



McHenry County  
Historic Preservation Commission - Public Meeting  
AGENDA

April 2, 2025, 6:15 PM  
County Board Conference Room  
Administration Building, 667 Ware Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098

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**Historic Preservation Commission - Public**  
**Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

**March 5, 2025, 6:15 PM**  
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Members Present:           Stuart Thiel, Anthony Alfaro, Kirk Donald, Peter Gussie, Melody Jacobson,  
                                      Sarah Metivier-Schadt

Members Absent:           Rachell Horbenko, Sarah Taylor

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**1.     CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Meeting called to order at 6:15PM by Chairman Gussie

**2.     APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES (October 2, 2024 and December 4, 2024)**

**Mover:** Stuart Thiel

**Second:** Kirk Donald

Approve previous minutes from October 2, 2024 and December 4, 2024

**Approved by Voice**

**3.     INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Jake Marino with the Huntley Historical Society.

Dawn Milarski, board member of McHenry County Historical Society.

Jessica Rodarte and Ramon Bernal, homeowners of the Prescott Whittemore House.

**4.     PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5.     MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

None.

**6.     OLD BUSINESS**

6.1     Historic Landmark Nomination - Prescott Whittemore House

Jake Marino from Huntley Historical Society gave a history of the Prescott Whittemore House.

Chairman Gussie read the Landmarking Nomination Criteria. He informed the Commission it is not necessary to meet all the criteria, just one or more.

Ms. Rodarte clarified she only wants to landmark the house, not the barns. Chairman Gussie confirmed this application is for the house only. He informed her if she is interested in landmarking an additional structure, she would need to submit another application.

The public hearing was scheduled for the next HPC meeting on April 2nd. Ms. Scharlow said they will mail out notices to the adjoining property owners.

**Mover:** Sarah Metivier-Schadt

**Seconded:** Melody Jacobson

Motion to approve this nomination.

**Approved by Voice**

6.2 McHenry County Historic Preservation Network Meeting - Commissioner Gussie

Chairman Gussie said he is still working on scheduling the presenters.

6.3 Outreach to Owners of Potential Landmark Properties - Commissioner Metivier Schadt

Ms. Metivier-Schadt will redo the letter that Keith Bartosik was working on. Ms. Scharlow will resend the last draft of the letter she has via email to Ms. Metivier-Schadt.

Chairman Gussie pointed out on the completed survey, there are recommendations for properties that are eligible for county landmarking. He said we should review the recommendations to see if they want to send letters to all the recommended properties or to a select few for now.

6.4 Scenic Drive Updates - Commissioner Gussie

Chairman Gussie will reach out to GIS to meet with them about having an updated map.

He said he was interested in having the municipalities and their municipal routes incorporated into this.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Election of Vice Chair and Secretary

Chairman Gussie opened the nominations for Secretary.

Ms. Jacobson volunteered herself for Secretary.

There were no other nominations for Secretary.

Chairman Gussie closed the nominations for Secretary.

**Approved by Voice**

Chairman Gussie opened the nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Donald volunteered himself for Vice Chairman.

There were no other nominations for Vice Chairman.

Chairman Gussie closed the nominations for Vice Chairman.

**Approved by Voice**

## **8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Gussie said that Crystal Lake is still working on a nomination for the Crystal Lake Academy. It is being challenged by the current property owner who wants it demolished.

He said that in Richmond they have been working with Landmarks Illinois on the old wooden train bridge and are trying to work with Landmarks and MCCD on the McConnell Farmstead.

## **9. STAFF REPORT**

### **9.1 Statement of Economic Interest discussion**

Ms. Scharlow reminded everyone of the Disclosure of Economic Interest Statement is due by May 1st. She said they should have received an email from the county clerk's office and if they did not, to reach out to the clerk's office. She noted there is a penalty fee for every day it is late and if the fees are not paid by May 31st, it may result in a forfeiture of the position.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

10.1 Next Regular Meeting April 2, 2025

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mover:** Stuart Thiel

**Second:** Sarah Metivier-Schadt

To adjourn the meeting at 7:08PM

**Approved by Voice**

## LEGAL NOTIFICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing has been scheduled by the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission regarding the nomination of a structure commonly known as the “*Prescott Whittemore Homestead*” for *Local Landmark* status, in accordance with the procedures of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance of 1991.

