

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM  
16 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
FEBRUARY 5, 2014



Those present:  
Chairman Henry Foy  
Peter Sterling  
Sandra Owen  
Ann Melton  
Bette Sprecher

Also present:  
Town Planner Paul Benson  
Secretary Ginny Boyer

Absent:  
Nikki Owens  
Shawn Leatherwood

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2013

**Ann Melton made a motion to approve the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes as presented; this was seconded by Bette Sprecher. All were in favor.**

2. Retreat Planning

Commissioners agreed to have the retreat on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 pm. Peter Sterling would like to see the retreat's content separated into two batches: accomplishments and future plans of the commission (in the same vein as #2-- Mr. Benson's *Past Actions and Future Goals* report). Several items will be included on the retreat's agenda:

- 1) Increasing the Historic Preservation Commission from seven to nine members.
  - Nikki Owens needs to be contacted to see if she wishes to serve (members mentioned she is a "great" and "qualified" member).
  - Peter Sterling asked that each commissioner bring at least one name to the retreat of someone qualified to serve should the Board of Aldermen approve expansion of the commission.
  - Approval must come from the Board of Aldermen after which time press releases would be placed in Smoky Mountain News and Mountaineer, current applicants on file in the Town Clerk's office will be reviewed, and announcements will be included on the town website. Mr. Benson will include language from *Handbook for Historic Preservation Commissions in North Carolina*.

- 2) Mr. Benson will discuss his *Past Actions and Future Goals* Report, in which is outlined:
- Local Historic District Designation
  - Landmark Designations (Bette Sprecher wishes to discuss the issue of vinyl siding as it applies to landmark designation)
  - Inventory Update
  - Stone Walls (Will existing files be tagged and used in some way? Will the inventory be updated and compiled?)
  - Town-County Preservation Commission

- 3) Historic Walking Tour Brochure:
- Complimentary, donations requested, or charge?
  - Who will oversee distribution, collection of monies, revisions/additions?
  - Peter Sterling would like to discuss additions of color-coded maps with handicap accessible restrooms and facilities marked—researching Montford, Hendersonville, other cities and towns may help and Paul Benson agreed to contact Annie McDonald of the State Historic Preservation Office for any suggestions.
  - Henry Foy would like to see the inclusion of the Sulphur Springs hotel’s history.

- 4) Cemetery Brochure: Per Annie McDonald’s suggestion, are there plans for a history of Greenhill cemetery in a brochure or pamphlet?

Sandra Owen mentioned the historic home tours of previous years that were accompanied by brochures of Lynn and Chris Sylvester. This was very popular and the commission may want to consider doing this again to gain interest.

Ann Melton mentioned “the ladies of Love Lane” meet once a month. There are plans for Love Lane Day on August 23rd for historic homes to be open for tours, a street picnic and scavenger hunt. Ms. Melton mentioned the first year would be a trial run where town officials would be invited. Peter Sterling would like to see the public involved from the outset.

With no further business, Peter Sterling moved to adjourn; Bette Sprecher seconded. All were in favor.

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Ginny Boyer, Secretary

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Henry Foy, Chairman