

**Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting
Draft Minutes
Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 6:00 PM**

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was called to order by Acting Chair, David Harsh at 6:17 PM at Town Hall.

Acting Chair, David Harsh called the roll.

Board Members present: Acting Chair; David Harsh, Jeff Iverson, and Stephen Revella. Excused absences: Margie Martin and Mike Vouri,

Also present: Sandy Strehlou, HPRB Coordinator; and Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Minutes

HPRB Minutes for the meeting of 03.25.2015 and 04.08.2015 were approved.

Partners in Preservation

After reviewing the possibilities the board unanimously decided not to present a Partners in Preservation award this year. It was also agreed that Frank Jensen should be acknowledged for his shake roof.

Board Training: Historic Preservation - Background

Coordinator Strehlou addressed the board outlining an overview of historic preservation in the United States beginning with the effort to preserve Washington's House in Mt Vernon in 1850 noting that historic preservation evolves from grass roots efforts.

1889 – Mt Vernon's Ladies Association formed a local effort to preserve Virginia's antiquities.

1906 – The Antiquities Act was passed giving U. S. presidents power to declare national monuments.

1916 – National Parks established

1935 – Historic Sites through the Secretary of the Interior put surveyors and architects to work.

1949 – President Truman created the National Trust

1966 – National Historic Preservation Act passed. National standards were created, set standards, created a national register, and provided funding. SHPO, State Historic Preservation Office, provides an officer for each state. State programs and laws regarding historic preservation vary from state to state.

CLG or Certified Local Government gives local communities tools in the form of grants, programs, tax-valuation (incentive for preservation). The HPRB has been working toward obtaining CLG status in order to take advantage of these benefits.

Properties may be registered at state or federal levels, San Juan County Courthouse is on the national historic register, The Whale Museum is on the state historic register. The national register has greater significance than the state register.

Friday Harbor's Historic Preservation Program was established in the mid 1990s out of a grass roots effort. Our Island's Historic Museum does not advocate for preservation nor is the HP staff position one of advocacy. Friday Harbor's HP program promotes public education.

Staff Report

Coordinator Strehlou requested board members review contact sheet to make sure information is correct. She reviewed rotating board terms and why our board has a rotation chair.

May is preservation month. There are several walking tours scheduled. These tours are popular with locals as well as visitors.

Once we achieve CLG status the HP's next big project will be updating the HP manual. Our current historic district was created based on the concentration of historic structures from the era 1870 – 1940. The HP board will also begin to do research adding mid-century buildings to our historic buildings register.

Meeting adjourned 7:39

David Harsh, Acting Chair

Peggy Sue McRae, Recording Secretary