

REGULAR MEETING
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
FEBRUARY 1, 2012 (January's meeting was canceled due to weather)
WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Gateway Club, 37 Church Street, Anthony Wayne's Restaurant

The Historic Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on February 1, 2012. Members in attendance: Chairman Nikki Owens, Sandra Owen, Bette Sprecher, Henry Foy, Shawn Leatherwood. Members absent: Ann Melton and Peter Sterling. Also in attendance: Town Planner, Paul Benson and Secretary Ginny Boyer. Visitors: Daryl Bagwell, owner of Bagwell & Associates Auction Company and Kristi Franson, interested in volunteer opportunities.

Approval of Minutes:

Shawn Leatherwood made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2011 meeting; Bette Sprecher seconded. All approved and the minutes were accepted as presented.

Design Guidelines:

Town Planner Paul Benson distributed "Waynesville Main Street District Design Guidelines Project Abstract" to members. Mr. Benson said he has been in touch with Sybil Crawford and others at the State offices. An application has been submitted for a Historic Preservation Fund Grant that would match Town funds to hire a historic preservation consultant to prepare design guidelines and a local historic district designation report for the Main Street National Historic District. Mr. Benson added that money would need to be budgeted through the Town. He feels there is a good chance there will be funding because the Town has been doing well. It was a good budget year. Chairman Owens thanked Mr. Benson for his great job.

Reappointment of Commission members:

Sandra Owen, Henry Foy and Bette Sprecher were all reappointed by the Board of Aldermen to continue their service to the Historic Preservation Commission at the Board of Aldermen meeting January 10, 2012.

Charles U. Miller House (Williamson House) at 53 Walnut Street, Waynesville:

Stanley Williamson, after the death of Malcolm Williamson, has visited Town Planner Paul Benson's office inquiring about how to proceed with Williamson House restoration.

Certified Local Government:

Town Planner Paul Benson reported that Waynesville received its continued certification notice as a Certified Local Government from the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources State Historic Preservation Office. Mr. Benson distributed copies of the letter dated January 24,

2012, which thanks him for his report on “Waynesville’s activities during FY 2011 as a Certified Local Government (CLG) in North Carolina’s preservation program” and congratulates him on “the continued certification of Waynesville as an important local government partner”.

Adjournment:

Bette Sprecher made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the HPC; Henry Foy seconded and all were in favor.

After the meeting members and visitors viewed Snapshot Project exhibit on the second floor of the Gateway Club.

The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be held Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

Ginny Boyer, Secretary

Nikki Haynes Owens, Chairman