The property is owned by Jessica Rodarte and Ramon Bernal and is located on the northeast side of Marengo Road, approximately 1,500 feet northwest of the intersection of Marengo Road and Main Street. The common address of the property is 13520 Marengo Road, Huntley, Illinois (PIN: 18-30-400-016) in Grafton Township.

The application for nomination includes the residence on the property. The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission has found that this structure meets the criteria for local landmark status.

The Public Hearing will be held at the following time and place:

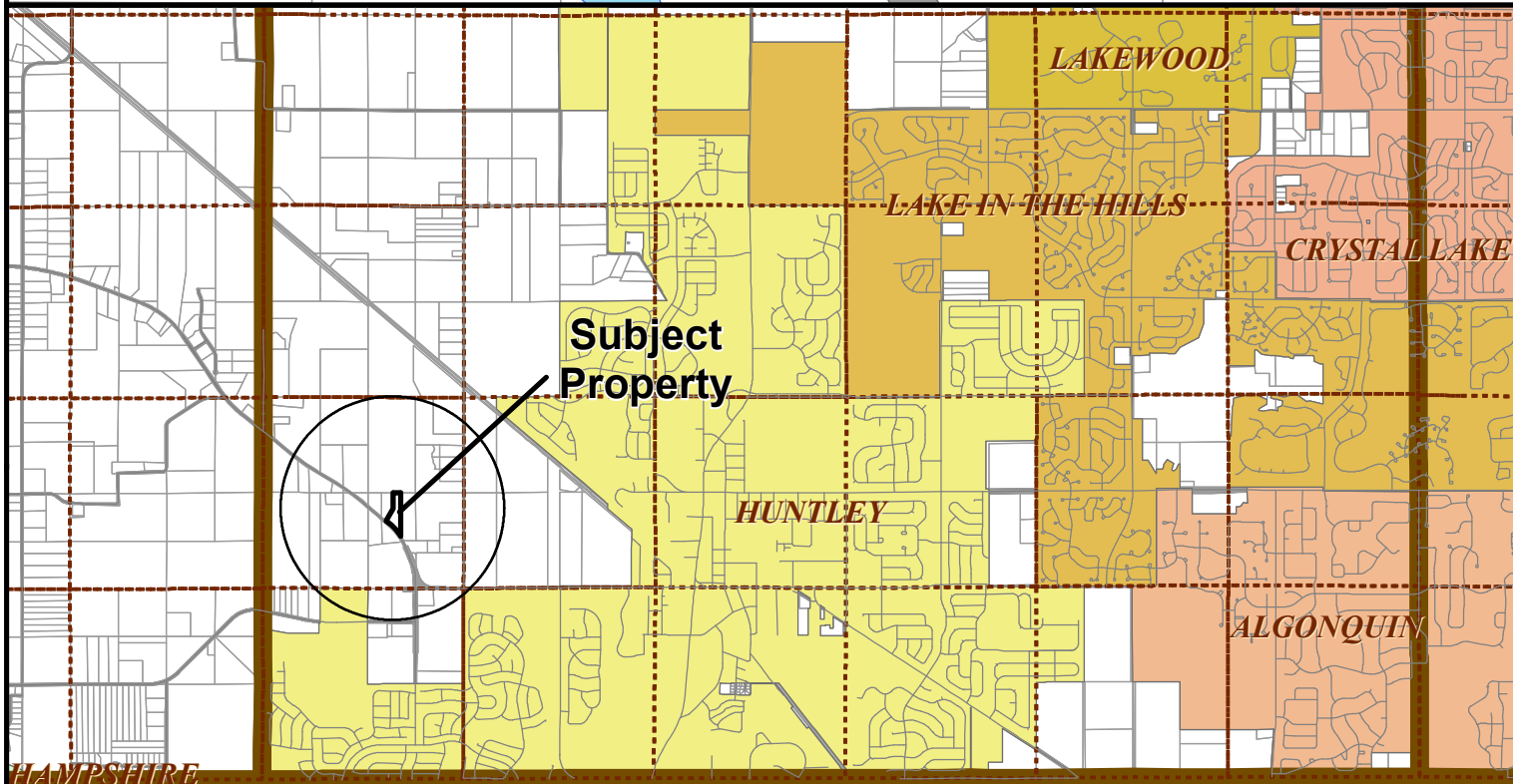
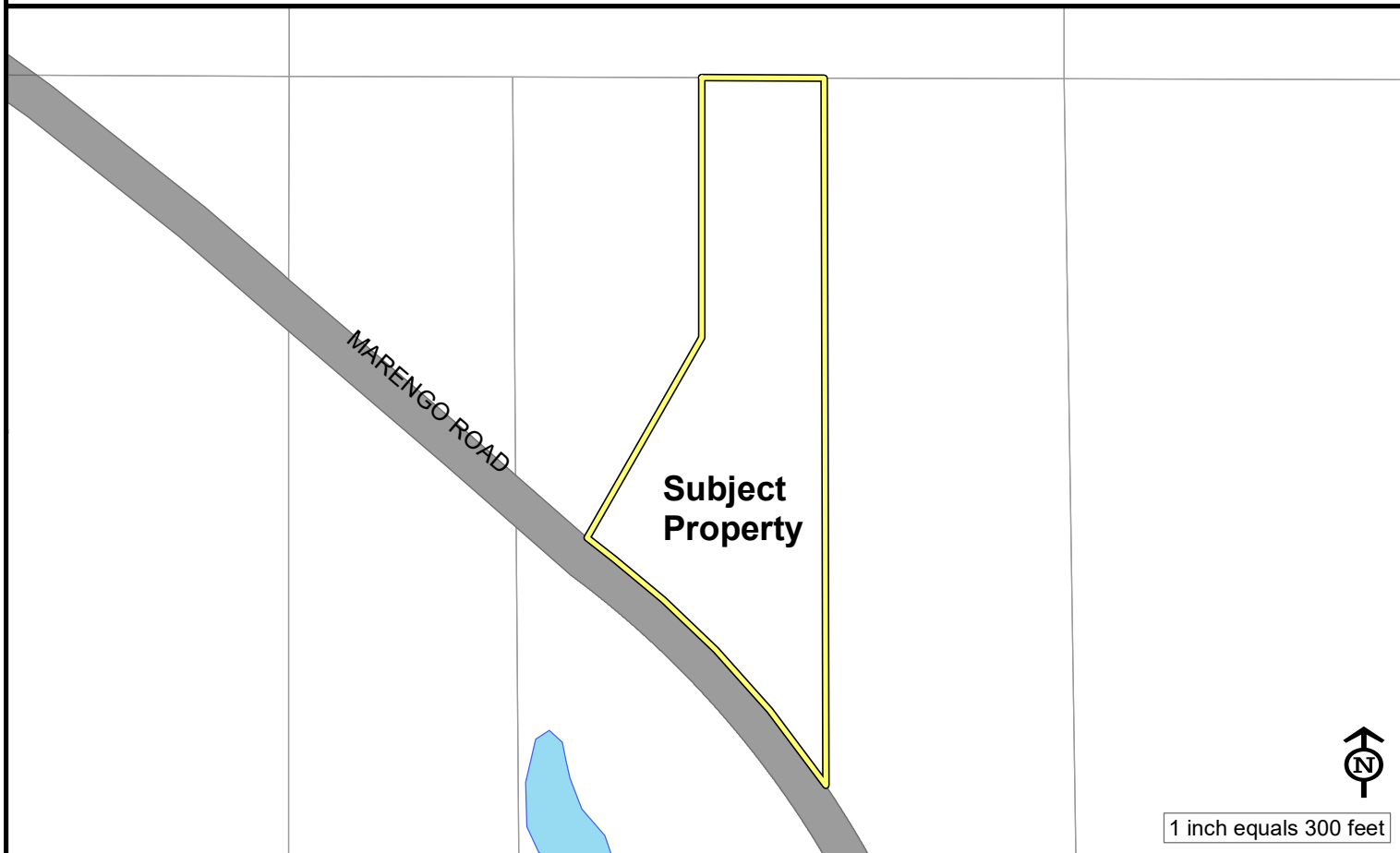
DATE: **Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

TIME: **6:15 p.m.**

LOCATION: **Administration Building, County Board Conference Room  
McHenry County Government Center  
667 Ware Road, Woodstock, Illinois 60098**

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard at the aforementioned time and place. If you have questions, you may call 815-334-4560 for further information.

Written comments may be submitted to: Kim Scharlow, McHenry County Planning and Development Department, 2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, IL 60098 – or by email to [hpc@mchenrycountyil.gov](mailto:hpc@mchenrycountyil.gov) or in person at 667 Ware Road, Room 208, Woodstock, Illinois.



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