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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 ^{BOYDERS} ~~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 (OHSG)

The OHSG'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 readjourned 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 19th 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.