collins stated she will present her PowerPoint presentation that she created for the McHenry County Planning Commission's Community Character Subcommittee. She will be e-mailing the presentation to the Commission.

Mr. Gervais asked Ms. Wanaski if there is a potential conflict if he has legal cases involving code violations. Ms. Wanaski stated she does not believe there would be a conflict if the violation does not have to do with a County landmark, but she will check.

SURVEY

- Mr. Chirikos stated he did not wish to be known as Commissioner Chirikos. He said he enjoys the pleasant atmosphere of the Commission.

- The barn tour was very successful. There were 155 paid participants. They visited 10 barns, 7 of which were hosted by the owners. Lunch with entertainment was included for a cost of \$38.00.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS & EDUCATION

- Ms. Collins showed the Commission her PowerPoint presentation titled Integrating Historic Features in a Rapidly Developing County. The presentation will be presented to the Community Character Subcommittee on November 27th.

The Commission agreed it was an excellent presentation. Mr. Gervais suggested turning the presentation into a video and posting it on the 2030 website. The next Community Character Subcommittee meeting will be on November 27th. Ms. Wanaski said she will place Ms. Collins on the agenda.

SCENIC STREETS & ROADS

- Commissioner Duresa stated she had the Scenic Road magnets that were ordered and handed them out to the Commission members.
- She said she is working on photographs of the scenic roads for the Historic Preservation Commission website.
- Pioneer Road is missing five scenic road signs.

Ms. Wanaski suggested making a generic scenic road sign and making it available for purchase on the website. Ms. Collins thought it might be worth a press release in the newspaper. Ms. Wanaski mentioned the township prints a newsletter and that could be another way to advertise the missing signs.

- Mason Hill Road needs two scenic drive stickers and copyright stickers. She said she cannot put them up herself because the signs are too tall.
- Indian Trail needs copyright stickers.
- Commissioner Duresa would like to purchase McHenry County Cemetery books Volumes three and four from the McHenry County Genealogical Society for the Commission's library.

Ms. Wansaski thought the Commission may own volume four. It was discovered the Commission has volumes one and three and may own volume four. Volume two is out of print.

- Commissioner Duresa made a motion to purchase McHenry County Cemetery book volume four from the McHenry County Genealogical Society for a total of \$48.00.
- Mr. Gervais moved to amend the motion to purchase the book after staff determines that the Commission does not have the volume presently in the library. Ms. Collins seconded that motion.
- Ms. Collins called for a roll call vote to amend the motion to spend \$48.00 after staff determines which volumes need to be purchased. The votes were as follows: Denise Collins: aye, Nick Chirikos: aye, Commissioner Duresa: aye, Holly Guge: Aye, Dorothy Scherschel: aye, David Gervais, Aye. All in favor, motion carries.
- No action taken to purchase more scenic road signs, or copyright stickers.

REPORT FROM STAFF

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of dates for next years meeting.

- The first meeting in January will be 9th, 2008.
- There will be no meeting in July.

There was a discussion regarding the December meeting. Mr. Gervais suggested having the meeting off site at a restaurant. It was decided inquires would be made for the Courthouse Grill in Woodstock, Joey T's in McHenry, Crandalls in Hebron and Bellas in Algonquin.

There was also some discussion about FY 2006-2007 meeting dates. Commissioner Duresa questioned whether or not the Commission had voted on those dates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Collins, seconded by Mr. Chirikos to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

McHenry County
Historic Preservation Commission *Tentative* Agenda
Wednesday, December 5, 2007
7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

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NEW BUSINESS: **Election of Officers for 2007-2008**
2006-2007 Annual Report

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT