REGULAR MEETING TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION JANUARY 2, 2008 WEDNESDAY - 2:00 P.M. TOWN HALL

The Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2008. Members present were Bette Sprecher, David Felmet, Malinda Messer and Herbert Nelson. Members absent were Peter Sterling (out of town), Bob Kearney (out of town), Nikki Owens (absence unknown), Shawn Leatherwood (absence unknown), Sandra Owen (waiting for gas log repairman). Also present were Planning Director Paul Benson, Assistant to the Town Manager Alison Melnikova and Town Clerk Phyllis McClure. There were not enough members present for a quorum, so an official meeting could not be held. Those present decided to have a general discussion of some upcoming issues.

Historic Rock Walls

Photographs are still being gathered for this project and Paul Benson will be put them on a disc for the members when complete. A press release is planned once the inventory is complete and hopefully some of the photographs can be put on the Town's web site.

Historic Walking Tour Brochure

Malinda Messer presented drafts of two templates for the members to review. She will e-mail a final version before the next meeting. Ms. Messer said the map is large and there is a large amount of information to include in the brochure. The brochure could be done as a three-fold or four-fold with text on one side and map on the other. Melinda will work on the project with Paul Benson and Alison Melnikova.

Bette Sprecher mentioned that newly appointed member Bob Kearney is familiar with brochures and may be of some help with the project if needed.

Malinda plans to get three estimates on printing the brochure to present to the Commission. Once complete Commission Members may help with distribution.

Commission Members thanked Malinda for her work on this brochure project.

Historic Plaques

Paul Benson said he has heard from two of the historic property owners regarding their historic plaques.

David Felmet mentioned that Homer Justice was not in the real estate business. However, a real estate office was located in the building. He wanted to make sure that this change was made.

Commission Members would like to see some coverage by the press of the presentation of one of the historic plaques, possibly the Frank Smathers house located on Smathers Street. It is hoped that Jeff Schmercker with The Mountaineer can publish a photograph of this presentation.

Survey and Planning Grant

Paul Benson said he submitted the same information as last year for the Survey and Planning Grant application. The Main Street historic nomination was funded in 2005 and he was told that it may be a couple of years before Waynesville is considered for funding again.

Adjournment

No official business could be conducted at the meeting since a quorum was not present. The Commission was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Submitted by Town Clerk Phyllis McClure