

**Minutes  
Town of Windermere  
Historical Preservation Board  
September 26, 2012**

**Call to Order**

Windermere Historical Preservation Board Meeting was called to order on September 26, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Hannah Ammar in the Town Hall, 118 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Windermere. Florida.

**Attendance**

Historical Preservation Board Members present at the meeting were: Hannah Ammar, Theresa Schretzmann-Myers, John Fisher, Mary Francis Howard and Amy Dubois. Town Manager Robert Smith and Town Council liaison John Armstrong were also present.

**Minutes Approval**

July 2012 Minutes were approved as written.

**Announcements**

Town Manager Robert Smith made the following announcements:

- \* The new Public Works Supervisor for Windermere will start October 1, 2012.
- \* The new Town of Windermere website should be up and running on October 1, 2012.
- \* Food Truck Friday sponsored by Downtown Business Committee occurs October 28, 2012.
- \* UCF will hold a planning charette with Town of Windermere Committees, November 14, 2012 6 p.m. at Town Hall.
- \*Future committee meetings should be held in the Windermere Library until wheelchair ramps are installed at Community Building and Town Hall that are in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Historic Hand Pump for Schoolhouse Historic Well Restoration**

Treasurer Joan Foglia has held off on purchase circa 1800's hand pump not to exceed the amount of \$200 pending further research. Dr. Donald Green originally provided an estimate for an 1800's antique cast iron Water Well Hand Pump Fairbury Windmill Company IHC Farmall pump for the historic well located at the 1890's Schoolhouse National Register site. The cost on E-Bay for cast iron pumps vary from \$75.00 to \$350.00. Dr. Green suggested when we order a pump replacement to make sure we have the operating rod. Expert T. Lindsay Baker wrote the book on American Windmills and well restoration. Baker is curator of a museum west of Fort Worth, Texas which is the site of a historic coal mine. Dr. Donald Green is working on communicating with Mr. Baker to have him advise us on restoration of the historic well at the schoolhouse National Register Historic Site.

**Town of Windermere Historic Archives**

Town Manager Robert Smith reported to the Board regarding the historical documents from the Town of Windermere archives and the offer from the Orange County Regional History Center. They want the collection donated or gifted in its entirety in order to house it at their archival facility. A Final Report for the Town was completed and presented to the Board.

**Comedy and Magic Fundraiser for Historic Schoolhouse**

Hannah Ammar reported that Michael Ammar Magic would be willing to perform a magic act and comedy act in concert with Bill Martini in February or March 2013. This would be for adults only with

beer, wine and horsd'ouerves. Robert Smith will check on dates for availability and get back to the Historic Board with possible dates. Amy Dubois will approach Rotary Club on possible sponsorship.

**Historical Marker Grant**

Secretary/Grant Writer Theresa Schretzmann-Myers reported that research is ongoing for the Windermere schoolhouse National Register Historic Site at the Orange County Regional History Center archives to find additional documents that support history and text for historical marker grant.

**1890 Schoolhouse Landscape Committee-Irrigation and Landscape Plans**

Robert Smith stated that it will cost \$1,484 for running a power pole to the modern well. Actual pump is \$2,350 for labor, pump and materials. Need to raise roughly \$3,900. It was suggested that Historical Board approach the Downtown Business Committee and Rotary Club for the funding. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers will draft letters to Rotary Club and Downtown Business Committee for the funding.

**Rotary Signage**

Windermere Rotary Club has approached Historic Board about putting a 10" x 10 1/2" "Rotary International Meets Here" bronze plaque affixed to the outside of historic Town Hall Building. A motion was made by John Fischer and seconded by Joan Foglia to recommend approval for hanging the bronze plaque pending approval by Town Council.

**Windermere Garden Club Donation Request Letter**

Chairman Hanna Ammar drafted a formal letter of request to Windermere Garden Club for the \$1,000 donation check for the landscaping for the 1980's schoolhouse national register site and will follow-up on that request.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Status of 1890's Schoolhouse Site artifacts from Central Florida Archeological Dig**

John Armstrong asked Town Manager to contact Dr. Rachel K. Wentz, Director of Florida Public Archaeology Network regarding site artifacts that were found and tagged during the archeological test dig performed as part of the Florida Department of Historic Preservation restoration grant for the 1890's schoolhouse national register site. Artifacts were supposed to be returned to the Town of Windermere for display at the site. John Armstrong mentioned that the archeology team was not aware of a trash pit/midden that was near the site of a former out house that skirted the west fence line boundary that butts up to the back of the Maintenance Building. Mr. Armstrong asked Town Manager Robert Smith to approach the archeology team about coming back out to complete a dig at the trash pit/midden.

Next Historic Board Meeting was scheduled Wednesday, August 29, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

I hereby certify these are the Minutes of the Windermere Historic Preservation Board.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2012.

**THERESA SCHRETMANN-MYERS**

Theresa Schretzmann-Myers  
Secretary, Windermere Historical Preservation Board