

Historic Preservation Agenda
January 12, 2026
Reedsburg City Hall Council Chambers
4:30 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2025:

THE COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT DISCUSS THESE TOPICS, AND WILL NOT TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THEM AT THIS MEETING

I. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Consider Mackey/Heaton Sign
- B. Discuss requested response to AB 375 / SB 382
- C. Review S. Park St Historic Designation presentation
- D. Discuss local museum planning
- E. Discuss HPC plans for 2026

II. ADJOURN:



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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Reedsburg, WI
December 1, 2025

Chair Glen Slaats called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 4:30 PM in Reedsburg City Hall.

Present: Alder Aaron Bauer, Joan Martin, Nancy Manion, Jeff Seering, Jan Aslaksen

Absent: Monica Liegel, Stephanie Hasler,

Staff: Brian Duvall

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Manion to approve the 11/10/25 minutes.

Motion approved

Consider Mackey/Heaton Display

A draft outline was reviewed including Mackey & Heaton info, flood info and the map.

Consider recommendation of bridge naming

Bauer spoke to the Mayor, Max Buckner and Steve Zibell who all support the proposal.

Motion by Seering, seconded by Aslaksen to recommend to Council the naming of the Merv Jaech Bridge.

Motion approved

Discuss requested response to AB 375

Slaats received a response for Tony Kurtz's office, in support.

Discuss proposed S Park St Historic Designation presentation

Duvall spoke to two residents and encouraged them to attend the meeting.

Discuss HPC plans for 2026

Discussion held on wrapping up the Mackey/Heaton sign, possible future museum discussion (what's needed, how big, statutory rules), preservation workshop and museum donation form.

RECESS to 6:00 PM

6:00 PM – Reconvene for presentation from Wisconsin Historical Society on possible S. Park St Historic District

Jason Tish and Elizabeth Hilton from WHS presented info on the National Register program and CLG grant application. No S Park St residents attended in person.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Manion to adjourn at 6:50 PM.

Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Duvall, Planner/Building Inspector

From: [Glen Slaats](#)
To: [Brian Duvall](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for AB375
Date: Thursday, December 18, 2025 11:50:47 AM

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You could share this with the HPC in January.

Have a Merry Christmas, Glen

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sen.Keyeski <Sen.Keyeski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: Thu, Dec 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM
Subject: RE: Support for AB375
To: Glen Slaats <grbslaats@gmail.com>

Dear Glen,

Thank you so much for reaching out regarding your support for Assembly Bill 375 (AB 375), relating to modifications to the historic rehabilitation tax credit. I always value opportunities to hear from constituents about the issues that matter the most to them. I especially appreciate your perspective as the Chair of the Reedsburg Historic Preservation Commission.

As you shared, our historic buildings and sites contribute greatly to the vibrancy and economic vitality of our small, rural communities. Preserving these historic places accomplishes so much more than simply restoring old buildings – it preserves the local history that strengthens community identities and also encourages local tourism. This gives back to Wisconsinites in so many ways!

As you are aware, AB 375 modifies the [state historic rehabilitation tax credit](#), which can be claimed by Wisconsin taxpayers for costs associated with rehabilitating certain historical buildings. Under current law, taxpayers may claim a credit equal to 20% of their qualified rehabilitation expenditures so long as the expenditures are at least \$50,000. A [similar federal tax credit](#) is also taken into consideration by this bill. The modifications to the tax credit included in the bill seek to clarify what projects qualify, expanding access to the tax break for more Wisconsinites. More specifically, AB 375 amends the state historic rehabilitation tax credit in four ways:

1. It revises the requirements to claim the state-only credit to specify that certain federal requirements and approvals do not apply.
2. It allows the full credit to be claimed in one year.
3. It sunsets the credit applied to buildings that are not certified historic structures.
4. It repeals the \$3.5 million lifetime per-parcel credit limit and replaces it with a limit of \$3.5 million every 15 years.

On November 19, AB 375 passed in the Assembly on a [unanimous vote](#). It is now available for scheduling on the Senate floor. I voted yes on the bill's Senate counterpart, Senate Bill 382 (SB 382), which was passed out of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Revenue, also on a [unanimous vote](#). SB 382 passed as amended by Senate Amendment 1, which revises how the requirements to claim the state-only tax credit are organized, and specifies that calculation of the per-parcel credit limit of \$3.5 million every 10 years includes amounts certified as of July 1, 2018.

SB 382 is also now available for a vote before the full Senate. If you are interested in tracking the status of either of these bills, you can do so here: [AB 375/SB 382](#).

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. As a first-time legislator, I value your input tremendously, and I always love hearing from my neighbors in the 14th Senate District. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything that you are concerned about, need help with, or want me to know about.

Warmly,

Sarah Keyeski
State Senator
14th Senate District
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From: Glen Slaats <grbslaats@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:27 AM
To: Sen.Keyeski <Sen.Keyeski@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Brian Duvalle <bduvalle@reedsburgwi.gov>
Subject: Support for AB375

Dear Senator Sarah Keyeski:

I am writing you on behalf of the Reedsburg Historic Preservation Commission and asking for your support for passage of the Historic Tax Credit "Repair" Bill (AB 375).

As you are aware, preservation of our historic buildings and sites is vitality important to the health of our rural communities in your district. The City of Reedsburg is in the process of designating a residential and a commercial area in the city as "Historic Districts". Passage of this bill would ensure that this process would continue unto completion.

This is not a time for us to pull back on preserving what is vital to the history and importance of our communities. Over the decades too many important segments of our community have been lost.

Thank you for taking the time to acknowledge this email and request for positive consideration of the Historic Preservation Tax Credit "Repair" Bill (AB375).

Respectfully,

Glen Slaats
Chair, Reedsburg Historic Preservation Commission
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