

GORDON- WASCOTT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

**MAY 26, 2026
6PM VIA ZOOM**

- 1. Roll Call- Present-** Brian Finstad, Jan Jensen, Maureen Kelly, Tom Kamps, Barb Fiandt, Jim Olmsted, Lisa Hall, Don McConkey, Susan Senigen, Jenny Liautaud
- 2. Approval of the Agenda-** Jan Jensen moved acceptance of the agenda. Barb Fiandt seconded it. The motion carried.
- 3. Approval of Depot discretionary fund-** Discussion ensued regarding the necessity of giving the depot director, Tom Kamps, an allotted fund for discretionary spending. Tom often is making repairs. There will also be more outlets installed in the freight room of the depot for better lighting and electrician Dan Siro will put those in according. A motion was made by Don to allow Tom \$3000 in discretionary spending. Becky seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- 4. Amick Historical Park-** The hope is the Amick park will be donated to the Town Of Gordon. Many people have noted it is already in use. People are picnicking there, having coffee, kids are playing. Craig Olsen is the contractor hired to do the restoration project on the shelters. This will include:
 - Redecking of the roofs where necessary and replacement of rotted log beam on the east shelter, transport of log beam from Seeley, anchoring to slabs, re-roofing both shelters with Cedar shakes. Cost is estimated to be \$9000. A motion was made by Jan to approve \$9000 to repair the shelters. A second was made by Becky. The motion carried.
 - We will also need to complete more concrete work including the frontage sidewalk, plaza steps, handicap connector, flag pole installation, Edward Gordon plaque pedestal, and the 12 interpretive marker footings. Estimate \$17,800. A motion was made by Becky to approve this amount be taken from the Amick general fund. Maureen seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - Laying bricks-Jim Olmstad will be laying the bricks by hand and doing the necessary ground prep work. Jim estimates about \$2600 for this project. Much discussion ensued regarding amount of bricks to purchase, matching the color with what we already have(from Build a brick) and if we can use the credit we have coming from the Build a Brick Fund. Barb will check on the credit. Jim will check on the bricks and let us know cost. We discussed giving Jim discretion with regard to purchasing the bricks. When he stops to purchase them he will be on his way to Gordon from Madison. Tom made a motion to give Jim discretionary spending, Barb Seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - A proposed staining day was set for June Sunday May 31st, at noon.
- 5. Staffing and compensation-** Barb has managed to enlist a regular attendant to work the weekends at the Depot and the Museum. Jeanne Martin will be hired as an independent contractor and begin next Saturday. Terry will fill in the three days Jeanne is not available to work. Discussion ensued

regarding a pay raise from \$12 an hour to \$14 an hour. We also discussed a fair wage for Lisa given the amount of time she spends working outside of her paid hours. The board will review Lisa's responsibilities and consider an additional wage adjustment in the fall. Lisa does so many other things necessary to keep this board and the GWHS going!! A motion was made by Tom to approve the hire of Jeanne Martin with a second by Jan. The motion carried. Jan made a motion for a wage increase from \$12 to \$14 for the independent contractors who staff the museum and depot on the weekends. Jim seconded this motion. The motion carried.

6. **Land Use Agreement-** Brian has spent a huge amount of time writing this agreement and sharing it with the State to be able to place the caboose on the property in Gordon that is owned by the state. . This land use agreement ties into the Memorandum of Understanding . Both are important as responsibilities of both the GWHS and the Town of Gordon are more clearly delineated and acknowledged on paper. Because the state is a government entity and the town is a government entity the state wanted an agreement with the town rather than the GWHS. The agreement will be renewed every four years indefinitely and will require us to make a request for renewal every four years. Brian has talked to Craig who will read, analyze and review it. More discussion of The Land use Agreement will be on the next Gordon Town Hall meeting agenda. Becky made a motion to approve and forward the Land Use Agreement to Craig Golembiewski. The motion was seconded by Tom. Motion carried.
7. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)-** Once again Brian has taken countless hours putting this MOU together. Essentially it is documenting our existing relationship with the Town of Gordon. It entails verbatim of the already long standing agreement between our two entities. In Brian's words "it formalizes the status quo." Brian also suggests we refer to the Amick Park as "an open air museum'. The responsibilities of maintaining the park will fall under the GWHS. A motion to approve and forward the MOU to the town of Gordon for approval was made by Jan. Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. **Adjournment-** A motion was made by Jan to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Brian. Motion passed.