



OFFICIAL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Historic Preservation Commission
DATE/TIME: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 4:00 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Maple Room
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Blake Opal- Steve Miller
Wahoske (C)
Christine Martens Brian Mason
(VC)
Michael Martens Patrick Bacher
Dave Oberbeck Brad Lenz
Kevin Crooks (Ex Officio)
Linda Tryczak Bill Herbert
(Ex Officio)

Members Present: Blake Opal-Wahoske, Christine Martens, Michael Martens, Brian Mason, Steve Miller, Dave Oberbeck

Members Not Present: Kevin Crooks, Linda Tryczak, William Hebert

Members Excused: Patrick Bacher

Present 6, Not Present 3, Excused 1

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 04:01 PM.

1 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

December 3, 2025 Regular and October 30, 2025, November 11, 2025 and December 16, 2025 Ad Hoc Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Motion by Commission Member Miller, seconded by Commission Member Christine Martens, to Approve the minutes from October 30, November 11 and December 16, 2025. Motion Passed 6-0.

2 Discussion and possible action.

a. Discussion and possible action on Landmark Nomination form and instructions

Chair Opal-Wahoske reviewed the nomination form and guide. Commission members provided feedback and suggested a press release in May for National Historical Preservation Month. Staff will generate a form using the suggestions from the commission and bring it back in February for discussion and possible action by the commission.

3 Discussion.

a. Presentation on Chapter 2.82 of the Wausau Municipal Code

Chair Opal-Wahoske gave an overview of Chapter 2.82 of the Wausau Municipal Code which created and governs the Commission.

b. Discussion on Historic Preservation policy manual

Opal-Wahoske shared the policy manual draft and asked for feedback. Mason questioned if the policy manual is redundant with the other resources we have available, like the nomination

guidelines and municipal code. Michael Martens doesn't think that the ordinance policies need to be in a policy, but process policies could be spelled out. Mason thinks it could stand as a guiding document for the commission and help clarify the scope of the commission. Further discussion to happen at a future meeting.

4 Adjournment.

Motion by Commission Member Mason, seconded by Alderperson Martens, to Adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 05:06 PM.

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