

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 5, 2006
WEDNESDAY - 2:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. Members present were Shawn Leatherwood, Peter Sterling, Sandra Owen, Malinda Messer, Bette Sprecher, David Felmet, Laura Soltis and John Binford. Also present were Planning Director Paul Benson and Town Clerk Phyllis McClure. Chairman Bette Sprecher called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of March 1, 2006

Laura Soltis moved, seconded by David Felmet, to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2006 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Historic Rock Walls

Bette Sprecher asked if Paul Benson had spoken with the Waynesville Postmaster regarding the historic rock walls. Mr. Benson said they have not had the opportunity to discuss the rock walls yet, they have both missed the calls when he has called and when the Postmaster returned his calls.

Williamson House on Walnut Street

Bette Sprecher asked if any new information was available regarding the Williamson house on Walnut Street. No one had any new information and Shawn Leatherwood, who worked with the Williamson family previously, said he has not heard anything.

Training Opportunities

Bette Sprecher asked if there were any upcoming educational opportunities for the Historic Preservation Commission Members. Mr. Benson said he has called Melinda Coleman to ask this question and will let the Commission Members know when opportunities are available. Mr. Benson added that there is limited training available, and the Town should take advantage of those opportunities.

Request for Certificate of Appropriateness - Atkins House (October Hill Bed and Breakfast) 421 Grimball Drive

An application was received for a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct an 880 (20' x 44") square foot accessory building to the rear of the Atkins House. This is proposed to be a separate structure to be used as a studio.

On behalf of Dennis and Susan Eberhardt, Billy Mills with Clark and Leatherwood submitted the request. The proposal included removal of three trees with diameters greater than 6"; a dead 12" diameter locust, a 12" diameter black gum, and a 12" diameter white oak. No old-growth trees or street-screening trees would need to be removed. It was felt that the elevation of the hill and the existing trees will limit the visibility of the structure from Main Street. Ron Leatherwood with Clark and Leatherwood presented the plans for the addition.

Laura Soltis asked if there would be a driveway to the carriage house. Ms. Eberhardt said there is a small entrance but they do not plan to install a new driveway. Bette Sprecher asked if the roof would be higher than the existing roof. Ron Leatherwood said it would be about the same and the roof color and texture will be matched as closely as possible. He said when one of the former owners had a heating system put in some of the floor joists were removed which he will replace.

Susan and Dennis Eberhardt are under contract to purchase the house and surrounding property from Roger and Judith Winge. Ms. Eberhardt said Mr. and Mrs. Winge originally wanted to retain an adjacent piece of property but the contract is contingent upon the entire three acres. Ms. Eberhardt said she wanted to buy this property because it is a historic home and she would like to keep it that way. She would like to construct this addition and plans to keep the house as a private residence. Bette Sprecher welcomed Susan back home to Haywood County. Ms. Eberhardt said she has lived in Dallas, Texas for ten years and Panama City for twelve years.

Laura Soltis moved, seconded by David Felmet to approve the request for a certificate of appropriateness as submitted.

John Binford moved, seconded by Shawn Leatherwood, to amend the motion to add that the certificate of appropriateness be approved contingent upon the purchase of the property by the Eberhardts from the Winges. Both the original motion and the amendment to the motion carried unanimously.

Sandra Owen said this is a wonderful piece of property and she would like to see every effort made to keep the home and property historically preserved.

Adjournment

With no further business, David Felmet moved, seconded by John Binford, to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure, Town Clerk
Bette Hannah Sprecher, Chairman