

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MARCH 1, 2006
WEDNESDAY - 2:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2006. Members present were Laura Soltis, Shawn Leatherwood, Sandra Owen, David Felmet, Bette Sprecher and John Binford. Members absent were Malinda Messer, Peter Sterling and Marc Yops. Chairman Bette Sprecher called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of February 1, 2006

John Binford moved, seconded by David Felmet, to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2006 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Update Regarding Request for Certificate of Appropriateness - 313 Depot Street - Gary Marshall and Karen Marshall

Shawn Leatherwood reported that the door was ordered and has now been installed on the building located at 313 Depot Street to be used as the St. Peter's Anglican Church. Paul Benson said the door looks very good and encouraged the other members if they have an opportunity to go by and look at it. Chairman Sprecher expressed appreciation on behalf of the Commission to the Subcommittee in the selection of this door, which consisted of Shawn Leatherwood and Marc Yops.

Discussion Regarding Historic Plaques

Commission members received and reviewed material regarding styles and prices for historic plaques. Paul Benson said he has requested \$1,500 in the 2006-2007 fiscal year budget to purchase the plaques. If approved, this money will be available after July 1, 2006.

Commission Members felt that a standard educational type plaque would be the most appropriate. 7"x5" plaques are \$92; 7"x10" plaques are \$127; and 11"x18" plaques are \$166. The cost for the plaque could be shared on a 50-50 basis by the Town and the property owner. Plaques could be installed by the Town in a visible location if property owners decide to have a plaque identifying their property as a historic landmark. (NOTE: Sandra Owen joined the meeting at 2:12 p.m.)

Laura Soltis moved, seconded by John Binford, that the plaques should be 7"x10". The motion carried unanimously.

John Binford moved, seconded by David Felmet, that the siting of the plaques should be agreed upon by the property owner and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

David Felmet moved, seconded by John Binford, that the wording on the plaques are to include 1) the historically designated name of the property, 2) the year that the structure was built, and 3) Town of Waynesville Historic Landmark. The motion carried unanimously.

Shawn Leatherwood moved, seconded by Sandra Owen, that for any properties listed on the National Register the same rules would apply for a separate plaque designating the National Register status. The motion carried unanimously.

John Binford moved, seconded by David Felmet that the 7"x10" plaques are to be natural bronze with brown background. The motion carried unanimously.

Laura Soltis moved, seconded by Shawn Leatherwood, that the Town will contribute 50% toward the purchase of the plaque on a one time basis; if a plaque is lost, damaged or needs replacement for any other reason, it will be the property owner's responsibility to replace the plaque. The motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Commission that the plaques should have a double border and font as shown in example B. Paul Benson will get a sample for final approval of the historic plaques by the Commission.

Training Opportunities

Paul Benson reported that he had spoken with Becca Johnson, a representative with the Western Office of the NC Division of Archives and she indicated that her office does not provide training or training videos. Ms. Johnson suggested that Paul speak with Melinda Coleman in the Raleigh office. Last year's training was in Salisbury and Sandra Owen urged other commission members to attend available training sessions. She said last year's training was a joint effort with a huge amount of work involved, with information case studies provided. This year's training will be in Wilmington, NC. Bette Sprecher said she encourages educational opportunities for the Commission and Laura Soltis said training in the Western North Carolina area would be convenient, and would love to see training opportunities in Waynesville.

Williamson House on Walnut Street

There was some discussion regarding the Williamson house on Walnut Street. Bette Sprecher said the property looks good and it appears to have been cleaned up quite a bit.

Paul Benson said he spoke with Randy Cunningham regarding the status of another house on Walnut Street, owned by Pal Parker. Mr. Cunningham said the owner is interested in sprucing up the property to sell, and there does not seem to be a large amount of repair work to do.

Historic Rock Walls

Bette Sprecher asked if any additional information has been received regarding the historic rock walls at the Post Office. Paul Benson said he has not heard from the Postmaster.

Adjournment

With no further business, Laura Soltis moved, seconded by David Felmet, to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure, Town Clerk
Bette Sprecher, Chairman