

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007
WEDNESDAY - 2:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. Members present were Shawn Leatherwood, Nikki Owens, Bette Sprecher, David Felmet, Herbert Nelson, Malinda Messer and Peter Sterling. Sandra Owen was absent (mother had surgery). Marc Yops announced that he was resigning from the Commission due to conflicts with his work schedule in Asheville. He plans to send an official letter of resignation. 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 August 1, 2007

David Felmet moved, seconded by Shawn Leatherwood to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2007 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Historic Rock Walls

Paul Benson said with the resignation of Marc Yops, this leaves district 2 in the historic rock wall district assignments open for volunteers. Herbert Nelson and Bette Sprecher volunteered to do District #2. Bette has #3 and Herbert has #6. Some members felt that it would be better to wait until fall when the weather is cooler to begin taking photographs. Paul Benson said if members don't have a digital camera, they can have their photographs developed on to a CD which he can download on his computer.

Peter Sterling said there are approximately 45 - 50 rock walls in District #7. He has taken photographs of these walls and he will put the photos on a disc for Paul. David Felmet said it was important to be aware of which rock walls are historically significant. Malinda Messer suggested that the Commission request assistance from the Division of Archives. Paul Benson will speak with Jennifer Cathey to see if she is aware of anyone that could help with this project. Commission Members hope to have their photographs taken and turned in by January 2008.

Discussion Regarding Historic Walking Tour Brochure

Paul Benson distributed revised text and a map for the historic walking tour brochure. All local designations were added even though they were not included on the tour. Paul Benson will give the information on a disc to Malinda Messer and she will put the information in a format for a tri-fold brochure. Malinda asked if anyone had spoken to Becky Johnson regarding the walking tour for the Bicentennial. Paul Benson said Alison Melnikova has been attending the Bicentennial Committee

meetings and he will speak with Alison to get updates.

There was discussion about whether the historic walking tour brochure should be part of the bicentennial celebration. Bette Sprecher suggested that Town of Waynesville be placed at the top of the brochure and that a statement be placed at the bottom of the brochure that it was compiled for the Haywood County Bicentennial.

Dave Felmet said it would be great to have this for 2008, but also for it to continue to grow in the future. Bette Sprecher said she did not want to see this limited to the Bicentennial, but rather to expand it in the future. Malinda Messer will speak with Haywood County Commissioner Mary Ann Enloe, Chairman of the Haywood County Bicentennial Committee. No action was necessary.

Thank You to The Mountaineer Reporter Jeff Schmercker

Bette Sprecher expressed appreciation to Mountaineer reporter Jeff Schmercker for his recent article on historic rock walls.

Historic Courthouse Renovation

Paul Benson said he received a telephone call from Warren Gresham regarding the renovations at the Haywood County Historic Courthouse. Mr. Gresham said it appears that some of the windows were being covered on the inside and he was concerned because this building is on the National Register. Mr. Benson said Jennifer Cathey has been monitoring the progress of the construction. Mr. Benson said he called Ms. Cathey but has not spoken with her yet. Covering the windows on the inside could just be temporary. The main thing is that the outside of the building not be changed since it is on the National Register. Mr. Benson will call Chad Roberson with ADW Architects to determine what their plans are. Bette Sprecher and David Felmet said they will ask Haywood County Manager David Cotton about the construction when they see him tomorrow. Shawn Leatherwood will review the construction documents.

Adjournment

With no further business, David Felmet moved, seconded by Herbert Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Bette H. Sprecher
Chairman