

West Branch Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

City Council Chambers

Present: Dana Gafeller, Liz Seiberling, Peggy Herman, Lou Picek, John Fuller, Karen Suchomel.
Adam Kofoed, City Administrator, also, in attendance.

Minutes: Moved by Lou, seconded by Liz, to approve the August 20, 2024 minutes. All I's. Motion carried.

Discussion topics:

a) Interim Development Ordinance update:

Using a copy of the current ordinance, tweaking is currently being done to be able to present a new ordinance to the public. The new language will preserve the small town feel of West Branch. It needs to be refined and made better by preserving and protecting the businesses of West Branch. It will negatively impact someone and we need to be ready for this. The ordinance has the full support of the city council and Main Street-West Branch. The goal is 8 weeks before it can be presented to the public.

b) Certified Local Government update:

Adam is still tweaking the application, to be ready January 2025.

c) Traveler's Rest Nomination update:

The National Park Service needs to write up a national historic nomination. Dana will contact NPS and check on the progress.

d) Traveler's Rest Renovation update:

Update through ECIA interior renovations need to be done, the historic nomination needs to get done. Additional funds need to be found. The renovation needs to be appropriate for economic development with changes to priorities and significance.

January 2025 will be the meeting of the commission.

Adjourn: Moved by Lou, 2nd by John to adjourn meeting. All I's. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Suchomel