

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
TOWN HALL
SEPTEMBER 4, 2013
WEDNESDAY 2 PM



Those present:

Chairman Henry Foy
Vice-Chairman Bette Sprecher
Sandra Owen
Ann Melton

Also present:

Town Planner Paul Benson
Secretary Ginny Boyer

Absent:

Nikki Owens
Shawn Leatherwood
Peter Sterling

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, August 7, 2013

Vice-Chairman Bette Sprecher made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of August 7, 2013. Ann Melton seconded. All were in favor.

Historic Design Guidelines

Vice-Chairman Sprecher made a motion to adopt the Waynesville Design Guidelines as presented. Ann Melton seconded the motion and all were in favor. Town Planner Paul Benson mentioned members could certainly make changes to the guidelines if the commission deemed necessary.

Resolution No. R-11-13 "Love Lane Day"

The Town of Waynesville Board of Aldermen at their August 13, 2013 meeting adopted Resolution No. R-11-13, recognizing Love Lane as Waynesville's oldest residential street and celebrating Love Lane Day as August 23, birthday of Waynesville founder Colonel Robert Love. Vice-Chairman Bette Sprecher thanked Ann Melton for her "good job" and "well-written" resolution.

Ann Melton mentioned the "next move" being signage for the street which commissioners would like to read as follows:

Love Lane
Waynesville's Oldest Residential Street
1870

Town Planner Paul Benson mentioned signage will need to be discussed with Public Works Director Fred Baker. Ms. Melton said she would seek Mr. Baker's help on this issue.

Ms. Melton also hopes to have signage for the eleven oldest residences on Love Lane. Medallions with "circa" and the properties' estimated date of construction is what she has in mind. She also hopes, for the next year, to have uniformity of mailboxes on Love Lane, and for the third year flowering planters lining the street.

Sandra Owen wants to see a tour of Love Lane on Love Lane Day, August 23, 2014.

Other Business—Cemetery

Bette Sprecher reported that Bruce Briggs attained deed copies of when the Loves gave property to Greenhill Cemetery (attachment). Ms. Sprecher is working with Phyllis McClure to see if there is more information in the minutes regarding the history of the cemetery. Chairman Foy believes there was a school there at one time, then a church (same building) which was moved. Ms. Sprecher asked Mr. Benson how to begin working toward a National Historic Register listing for the cemetery. Mr. Benson will talk to Annie McDonald at the State Historic Preservation Office. Mr. Benson said someone could be hired or the Historic Preservation Commission could use their own money for a study.

Chairman Foy said someone is needed to put deeds together. Mr. Benson thinks the Town of Waynesville will have a survey of the cemetery.

Ann Melton mentioned possibly seeking a local historic landmark designation. Bette Sprecher mentioned Greenhill Cemetery as being one of the last Town-owned cemeteries.

Ann Melton hopes to get a copy of Hendersonville's cemetery's historic designation. Mayor Foy said that Phyllis McClure found the old deed from 1897 in which the Town purchased the lot that the Methodist church owned, where the old building was.

Chairman Foy said if the commission "gets the history of Greenhill Cemetery we will have made a significant contribution to the Town".

Fred Rathbone was mentioned as a good resource for cemetery information.

Chairman Foy asked commissioners to study deed information by the next meeting. He also asked Sandra Owen to inquire with the Methodist Church how it came to own the lot and building.

Other Business

Historic Waynesville, a self-guided tour was mentioned as being a sales item at upcoming festivals. Bette Sprecher will discuss with Buffy Phillips with the Downtown Waynesville Association.

Missing minute books

The Town of Waynesville minute books from 1871-1923 are missing and have been for years. Some say fire destroyed them, others say they may have been “borrowed” and never returned. It was suggested by town staff that Chairman Foy write an article for publication in the Mountaineer to pique interest and solicit information in hopes of retrieving town property which would undoubtedly shed light on Greenhill Cemetery’s history among other things.

Adjourn

With no further business, Chairman Foy adjourned the meeting at 3:32.

Ginny Boyer, Secretary

Henry Foy, Chairman