

# VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM

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## Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 2, 2024 – 6:30 PM

**Present:** Ken Nelson-Chair, Cody Schreck, Marilyn Cushing

**Absent:** Amy Russell, Kathy Pentler

**Staff:** Brent Bristol- Administrator

**Guests:** Fred Bridenhagen, Jason Tish

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Ken Nelson – Chair at 6:30 PM.
2. **Quorum:** A quorum is present for this meeting.
3. **Changes in Agenda:** None
4. **Visitors' comments:** None
5. **Previous minutes:** Minutes from 1/23/2024

**Schreck moved, Cushing seconded to approve HPC minutes from January 23, 2024, as presented, all ayes, and the motion carried.**

### 6. **William Sip – 9836 Water St – Faceprint Change – Entry Steps**

Bristol noted that this application is for front entry steps. The color the applicant would like to use is grey to match it most closely to the current porch in the back. They will be using grey Trex Decking and white LP Risers. They needed something that would not only be code-compliant but also a little safer. With the screen door that swings out, there is a requirement of a bigger landing than currently there. They are doing the minimum that needs to be done to be code-compliant.

The committee members had no issues with this project.

**Cushing moved, Schreck seconded to recommend the approval of the Faceprint Change application for the Entry Steps to the Plan Committee for William Sip at 9836 Water Street as presented, all ayes, and the motion carried.**

### 7. **Fred Bridenhagen – 9930 Water St – Design Review – Sign Roof**

Bristol said that the application is for a metal roof over the existing sign. This item is before the committee for design review purposes.

Fred Bridenhagen would like to alter the existing roof on the sign. It would be a metal roof in blue color, most likely Tahoe Blue color, to complement the beach theme of the business. They will also downlight the sign and remove the picket fence during the process.

The committee members had no issues with this application.

**Cushing moved, Schreck seconded to recommend the approval of the Design Review application for the Sign Roof to the Plan Committee for Fred Bridenhagen at 9930 Water Street as submitted, all ayes, and the motion carried.**

### 8. **Brad Russell – 10006 Water St – Decorative Stone Wall Repair**

Brad Russell would like to replace/repair the crumbling and unsafe stone wall on the side of the house. They would like to remove what is existing, put a solid foundation underneath, and replicate the original stone (Door County Limestone), same height (1 foot), same width, and length. It is outside of the road right-of-way which makes it a candidate for the new wall. The

proposed stone wall is compliant with our newly crafted stone wall ordinance. Bristol has no issues from a dimensional standpoint.

The committee members had no issues with the proposed stone wall.

**Schreck moved, Cushing seconded to recommend approval of the Decorative Stone Wall Repair/Replacement application for Brad Russell at 10006 Water Street as presented, all ayes, and the motion carried.**

**9. Discussion regarding EHF historic marker signage**

Schreck said that the Ephraim Historical Foundation (EHF) would like to put up some free-standing roadside brass historical markers on their properties that would be visible from the road. They are looking for permission to do this project on their private properties such as the Anderson Barn, Anderson Store, Pioneer School House, and Iverson House. Schreck presented the committee with potential locations and orientations of brass historical markers at the last Plan Committee meeting.

Schreck noted that at this point it is in the hands of the Plan Committee. Schreck is willing to provide both committees with any needed information to keep the project moving.

**10. Discussion regarding the Certified Local Government Program**

Schreck encouraged the Village of Ephraim and the HPC to explore the Certified Local Government Program administered by the Wisconsin Historical Society. The program is similar to the Green Tier program in sense of structure. The process is not too complex and there is no charge for it. It makes sense to Schreck that Ephraim participates in the program given a deep-rooted preservation ethos. Moreover, the program would only further bolster that ethos through enhanced mechanisms for preservation, as well as access to more resources. Schreck is happy to help with the process if it is something the Village is interested in.

Jason Tish, Wisconsin Historical Society State Historic Preservation Office member, added that the Certified Local Government Program is a partnership between local governments in Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Historical Society at the state level and National Park Services at the federal level. It was designed by the National Park Service in the mid-80s essentially to pass federal funding down to local governments for historic preservation planning projects. When a community becomes Certified Local Government (CLG) they are eligible for planning grant funding for projects such as a survey of the community to identify historic properties, nominate the properties to local or national register, historic preservation plan for the community, educational projects that focus on history and historic places, creating design guidelines specific to the historic district. The other benefit besides the grant program is a direct line of communication with the expertise in local historic preservation policy, archeology, architecture, and historic tax credits. To become a certified local government the community must adopt the local historical preservation ordinance rooted in the same powers/standards that zoning is rooted in. The community must have the Historic Preservation Commission seated. Those two requirements are the minimum to become CLG.

Currently, there are 78 CLG partners in Wisconsin. There are no CLGs in Door County.

**11. New Business for Next Meeting:** None

**12. Adjournment**

**Schreck moved, Cushing seconded to adjourn the Historic Preservation Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM, all ayes, and the motion carried.**

Recorded by

Andrea Collak- Clerk/Treasurer

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