

REGULAR MEETING
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
JULY 6, 2011
WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM

The Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2011. Members present were Chairman Nikki Owens, Vice-Chairman Peter Sterling, Shawn Leatherwood, Henry Foy and Bette Sprecher. Absent were Sandra Owen and Ann Melton. Also present were Town Planner Paul Benson and Secretary Ginny Boyer. The meeting was called to order at 2:09.

Approval of Minutes, June 1, 2011

Bette Sprecher had the following questions regarding the minutes:

Can applicants to the Historic Preservation Commission come from the ETJ. Mr. Benson said people in the ETJ are eligible to serve.

Ms. Sprecher asked Mr. Benson if the prospective buyer of the Messer-Carswell Building had come back to discuss purchase of the building. Mr. Benson said that he has not had any more conversation with him.

Ms. Sprecher brought up the topic of local landmark designation for the Hannah Graham House. Chairman Owens mentioned that Shannon Morgan, the current owner, does not seem interested in designating the house a local landmark. Ms. Sprecher inquired about the generic cover letter mentioned in the minutes that states the Commission's desire to facilitate new owners of historic properties. It was decided that Chairman Nikki Owens and Shawn Leatherwood would draft said letter.

Bette Sprecher made a motion to accept the minutes of June 1, 2011 as presented. Henry Foy seconded and expressed his appreciation to Bette for digging so deeply into the minutes. All were in favor; the minutes of June 1, 2011 were accepted as presented.

Carriage House, Tomasine Woolsey Howell House, 129 Woolsey Heights

Chairman Owens brought to Commission members' attention the photographs of the carriage house as it stands today and a drawing of proposed changes. The carriage house is part of the newly purchased Tomasine Woolsey Howell House property.

Chairman Owens was unclear on how to proceed, as she felt both she and Shawn Leatherwood would be unable to vote on proposed changes due to conflict of interest. Furthermore, two members were absent.

Mr. Benson explained this minor work could be handled without a public hearing but with staff level of approval. He said asking for comments from commission members would be

appropriate. He asked if the windows to be replaced are original or replacement windows. Mr. Leatherwood replied they are replacement windows (but very old ones) and will be replaced with “like windows”. Bette Sprecher said that she was ready to approve the renovations to the carriage house at the last meeting. Commission members agreed to proposed changes to the carriage house of the Tomasine Woolsey Howell House.

Rules of Procedure

Chairman Owens asked if there was a motion in the way of accepting the amended Rules of Procedure. Peter Sterling moved the HPC adopt the amended Rules of Procedure as presented. Shawn Leatherwood seconded and all were in favor.

Treasurer

Chairman Nikki Owens mentioned that without Ann Melton or Sandra Owen present, the item of Treasurer would be tabled until the August meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business, Peter Sterling moved the HPC meeting adjourn. This was seconded by Shawn Leatherwood. The meeting adjourned at 2:27.

Ginny Boyer, Secretary

Nikki Owens, Chairman