

ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

April 9, 2025

7:00 PM

Held at Historic Village Hall – 2 South Main Street – Algonquin

CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present: Chairman Lewis and Members Donahue, Himes, Jolitz, Teuber, and Thompson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2025, AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS OF MARCH 15 AND 22, 2025

Moved Member Donahue; Seconded Member Himes.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Volunteer Nick Krol visited the meeting to observe the Commission's discussion of ongoing activities and voiced appreciation for the Commission's ongoing work.

OLD BUSINESS

Members discussed placement of the new order for historic identification signs for homes/buildings in the Old Town District. Members Jolitz and Teuber reported that an order for 22 signs on behalf of property owners of such homes/buildings was placed with the vendor on March 25, 2022, and that proofs for the signs ordered have already been received, reviewed, and approved. Member Jolitz further relayed that at least half of the 22 signs ordered were for homes/buildings that did not previously have one, thus increasing the number of homes/buildings in the Old Town District that display such historic information.

Members discussed efforts to recruit a new Commission member. Relatedly, Volunteer Nick Krol asked some questions about Commission meetings, workshops, events, and other Commission Member requirements/obligations, and how to express interest in becoming a Commission Member to the Village Board.

Members discussed recent progress designing a new springtime Commission exhibit for the Main Village Hall display case. Member Jolitz reported that historic photos, artifacts, and information have been gathered for an exhibit honoring over a hundred years of service to the community by Algonquin State Bank, and that exhibit will be installed in the Village Hall display case later this month.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Members discussed plans to update the exhibits in the three display cases in Historic Village Hall. One case may be used in part for an exhibit remembering the 40th anniversary of the TWA hijacking. Other exhibits may feature historic information and artifacts about Algonquin's late local toymaker, Village municipal history (Police, Fire Dept., etc.), Veterans, and the renovation of Mineral Springs.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Lewis reported an inquiry from an environmental firm in Minneapolis seeking historic information regarding certain marina properties (one former marina and one currently operating) on north Harrison and River Roads.

Member Jolitz relayed an inquiry from Village Staff seeking historic information regarding the origin and formation of the Algonquin Police Commission, and the research conducted to respond to that inquiry.

Members kindly thanked Member Thompson for her service and wished her well in her retirement from the Commission.

Members were reminded of upcoming Commission Workshops on April 19 and 26, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Jolitz moved, and Member Thompson seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Secretary

Date Approved