

**Minutes  
Town of Windermere  
Historical Preservation Board  
November 7, 2012**

**Call to Order**

Windermere Historical Preservation Board Meeting was called to order on November 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Hannah Ammar in the Windermere Library, 520 Main Street, Windermere, Florida.

**Attendance**

Historical Preservation Board Members present at the meeting were: Hannah Ammar, Theresa Schretzmann-Myers, Joan Foglia and Town Council Liaison John Armstrong. Also present was guest advisor and history professor Dr. Donald Green.

**Minutes Approval**

September 2012 Minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurers Report**

Historic Board Treasurer Joan Foglia reported that following an independent audit, Town Manager Robert Smith stated there is approximately \$11,000 in the Historic Preservation Board account available to the committee for use in the cultural landscape restoration plans for the National Register Historic site. Mrs. Foglia requested a confirmation report from Town Finance Clerk Linda Bouton. The plans were developed from a Town charette previously held with multiple committees and town residents on February 1, 2012, including Windermere Historical Board, Tree Board, Parks and Recreation, Downtown Development Review Board and Garden Club. The meeting resulted in a cultural landscape site plan for the 1890's Windermere Schoolhouse National Register Historic Site and property

**Modern Well Repair**

Treasurer Joan Foglia reported she met with Town Manager Robert Smith regarding the estimate for the power pole to run power to the modern pump and pump relay repair. Mary Fran Howard has donated the labor for well contractor Brent Howard to install the irrigation so that the Historic Committee, Tree Board and Garden Club can move forward with landscape trees and plants. Robert Smith stated it will cost approximately \$1,484 for running a power pole to the modern well. Actual pump estimate for repairs is \$2,350 for labor, pump and materials. Need to draft purchase orders for power pole installation and repairs to modern well.

**Town of Windermere Historic Archive**

Chairman Hanna Ammar reported to the Board regarding an estimate for scanning historical documents from the Town of Windermere archives and by the Orange County Regional History Center (OCRHC). The scanning estimate given was approximately \$1,650 from Orange County Regional History Center. The OCRHC would also like the Windermere archival collection donated or gifted in its entirety in order to house it at their archival facility. Winter Garden Heritage Foundation has also expressed interest in the Windermere historical archives as they are currently planning and fundraising to build a historical archival facility for southwest Orange County in Winter Garden. This agenda item was tabled until further notice or replacement on the agenda.

### **Comedy and Magic Fundraiser for Historic Schoolhouse**

Hannah Ammar reported 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 hors d'ouerves. Hannah Ammar will check with Robert Smith on dates for availability and get back to the Historic Board with definite dates upon Michael Ammar's return from business trip overseas. Amy Dubois has volunteered to approach Rotary Club on possible sponsorship.

### **Historical Marker Grant Research Docs Show Original School is Older-1887**

Theresa Schretzmann-Myers has completed historical research for National Register 1800's one-room schoolhouse. Research of historical documents for Historical Marker Grant found at Orange County Regional History Center archives have been reviewed by history professor and advisor Dr. Donald Green for professional opinion. The Orange County Record of Teachers Reports 1886-1893 shows this school #75 School House Lake" with teacher Mip L.E. Davis teaching pupils from 1887-1888 and Mrs. Maude Adams teaching in 1890. A Superintendent's Office, Orlando, Florida, July 18, 1888 school salary listing also shows this school as "No. 75 School House Lake," with the monthly teachers salary of \$22 per month. In 1890, when the town was finally named and platted the School Exhibit Book of Orange County 1893-1910 shows Mrs. Maude Adams continuing as teacher with this school renamed "Windermere School No. 75" and monthly teacher salary at \$30.

Schretzmann-Myers wrote draft text for a two-sided marker with different text on each side of marker. Each single side of marker allows 19 lines with 1,235 characters. Two sides allow for 2,388 characters with spaces total. The committee reviewed the marker text and made edits with directions to bring back corrected draft for approval back to committee.

### **Windermere Garden Club Donation Request Letter**

Chairman Hanna Ammar and Treasurer Joan Foglia will draft a thank-you letter for Garden Club's first \$1,000 donation and second formal letter of request to Windermere Garden Club for the second \$1,000 donation check for landscaping the 1890's schoolhouse national register site and will follow-up on that request.

### **Status 1887 Schoolhouse National Register site artifacts from Central Florida Archeological Dig**

John Armstrong asked Town Manager to follow-up with 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. Dr. Rachel Wentz was under impression artifacts were returned to former Town Manager Cecilia Bernier. John Armstrong stated during time of dig, archeology team was not aware of original trash pit/midden that is near the site of a former out house that skirted the west fence line boundary that butts up to back of current Maintenance Building. Town Manager Robert Smith approached Dr. Rachel Wentz about coming back out to complete a second dig at the trash pit/midden. Dr. Rachel Wentz declined due to fact that former Town Manager Cecilia Bernier was not forthcoming about actual location of original midden (trash pit) during dig or the true intent for use of archeology report during preservation fight for Schoolhouse National Register Historic Site.

### **Action Items:**

1. Joan Foglia to move forward with Town Manager Robert Smith to install power pole to modern well and complete well repairs. Need to get estimate and draft purchase order for power pole installation and well repairs.
2. Hannah Ammar to schedule comedy and magic act fundraiser with Michael Ammar Magic and Bill Martini and clear with Town Hall reservation with Amanda Bird.
3. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers to draft second historical Marker Text with edits for approval.

4. Joan Foglia and Hannah Ammar to draft thank you letter to Windermere Garden club for first \$1,000 donation and additional request for second \$1,000 donation.

Next Historic Board Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2013. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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

Dated this 7th day of November, 2012.

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Theresa Schretzmann-Myers

Secretary, Windermere Historical Preservation Board