

REGULAR MEETING / VAN TOUR

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
16 SOUTH MAIN STREET
MARCH 5, 2014



Those present:

Chairman Henry Foy
Sandra Owen
Ann Melton

Also present:

Town Planner Paul Benson
Secretary Ginny Boyer

Absent:

Nikki Owens
Shawn Leatherwood
Vice-chairman Bette Sprecher
Peter Sterling

Waynesville's Historic Preservation Commission met at the Municipal Building and boarded the town van for a tour of Love Lane, Waynesville's oldest residential street so that commissioners could:

- stay current on properties that may be eligible for national register and/or local landmark status
- consider Love Lane's becoming a local historic district

Draft minutes of the February 25th, 2014 special meeting were not part of the tour and will be addressed at the April 2, 2014 meeting along with these March 5th, 2014 minutes. Along with the draft minutes of February's special meeting,

Two handouts were distributed at the beginning of the tour:

- Town Planner Paul Benson's Love Lane Historic District map of Love Lane properties along with corresponding brief descriptions (attached)

Most all of the homes in the Love Lane area were built between 1897 and 1923. Unfortunately, although many of the homes are steeped in history and well-maintained, they have been vinyl-sided which leaves them, as individual properties, ineligible for both national register listing (State-appointed designation) and local landmark status (town-appointed designation). Similarly, the Love Lane area is ineligible for National Historic District listing and local historic district designation at this time.

- Historian Ann Melton's *Greenhill Cemetery* (attached), a draft document she wrote after researching the cemetery and interviewing Mr. Fred Rathbone, retired caretaker. Ms. Melton plans to add to the document as further interviews and research are complete.

The commission hopes to document Greenhill Cemetery in some way agreeing that the first step is to compile its rich history. Ultimately the commission may print a brochure/booklet (much like *Historic Waynesville, a self-guided tour*) along with the cemetery's highlights being on the Town of Waynesville website.

Ginny Boyer, Secretary

Henry Foy, Chairman