HISTORICAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
September 23, 2026

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm

2. Roll call: Laura Myers, Kevin Parkins, Jill Keller, Kevin Russom, Peggy Castine, Lena Stewart, and Rudy Wengorovius

3. Approval of agenda: Rudy Wengorovius approved, Laura Myers seconded; all ayes

4. Public Comment: none

5. Approval of Minutes – regular meeting of August 26, 2026: Laura Myers approved Jill Keller seconded; all ayes

6. Financial Report: n/a

7. Warner Mansion Activities: discussion of Monday 9/21 City Council Meeting where funding for design work of green wall trellis was approved.

8. New Business:
    a. Raven Scarecrow contest - next year HC will contribute a scarecrow. Will include on August 2027 agenda
    b. Christmas Holiday Decoration Contest - Historical Commission would like to sponsor a contest withing the historic district. Kevin R will outline the event – initial discussions:
        i. Communication plan – create flier; promote through social media - FB and Instagram (city/ DDA sites) starting 1st of November with weekly reminders
        ii. Historical Commission judging – December 4th
        iii. Winners announces at Holly Days – December 5th; prize a Civic or city business gift card.
    c. Historical Marker Book – coffee table type, pictures of historical Farmington. Open discussion – possibility of creating this.

9. Old Business:
    a. Historic District Survey: Rudy, Peggy, and Laura met with Matt Malone on August 27th. More detail of site elements reviewed, and Matt supported adjustments to layers, creating "highlighted sites" layer, and new website draft. Building has been in process for the highlighted sites area (adding photos, adjusting map points, etc). Narratives of 14 addresses are kicked-off with target Oct 14th (Peggy/Laura) and then incorporate into website by Oct 28 meeting (Rudy).
    b. Downtown Historic Plaques: Civic plaque mount and unveiling was completed Sept 8th with Claire, Maria, and HC members in attendance.
        i. Plaque design for State Savings Bank was presented by Kevin R. He has also approached representative from GLP. They do like the idea and we will take next steps to finalize design and funding.

10. Correspondence and communications:
    a. Annual Report was presented at 9-24 Council meeting.

11. Commission Comments:
    a. Next meeting October 28th.

12. Adjournment at 8:07pm

