



City of Afton

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION DESIGN REVIEW MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

6:00 P.M.

3033 St. Croix Trail

Afton, MN 55001

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

- _____ Chair Edwards
- _____ Vice Chair Livingston
- _____ Commissioner Bolton-Iverson
- _____ Commissioner Vujovich
- _____ Commissioner Thomas

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A. Approval of Agenda for November 21, 2023 meeting

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of the September 12, 2023 Meeting

5. **BUSINESS**

- A. State Historic Preservation Conference Update – Kate Thomas
- B. Walking Tour
- C. Grant Application for Plaques for Historic Sites
- D. Afton Historical Society
- E. Opportunity for Oral History from 60 Year Afton Resident
- F. December Meeting Date

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

A quorum of the City Council or Other Commissions may be present to receive information.

Heritage Preservation Commission
City of Afton, Minnesota

MEETING MNUTES September 12, 2023

1. Call to order at 5:40pm
2. Present: Edwards, Livingston, Vujovich, Thomas
3. Approval of Agenda: Peter/Jill, pass
4. Approval of minutes August 10: Peter/Jill, pass; & Approval of minutes July 12: Peter/Jill, pass
- 5a. Walking Tour: Kate made a presentation of current federal and local historic sites and building, plus the 38 sites listed on the current walking tour. Criteria was suggested to narrow down the number of sites to ten.
 - The current paper walking tour of old village is out of date, e.g., location of the post office needs to be updated.
 - The Bissel Mounds were surveyed previously but might warrant further investigation perhaps by the State due to their cultural significance.
 - Everyone discussed and we were able to choose thirteen sites for an online walk tour.
 1. Cushing Hotel, aka Afton House Inn (private)
 2. Afton Public Square
 3. Afton Village School (private?)
 4. Emil Asp Blacksmith Shop (private)
 5. Bolles Mill (Roadside Marker)
 6. Asa and Flora Tracy House (private)
 7. Saint Paulus German Lutheran Cemetery (private?)
 8. Selma's 1913 (Civil War Arsenal and Drill Ground, early 1860's) (private)
 9. Garage 1917 (Service Station; now the Cala Lilly business) (private)
 10. Barber Shop 1917 (private)
 11. Brick Bank 1913 / Store (Berry Shed 1880) (private)
 12. ~~Sam Patterson General Store 1867 (private)~~
 13. MUSEUM 1868; churches and previous town hall
 14. St. Croix Valley Academy 1868-1884, Seminary, Afton Public School (private)
 - Agreed to use descriptions from the HPC local designation documents written by Zahn & Assoc (on the city's website) and descriptions in the current paper walking tour with the understanding that we would like to develop stories for each of these sites with materials from the Afton Museum or items the current owners might have.
 - **Kate** will contact current owners of private landmarks to let them know of the intent to create an updated Old Village Walking Tour accessible online. She'll also ask them if they are open to having a plaque (sidewalk location?)
 - **Question: is there a downtown site that might represent the story of Old Village Afton and Valley Creek?**
 - We also need a location and design for the online walking tour:
 - Can the current city website host it? **Ron** will get Kate contact person for the city website. Can they design website with map, paper pamphlets, and posters with QR codes?
 - Can we hire students to do this design work? **Kate** will contact UW-Stout and **Jill** will contact UW-RF. **Kate** will contact MNHS for a design referral.
- 5b. Grant application for plaques for historic sites – not discussed
6. Adjourned 6:53pm