

# WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Monday, May 16, 2022; 2:00 p.m.

**NOTE:** The names and addresses of homeowners and researchers will be omitted from published minutes to maintain their privacy.

## Present by Zoom:

Andrew Jacobson, Chair; Nancy Maitland, Curator; Amy Harron, Secretary; Dave Holzschuh; Jean Herrgott; Sarah Austin; Peter van der Maas; Deborah Kroetsch; and Shirley Hutton

**1. Call to order** – Andrew Jacobson, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm.

**2. Minutes from last meeting** – March 21, 2022

Moved by: Peter van der Maas Seconded: Dave Holzschuh

That the WTHHS committee approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022 meeting as presented.

*Carried*

**2. Delegations**

**3. Communications**

**4. New Business**

- Wellesley Township Council Meeting on April 26, 2022  
Andrew updated the committee on the presentation to council regarding funding, plaques and Nancy's contract as curator, Council of the Township of Wellesley approved. Funding for plaque and storyboard was also approved.
- Volunteers for Community Information Forum  
Jean Herrgott and Peter van der Maas volunteered  
Nancy suggested making some phone calls to see who would like to volunteer
- Plaque Committee  
Volunteers for the plaque committee are Deb Kroetsch, Peter van der Maas, Nancy Maitland, Dave Holzschuh and Andrew Jacobson
- Reassignment of some of the curators' duties  
Nancy is in the process of creating a list and it is being evaluated. With the options of keep with the curator, give to someone else or stop doing the item.

**5. Old Business**

- Plaques  
The committee needs to decide when we would like to move ahead with these, including a press release, council representation. Suggested date of a weekend in early fall in Heidelberg to accommodate the Hahn family.  
Emancipation Day plaque, dates could be August 1<sup>st</sup>, or a July or August date.

Peter van der Maas stated that late summer or early fall would be best, sometime after the August 1<sup>st</sup> date but not past the second week of October. Mid-August date was settled on.

Nancy Maitland asked questions regarding the scope of the bridge work

Peter van der Maas stated that the bridge needs to be rebuilt and modernized.

Nancy Maitland committed to look into when the bridge would be complete. She also stated that additional items for the plaque presentation would be needed such as getting in touch of council members, black cloth, press release, speaker, etc.

Peter van der Maas added that a chair for the plaque committee should be named. Peter agreed to arrange the first meeting of the plaque committee. Peter would set a meeting for the following week.

Dave Holzschuh asked when the plaques would be ready.

Nancy Maitland responded.

## 6. Heritage Committee

- Heritage Register of Non-Designated Properties – Update

Hired Marg Rowell, estimate is around 90 properties on the list, approximately half an hour per property totaling 45 hours approximately \$1200.

Township co-op student took some photos of these properties in 2021.

Deborah Kroetsch asked if there was some room in the budget for things like the cost of gas?

Nancy Maitland responded that it may be a bit over the original estimate.

Moved: Dave Holzschuh

Seconded: Deborah Kroetsch

That the committee approve the estimate of \$1200 for Marg Rowell to create a Heritage Register of Non-Designated Properties.

*Carried*

- Tim Van Hinte the new Township Planner

Andrew Jacobson stated that he and Nancy met with new Township of Wellesley Planner Tim Van Hinte on May 5.

- Site visit to 2086 Perth Line 56 a designated home the owners want to renovate.

Andrew Jacobson and Nancy Maitland, along with Tim Van Hinte and Darryl Denny had a site visit at 2086 Line 56, to meet with the owners and the contractor to view the repairs required.

- Motion to approve or deny designated house renovation request

Deborah Kroetsch asked what was proposed

Dave Holzschuh responded that they are requesting to repair the soffits, which have rotted.

Moved: Andrew Jacobson

Seconded: Deborah Kroetsch

That the committee approve the proposed renovations and repairs to the designated property at 2086 Perth Line 56.

*Carried*

## 7. Chair Report – Andrew Jacobson, Chair

Very pleased that we have volunteers for the community forum and plaque committee.

**8. Curator’s Report** – Nancy Maitland, Curator

- Thanked Andrew who filled in for the Historical Room visiting hours on March 26 and April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Made a list of duties and it will be reviewed
- St. Clements was featured in an article in the Waterloo Region Record
- Doing a series of articles for the Embracing Change magazine
- A photo from our collection will be featured on the cover of *Embracing Change* in July
- Engineering firm has suggested I meet with the contractor for the bridge
- Sarah Austin was here on April 30<sup>th</sup> asking questions on her house. Her mother also wanted information on her property and made a \$50 donation.
- Julie Schnurr contacted Nancy about a house in Linwood that contained a child shoe and a doll and the items will be featured

**9. Financial Report**

Andrew Jacobson, Chair provided the heritage society and historical society cash balances:

Heritage Society	\$8,716.83
Historical Society	\$1,315.90
Petty Cash	\$129.70
Koehler Estate Fund	\$49,849.52
Koehler Estate GIC	
Total	\$60,011.95

**10. Other Business – None**

**11. Next Meeting:** Monday June 20, 2022 - 2:00 pm

Moved by: Peter van der Maas    Seconded by: Jean Herrgott  
That the WTHHS meeting does now adjourn at 2:50 pm.

*Carried*