

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 3, 2001  
WEDNESDAY - 2:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL

The Waynesville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 3, 2001. Members present were Ruth Chacto, Sandra Owen, Georgia Forney, Helen Malina, Alexander Lesueur and Ron Fleenor. Others present were Planner Andrew Powell and Town Clerk Phyllis McClure. Chairman Helen Malina called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of September 5, 2001

Alexander Lesueur moved, seconded by Ruth Chacto, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2001 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Request by Leslie Merrill for Historic Landmark Nomination - 127 Balsam Drive - "The Adger House"

At the September 5, 2001 meeting a request by Leslie Merrill was reviewed for historic landmark nomination regarding the "Adger House" located at 127 Balsam Drive. The HPC members had several concerns and requested that these issues be addressed before an application is completed.

Andrew Powell reported that at the present time, the attic portion of the house is being rehabilitated. The Merrills will live in the attic portion while the remainder of the home is rehabilitated. They will then proceed to the outside of the house and plan to remove the aluminum siding. Once this is complete the Merrills plan to convert the home into a bed and breakfast. Mr. Powell pointed out that the work can be monitored while this is being done, or the HPC can revisit the issue after the aluminum siding has been removed.

Sandra Owen pointed out that the HPC supports these efforts, adding that the "Adger House" is a wonderful house. Ron Fleenor said that he could support the aluminum columns in front. The cost for wooden columns that large would be astronomical. When the aluminum columns are painted it is difficult to tell that they are not wood. The HPC unanimously agreed that the original windows should not be removed.

Ron Fleenor moved, seconded by Alexander Lesueur, that the "Adger House" is a strong candidate for historic landmark designation. However, the HPC does not feel that historic landmark designation can be recommended until after the aluminum siding is removed. The motion carried unanimously.

### Discussion Regarding Williamson House Located on Walnut Street

The HPC discussed the status of the rehabilitation of the Williamson house located on Walnut Street. This house received historic landmark designation and could be in danger of losing this designation if work on the house does not progress. Ron Fleenor said this house was condemned by the Town's Code Enforcement Official and there are time limits to its restoration. Several events have occurred which have slowed the progress. The HPC requested that Andrew Powell ask Code Enforcement Officer Jack Morgan if the HPC can help him in any way with this progress. Mr. Powell will report his findings at the next meeting, at which time the HPC will discuss further action, possibly pursuing steps to rescind the local landmark designation.

### Adjournment

With no further business, Ron Fleenor moved, seconded by Georgia Forney, to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Helen Malina  
Chairman

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Phyllis R. McClure  
Town Clerk