

REGULAR MEETING
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
16 SOUTH MAIN STREET
JULY 2, 2014



Those present:
Chairman Bette Sprecher
Sandra Owen
Henry Foy
Peter Sterling
Joanna Swanson
Glenn Duerr
Ronald Sullivan

Also present:
Secretary Ginny Boyer
Interim Planning Director Paul Benson
Mr. Thomas Woltz, owner of 201 South Main Street
Jim McClure, contractor, JP McClure of Asheville

Absent:
Ann Melton

Chairman Sprecher called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

1. Introduction of new members

Chairman Sprecher introduced Joanna Swanson, Glenn Duerr and Ron Sullivan as new members filling the positions formerly held by Nikki Owens and Shawn Leatherwood and one of the two new positions approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Chairman Sprecher informed the new members that a new member orientation was planned for August. Joanna Swanson requested a list of Waynesville's historic landmarks; Secretary Boyer agreed to supply the new members with a list.

2. Minutes of the June 4, 2014 regular meeting

Chairman Sprecher pointed out that the letter from Annie McDonald to Ann Melton read at the meeting and recorded in the minutes contained an error in nomenclature. Commissioners would like to see the Pulitzer Prize winning author of Lamb in His Bosom referred to as "Caroline Pafford Miller who later married Clyde Ray Jr."

Henry Foy made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting with the one correction; Peter Sterling seconded and all were in favor.

3. Gwyn Residence

Thomas Woltz introduced himself, provided some family history and explained that he and his sister had inherited the Gwyn Residence located at 201 South Main Street. He stated that the house constructed in

1925 had undergone extensive alterations in the 1950s to create five apartments. His plan is to remove some of these alterations including a second front door, exterior sewer piping, dormer windows, vinyl siding, and interior partitions; also to replace poor quality mechanical systems and make other interior modernizations. He proposed adding a covered porch similar in style to an original porch since removed.

Mr. Woltz then introduced Jim McClure, a contractor (JP McClure, Asheville) that he is working with on the project. Mr. McClure stated that a complete restoration of this type normally takes approximately 1 year to complete. He added that it is unusual for a property owner to restore a radiator heat system, such as Mr. Woltz is planning to do, and that the level of restoration being proposed for this project is not normally economically feasible.

4. Green Hill Cemetery

Chairman Sprecher stated that Ann Melton had completed her book on the Green Hill Cemetery, and that the National Register nomination of the cemetery should be eligible for a 2015 grant from the State of North Carolina.

Paul Benson stated that the project would only be eligible for grant funding if the recent National Register Study Listing had been approved. Peter Sterling asked if anyone had talked with Ann to find out if this had occurred. Secretary Boyer agreed to contact Ann to find out. Mr. Benson further stated that the application deadline for the 2015 grant cycle is this coming February so there is plenty of time to prepare the application if the project is eligible.

6. Other Business

Rock Walls: Chairman Sprecher announced that the rock wall along South Main Street had recently been repaired by the Town Public Services Department under the direction of David Foster. She stated that the Town had done a good job and was to be commended.

Boarding Houses: Henry Foy stated that he had been working on this research along with Ann Melton and at this point they were preparing to go through old newspapers to look for boarding house advertisements to determine what boarding houses were in operation at various dates. Glenn Duerr stated that Western Carolina has a list of Waynesville boarding houses in their archives and that he had viewed this list when working on the Landmark Report for Windover.

Favorite Historic Places: Secretary Boyer announced that CGI Communications has requested a list of the Commission members' favorite historic places to place on-line. Sulphur Springs, the Old Haywood County Courthouse, Jones Temple AME Church, the Shelton House and the Civil War Monument on Sulphur Springs Road were mentioned. Ms. Boyer requested that members continue to think about this and discuss it at a future meeting.

7. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Sprecher requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Henry Foy, seconded by Joanna Swanson and carried unanimously.

Ginny Boyer, Secretary

Bette Sprecher, Chairman