

SPECIAL MEETING  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 12, 2002  
TUESDAY - 3:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL

The Waynesville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held a special meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2002. Members present were Shawn Leatherwood, Ruth Chacto, Ron Fleenor, Bette Sprecher, Bob Breese, Sandra Owen, Warren Gresham and Helen Malina. Others present were Planner Andrew Powell and Town Clerk Phyllis McClure. Acting Chairman Ron Fleenor called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of September 4, 2002

Bob Breese moved, seconded by Bette Sprecher, to amend the minutes as follows: first page, third paragraph, ninth sentence, change Mr. Garrett to Mr. Howell. Sandra Owen proposed an additional correction and Bob Breese moved to amend his motion, seconded by Bette Sprecher, to change the minutes further as follows: second page, second paragraph, delete the second sentence. The motion carried unanimously. Note: Helen Malina joined the meeting at this time.

Request for Nomination for Local Historic Landmark Designation by Susan and Robert Beasley - 135 Pigeon Street

The request for nomination for local historic landmark designation of 135 Pigeon Street by Susan and Robert Beasley was on the agenda at the September 4, 2002 meeting. At that time it was the consensus of the Commission that statements should be documented and that the owners or their designated representative should be required to attend all meetings involving the request.

The Commission felt that the word “probably” should be changed in the survey and research on the Alden Howell Home and replaced with evidence of why the statements were believed. Andrew Powell said he could let the Beasleys know that there was some expertise on the HPC which could help them with obtaining information on the house. Helen Malina will draft a letter to send to the Beasleys outlining the concerns of the Commission. It was the consensus of the Commission to table the request until a later time when either the Beasleys or their designated representative could attend the meeting.

Review of State’s Concerns Regarding Atkins House

A letter was received from the NC Department of Cultural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office, regarding the landmark designation report for Roger and Judith Winge regarding the Atkins House located at 421 Grimball Drive. The letter made reference to the Haywood Homes and History publication. Bette Sprecher said the report should not rely on this publication because it contains several errors. The Commission felt that the property contains a large amount of historical significance. The owner, Hilliard Atkins, was a former Waynesville Mayor and banker. The home is unique and was designed by a very prominent architect.

Bob Breese said Hilliard and Nora Atkins were good friends of his mother and father. His father, Robert Breese and Hilliard Atkins were in business together at the time and Mr. Atkins told his father that he was going to build one of the finest homes in Haywood County which was this house, later known as the Atkins House. Mr. Charles Parker was the Architect for this project.

The Commission felt that more information is needed on the application and information regarding the architect should be expanded upon. Warren Gresham asked if there is some type of guideline which can be used by Mr. and Mrs. Winge in this report. Andrew Powell said the application regarding the Thomas Wolfe application is given to applicants as a guideline. Shawn Leatherwood suggested that an application for one of Waynesville's local historic landmarks be given out as a guideline.

Helen Malina will contact Mike Southern or another representative from the State to see if they have an application that the property owners can use as a guide. Helen Malina will draft a letter to send to Roger and Judith Winge regarding this property and their application for historic designation.

#### Opinion Regarding Structure at 2147 Russ Avenue (Hobbie Property; formerly Haynes Apple Orchard)

Several months ago, Ken and Marian Hobbie requested the opinion of the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the historic significance of the property located at 2147 Russ Avenue. This structure was used as a chicken house many years ago. The two top stories were removed sometime in the 1980's and the roof has been changed. Ron Fleenor said it was his opinion that there was not enough left of the structure to make it historically significant. Sandra Owen asked about the rock portion which still remains. Helen Malina felt that the process would become "watered down" if portions of a structure began to be designated as historically significant. Warren Gresham suggested a letter of encouragement and possibly the creation of a scrapbook with photographs of what the structure once looked like and how it looks today. Shawn Leatherwood pointed out that if no records were kept, all this would be lost if someone tore the structure down.

#### Historic Rock Wall at United States Post Office

Andrew Powell said he spoke with the rock mason and Supervisor Mike Grasty with the NC Department of Corrections and rock mason Jerry Parks about the possibility of inmates repairing the deteriorating rock wall. This may be a possibility if the Town purchases the needed materials.

#### Adjournment

With no further business, Ron Fleenor moved, seconded by Bette Sprecher, to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Phyllis R. McClure  
Town Clerk

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Helen Malina  
Chairman