

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 3, 2004
WEDNESDAY - 2:00 P. M.
TOWN HALL

The Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2004. Members present were Sandra Owen, Malinda Messer, Bette Sprecher, Shawn Leatherwood, Laura Soltis, Bob Breese, David Felmet, Jr., and Marc Yops. Others present were Planning Director Paul Benson and Deputy Town Clerk Freida Rhinehart. Acting Chairman Shawn Leatherwood called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of May 5, 2004

Marc Yops pointed out that his name was misspelled in the last paragraph on Page 1. Laura Soltis moved, seconded by Bette Sprecher, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2004 meeting as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Main Street National Register Historic District

Paul Benson stated that in order to have Main Street listed on the National Historic District, the same process must be followed that was used with the Frog Level District.

The Town of Waynesville has been awarded a Survey and Planning Grant to hire a historic preservation consultant to conduct a survey and prepare the reports necessary for nominating the Main Street District to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Town has received two responses to a Request for Proposals for this project. The Commission is asked to make a recommendation as to the consultant to be selected.

The two respondents are Edwards-Pitman Environmental Inc. and Bowers Southeastern Preservation. Key points in their proposals are:

Edwards-Pitman, Inc.

- Key staff (Heather Fearnback, Winston-Salem and Clay Griffin, Asheville) has relevant experience having done 8 such projects between them.
- Key staff is familiar with Waynesville. Mr. Griffin worked for 4 years in Asheville office of Archives and History and both he and Ms. Fearnback worked on the Quinlan House report.
- The firm has an office located in Asheville
- This proposal includes 104 hours of staff time
- Materials are budgeted at \$320.18
- Total cost of services if \$5,499.49

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Bowers Southeastern Preservation:

- Key staff (Sybil Bowers) has relevant experience with 10 similar projects
- Key staff is familiar with Waynesville having done the Frog Level District nomination project and the Main Street Historic District study list application
- This firm is located in Asheville
- This proposal includes 125 hours of staff time
- Materials are budgeted at \$375
- Total cost of services is \$5,500.00

While either of these firms is capable of doing an excellent job, the staff recommends Bowers Southeastern Preservation primarily because of the preliminary work which has already been done on this project and because of Ms. Bowers' knowledge of Waynesville.

Mr. Benson is willing to try to negotiate a cost of \$5200.00. The start date of the project will be December 1, 2004 and it must be finished by September 1, 2005. The building which Tomi Abbott owns on Depot Street may become a contributing building.

Marc Yops inquired why the district does not go down to Walnut Street at the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Benson replied that the district could be enlarged. There is a formula used which requires a high percentage of contributing buildings.

David Felmet, Jr., moved, seconded by Bette Sprecher, to accept the proposal of Bowers Southeastern Preservation. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Williamson House

David Felmet, Jr., has heard from Stanley Williamson. George, brother of Stanley Williamson, is recovering from a near death experience. Stanley and George Williamson have contacted Tim Welch to see when he can get back on the project. Tim Welch has been waiting for payment and will begin again soon. Stanley Williamson has also e-mailed Shawn Leatherwood that work will begin again soon.

Election of Officers

Sandra Owen moved, seconded by Shawn Leatherwood, that Bette Sprecher be elected Chair until April, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

Bette Sprecher moved, seconded by Marc Yops, that David Felmet, Jr. be elected Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

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Rock Walls in Waynesville

Bob Breese commented on the deterioration of some of the rock walls in town especially around the Post Office, on South Main Street and at the intersection of Boyd Avenue and Sulphur Springs Road.

Laura Soltis moved, seconded by David Felmet, Jr., that a letter be written to the Board of Aldermen requesting that these walls be restored in a historically correct manner. The motion carried unanimously.

Trademark of the Name "Inn on Prospect Hill"

There was discussion of whether David Frampton could use the name "Inn on Prospect Hill". Another gentlemen in Virginia claims to have this name and has informed Mr. Frampton that he cannot use it. Laura Soltis is going to do research on the dates when the inn was named in conjunction with the former name of the town, Mount Prospect.

The date of the next meeting will be December 1, 2004.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:40 p.m.

Shawn Leatherwood
Acting Chair

Freida Rhinehart
Acting Secretary