

## Town Board/Historical Committee Meeting June 11, 2009

James Parent called the joint meeting of the Baileys Harbor Town Board and Baileys Harbor Historical Committee to order at 6:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Parent, Barbara Anschutz, Dale Williams, Roy Cole, Mary Ann Johnson, Rozanna Gerdman, Carol Williams, Douglas Smith and 7 visitors.

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Barb/Dale to accept the agenda. Carried.

Discuss direction and overall goals and objectives of Historical Committee – Have been charged with creating this committee for two reasons. One of which is to address the possible purchase of the McArdle House. And the second is to evaluate other opportunities like this as they come along in the future. This meeting is meant to be sort of a brainstorming session to determine what direction the committee should be going.

Carol Williams spoke. She stated at this point, she simply cannot dedicate enough time to be on the committee. She thanked Kris Schorer for thinking of her.

As for the McArdle house, there were some questions that came to mind. What would be done with it? Also, what would we have to do to it?

Mary Ann Johnson spoke. She said they have always used the Town Hall for the Historical Research Society she's been running since 1991. She's also used Maxwellton Braes and Gordon Lodge. She doesn't see the need for an expensive building that Baileys Harbor can't afford. Dale explained that's the reason we'd like to get a Historical Society formed. The Historical Society of Fish Creek are the ones who actually bought the Noble House and then turned it over to the Town. The Town Board has budgeted money for this cause. The idea is for the Committee to take it and run with it.

Jim explained that we're not trying to find out how to buy the McArdle house, but if we should buy the house. Rozanna Gerdman spoke and she feels the opportunities to purchase something are slipping away. It isn't a matter of whether we can afford it monetarily; it's a matter of if we can afford to NOT take advantage of these. She feels we need an official historical society. You can't raise funds unless you have an official place to put that money.

The Coles were a part of the Wauwatosa Historical Society. There, a property became available that was very significant to the Town. The Society was approached and given the opportunity to buy it. It created a great deal of community interest. The building itself was over \$200,000. People went forward and got grant money and there was a fundraising campaign. The mortgage was paid off in less than 10 years. It was furnished to match the age it was built. It was available to the community to rent.

Clayton Moegenburg spoke. He feels there are other more historical buildings in Town rather than the McArdle house, which isn't even 100 years old. There are other buildings that are over 100.

The first step is to form an official Historical Society, which means a 501c3 will have to be formed and it will be affiliated with the state. From that point, then go out and start looking for members. Roy has experience doing this sort of thing. From this point, the committee will no longer be considered a “town government committee,” but a stand alone committee that will eventually become a historical society. The Town has money budgeted for historical purposes, so as they need money for formation, they will ask for it. Barb will serve as a liaison.

Discuss/decide on application for temporary beer license for Titans Motorcycle Club – They would like to have a food and beer booth set up at Anclam Park at night. Dale mentioned we should have a certificate of insurance from them. Port-a-potties and dumpster will be there already anyway. There should be a time limit put on it. Motion made/second Dale/Barb to conditionally approve temporary license subject to legal approval and receiving proof of insurance and they can only be set up from 5PM to 11PM. Carried.

Discussion/possible reconsideration of Town Board’s stance on the Scenic Byways Program – Since most of the other townships are on board, Jim doesn’t wish to screw the whole process up. However, he doesn’t want to have to go to meetings and create a lot more work. Dale is still hesitant about it, citing the Rustic Road program as an example. He also doesn’t want to be dictated to as to what we can and can’t do along the road. Barb contacted someone involved with the other Scenic Byway in the state. The only thing they require is that no new billboards can be put up. There is going to be a meeting on Thursday night in Jacksonport to go over some more details of the program. Barb and Jim will go to the meeting. Bob might be able to as well. That way the concerns the Board has can be addressed.

Motion made/second Dale/Barb to adjourn at 7:08PM. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next regular monthly Town Board meeting.

Douglas Smith  
Town Clerk