

**Minutes of the Neenah Landmarks Commission
Wednesday, July 22, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

Virtual Meeting and Hauser Room, City Administration Building

Ald. Jane Lang, Chair	x	Ruth Streck	x
Jack Speech, Vice Chair	x	Nate Van Zeeland	x
Steve Gries			
Ron Klatt	x		
Monica Larabee		Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner	x

Commissioners Excused: Monica Larabee and Steve Gries

Public Appearances: No public appearances.

Approval of minutes of the June 24, 2020 meeting:

MSC Klatt, Speech, the minutes of the June 24, 2020 meeting were approved as distributed.

Discuss permit reviews:

Commissioners discussed the process of obtaining demolition permits for landmark properties. Similar to a building permit request, the Commission reviews these permit requests and approves or denies a certificate of appropriateness based on the impact of a building demolition. The process provides an opportunity to discuss alternatives if appropriate, as well as recommendations for documentation, such as photography, of the building.

It was noted that one of the objectives of the recently completed City of Neenah Comprehensive Plan is to protect, preserve and promote the City's historical and architectural heritage, and to continue to regard the preservation and promotion of historically and architecturally significant buildings and sites as an important component in maintaining the image and character of Neenah. There is an impact on City corridors when historic buildings are removed, and loss of historic buildings is a loss of what's unique and special about the community.

Announcements and future agenda items:

Further discussion about how to communicate value of historic buildings and their place in the community's history, and how to provide alternatives to and information about demolition.

Adjournment: MSC Klatt, Speech, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner