

SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 13, 2002
WEDNESDAY - 2:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Waynesville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held a special meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2002. Members present were Warren Gresham, Ron Fleenor, Ruth Chacto, Bette Sprecher, Helen Malina, Bob Breese and Georgia Forney. Others present were Planner Andrew Powell and Town Clerk Phyllis McClure. Chairman Helen Malina called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2001

Bette Sprecher moved, seconded by Ron Fleenor, to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2001 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Application for Local Landmark Designation - 66 Commerce Street - L. Pierce Pottery

At the meeting of December 5, 2001 Jane Sherer presented an application of the building at 66 Commerce Street to the HPC, discussing the history and future restorations of the building. The Commission applauded the work of the Pierces who own the building. A motion was made that the application be sent to the State, along with the architectural drawings and that the proposed changes be made part of the application.

Since that time a letter was received from the NC Department of Cultural Resources regarding this application with the following suggestions:

- 1) The report should briefly discuss the significance of the warehouse at 66 Commerce Street in relation to other surviving early twentieth century commercial structures in Waynesville - Frog Level, in particular. How many other warehouses from the same period survive, and what condition are they in? What is the special significance of the building at 66 Commerce Street?
- 2) The architectural description of the property should elaborate on features of the building integral to its significance and worth of preservation.
- 3) The blurred quality of the duplicated photographs makes them inadequate for a local designation report. Please include original photographic prints with future reports. The Commission should require clear, high quality, original photographic prints to clearly document the current condition and character of a property proposed for landmark designation.

Bob Breese said that this warehouse is the oldest and possibly the only one in Waynesville. Mr.

Breese said it had always been a warehouse or wholesale grocery. The oldsmobile dealership was located next door.

Ron Fleenor moved, seconded by Bette Sprecher, to proceed toward a public hearing with the understanding that the proposed renovation, as details become available, be presented to the Historic Preservation Commission in order to ensure that the historic significance is maintained, specifically the facade and windows with the addition of the topics addressed in the letter received from the NC Department of Cultural Resources. The motion carried unanimously.

It was pointed out that the Pierces would like to complete the renovations and open the pottery/café shop this spring.

Update on Williamson House Located on Walnut Street

Shawn Leatherwood said he has been working with the Williamsons regarding renovations to the house located on Walnut Street. At the present time he has been gathering prices for windows and hopes to get prices back within the next week to ten days. The windows chosen will be historically accurate. He expects the Williamsons to begin work on the house as soon as the prices are received. Shawn said a lot of work has been done to the inside of the house and he is hoping by the next HPC meeting that work will have begun on the outside of the house. Andrew Powell pointed out that Labor Day was the goal for finishing the house according to Stanley Williamson.

Discussion Regarding Historic Preservation Week - May 12 - 18, 2002

A discussion was held regarding plans for Historic Preservation Week. It was decided to begin earlier this year. Bette Sprecher said she spoke with Dr. Garrett at the Board of Education who informed her that Spring Break this year is April 15 - 19, 2002. If the information is delivered to the lead teachers (not principals) within the next couple of weeks, the students will have an opportunity to enter the essay and poster contests before spring break and testing begin.

It was decided that the entries will be picked up at the principals offices on Wednesday, April 10. Helen Malina said the students at Central Haywood can pick those up. Helen Malina will coordinate the scavenger hunt. The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Waynesville Town Hall on Friday, May 17th at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served by Helen Malina's after school group and Ms. Malina will coordinate. The Waynesville Historical Society will furnish plaques and the Town Staff will furnish certificates for the winners. Bette Sprecher said since Sandra Owen did such a good job last year, she would contact her to see if she could be responsible for publication in the newspaper again this year. Helen Malina said she had some photographs left over from last year for the scavenger hunt and will have her students take more pictures the week of spring break. Those will then be given to Sandra for publication.

It was the consensus of the HPC that the title of the poster contest for elementary students would be "A Child's Home or Room in the Early 1900's". Middle school through high school will be "Illustrate One of Haywood County's Existing Historic Landmarks". The titles for essays for middle school and high school will be "How is Historic Preservation in Haywood County Important to You?" Entries for the contests include any existing historic landmark located in Haywood County.

Rock Walls in Waynesville

HPC Members signed a letter addressed to Town Manager Galloway requesting the preservation of historic rock walls in Waynesville.

Election of Officers will be Held at the Next Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Adjournment

With no further business Ron Fleenor moved, seconded by Bette Sprecher, to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Helen Malina
Chairman

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk