



## Westfield Historical Commission

Minutes for February 22, 2016

Westfield City Hall / Room 201

Present: Kate Deviny, Carly Bannish, Amanda Goodheart, Cindy Gaylord, Walt Fogg, Ellen McEwan, Danny Nason

### Public participation:

- Marijoan Bull, faculty at WSU and Board Member of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, shared photos of the historical markers that will be placed along the Rail Trail as well as the signs for the kiosks. We will be able to add our information to one of the kiosks' panels to make our self-guided tour accessible to walkers and bikers.

### Secretary's Report:

Ellen moved to accept the secretary's report.

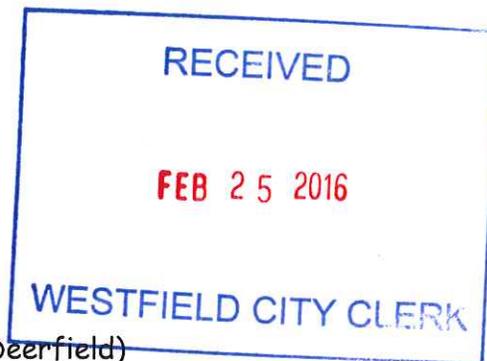
Kate seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Mailings:

- Flax and Linen Symposium announcement (Deerfield)

### Old Business:

- Update on the Old Schoolhouse: Westfield Technical Academy has received the materials it needs to build (and install) five sets of shutters based on the original design of a shutter discovered under the floor of the schoolhouse. Scott Dunkin has suggested we restore the schoolhouse to two different historic periods (1939 and 1861). We discussed several possibilities for restoration and agreed what makes our schoolhouse unique is its association with the Westfield Normal School of Observation and Rural Education from the 1930s and decided this should be the focus of the restoration. Walt will move forward with Scott to start the next phase of restoration. Funding sources are being looked into, including CPC grants and corporate sponsors. Dick Patterson is working on getting an article on the project in the newspaper. Walt will oversee this. We discussed placing some type of sign at the schoolhouse explaining the restoration project.
- Repairs to the Old Burying Ground gate: Walt spoke with Dennis Picard about a blacksmith who may be willing to do the work for us. Dennis will let us know if the blacksmith is willing to assist on this project.



- Irving Slavid/Tamara: We will split the restoration work between these two individuals in the OBG and will use the remainder of our grant money on the next phase of restoration there. Irving is ready to begin work on phase two in April. We will also contact Tamara about some restoration work for the spring.

**New Business:**

- We will present our projects to City Council on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Historic pamphlet: Tabled until next meeting
- Westfield's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019: We need to start planning for this this year. We brainstormed ideas to pursue (i.e. commemorative plates, coins, buttons, a float, story catching stations)

Ellen moved to adjourn. Kate seconded the motion. Motion passed. We adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Our next meeting is Monday, March 21, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Bannish, Secretary