

**TOWN OF PERRY, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES for June 8, 2023**

1. Chair Doug Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. Commissioners in attendance were: Gary Boley, Brad Grundahl, Renaye Leach, Don Mueller, and Doug Nelson.
3. Other attendees were: Mick Klein Kennedy.
4. Brad moved and Gary seconded to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021 remote video call meeting. Motion carried. Approved minutes will be sent to the Town Clerk.
5. The Commission then turned to reviewing the Town of Perry plans to repair, renovate and construct an addition to the Town Hall at 10084 County Highway A.

The Chair stated the building is not an official historic building or in an historic district. We have been invited by the Town to comment on the plans and identify important historic elements. No formal approval or disapproval is to be coming from the Commission.

There is money for the project available from the American Rescue Plan Act to upgrade and secure the building to store records and voting items and provide office work space.

Discussion ensued concerning history of the building.
Mick explained the intended repairs and renovation.

The Chair and the entire Commission applauded the Town's intention to modernize the existing town hall building (rather than seeking a new location) and to do so with the goal of preserving the history and character of the building- to the extent practical.

Gary moved to forward a recommendation to fully explore the incorporation of the original bell in a tower, as it was, for historical purposes, as part of the renovation. Doug seconded. Unanimous approval.

Don moved to endorse the following list of suggestions for action by the Commission and/or the Town. Gary seconded. Unanimous approval.

- Check report about a decade ago about historical places in the Town of Perry to see if the town hall building is among those listed.
- The Commission will also explore ways through which the current town hall could be designated or recognized as a structure of historical significance.
- Renovations undertaken by the Town should reflect-- to the extent practical—the historic characteristics of the building.
- The Town and Commission should continue to investigate more history of the building.

- It would be nice to have the restoration/renovation of the town hall completed at or before the centennial of the building in 2027.
- The Town should seriously consider getting an architect's and/or any other relevant expert's advice before finalizing its renovation plan.
- The Commission would like to be kept apprised and involved as the Town's plans and decisions for the renovation are being made.

6. Comments and concerns from Town residents were then heard by the Commission.

7. There being no further business, Brad moved to adjourn, Doug seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully drafted by Renaye Leach, Commission Secretary

Respectfully submitted by Doug Nelson, Chair, Perry Historic Preservation Commission