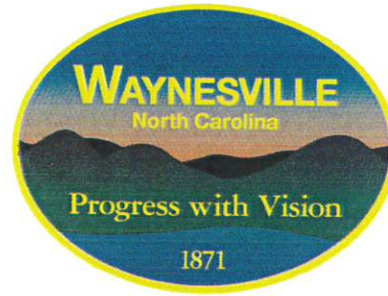


**REGULAR MEETING  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
16 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
AUGUST 5, 2015**



**Members present:**

Chairman Sandra Owen  
Ann Melton  
Coley Bartholomew  
Peter Sterling  
Ronald Sullivan  
JoAnna Swanson  
Glenn Duerr

**Also present:**

Town Manager Marcy Onieal  
Development Services Director Elizabeth Teague  
Land Use Administrator Byron Hickox  
Deputy Clerk Eddie Ward  
Alderman LeRoy Roberson

**Absent:**

Bette Sprecher

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**1. Welcome and announcements**

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She drew everyone's attention to the date of the next meeting listed at the bottom of the agenda. She noted the date should be September 2, 2015 instead of September 3, 2015.

**2. Introduction of new members and staff**

Chairman Owen welcomed new member Ms. Coley Bartholomew to the Commission and said she was happy Ms. Bartholomew had joined the Historic Commission. Chairman Owen introduced Ms.

Elizabeth Teague, Development Services Director for the Town of Waynesville. Ms. Teague stated she is honored to be serving in this capacity for the Town. Ms. Teague introduced Mr. Byron Hickox, Land Use Administrator, and Ms. Eddie Ward, Deputy Town Clerk, who will also be Staff to the Commission. Ms. Owen asked members of the Commission to introduce themselves to the Staff. Also present was Alderman LeRoy Roberson to observe the meeting.

### **3. Adoption of Minutes**

It was noted by Commission members that the minutes for the June 3, 2015 meeting were not included in the agenda packets. Those minutes will be approved at the September 2, 2015 regular meeting.

*A motion was mad by Ann Melton, seconded by JoAnna Swanson, to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.*

## **B. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **1. NC Department of Cultural Resources Grant Application for Green Hill Cemetery was not funded. Discussion on next steps.**

Chairman Owen asked Ann Melton to explain the circumstances of the refusal of the grant application for Green Hill Cemetery. Ms. Melton stated that the state had accepted the application, but when it was returned to Annie McDonald, it was refused. Ms. Melton said she had spoken to Manager Onieal concerning funding from the Town. Ms. Melton estimated the cost would be between \$6000.00 and \$8000.00 to hire a consultant to write a grant and apply to have the Cemetery placed in the National Registry.

Mr. Glenn Duerr suggested Clay Griffith as a contact for the grant writing. Ms. Teague said Staff would contact Mr. Griffith for a dollar amount for the grant writing process, which would include the information already collected by Ms. Melton.

*A motion was made by Ann Melton, seconded by Glenn Duerr, to go before the Board of Aldermen and request funding from the Town to hire a grant writer for Green Hill Cemetery to be placed in the National Registry. The motion passed unanimously.*

There was much discussion about the former Mayor Henry Foy's personal history records. Mr. Foy was a great historian for the Town of Waynesville, and the Commission wants to be sure that they are able to see the material before it is given to another entity such as the State Archives..

A suggestion was made by Coley Bartholomew to consider an interview project with Western Carolina University. She said Radio Communications students do interviews about history called

"History Moments". She felt it would be a great way to inform the public about Waynesville and the Commission. Everyone was in agreement.

Chairman Owen mentioned an article that appeared in the newspaper written by Vickie Hyatt about Waynesville in the 1960's. Chairman Owen had contacted Ms. Hyatt at the Mountaineer, and asked about doing a program for the Commission. Ms. Hyatt agreed to come to the next meeting or to present a program whenever asked. The Commission members asked that the public also be invited. JoAnna Swanson said the Commission should consider a public speaker each month at the meeting. This possibility will be looked at in the future.

Another suggestion from the Commission was to have Ann Melton write an article about Green Hill Cemetery, and include the names of famous people buried there, one of which is William Greer, driver of the car when JFK was assassinated. Ms. Teague asked the Commission if they would be interested in attending training sessions. The members asked if the training could be done locally. Ms. Teague said the trainings covered the role of Historic Commission and the trainers are from the Institute of Archives in History. She said the trainings are held throughout the state.

#### **C. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF**

Manager Onieal gave a brief explanation of how the Lake Junaluska annexation is moving along. She said that if the annexation takes place, the land and dam will be maintained by Lake Junaluska Inc. Chairman Owen stated they would like to have someone on the Commission from Lake Junaluska.

Ms. Teague asked the Commission if they would be interested in way finding signs. She stated that the Town was working on a way-finding program through the greenways, and if the Commission is interested, the Town could do some signage that would tie in some of the historical destinations. Ms. Teague also encouraged the Commission to let their ideas be known, and staff would try to build them into a work plan.

Manager Onieal distributed invitations to a Historic Tax Credit Rally in Raleigh, and a Boards and Commissions reception to be held at the Waynesville Recreation Center on August 18, 2015 at 5:30 pm. This reception is to say thank you, and also new members of all Boards and Commissions will be introduced. She hopes everyone can attend.

#### **D. CALL ON THE AUDIENCE – No One spoke**

#### **E. ADJOURN**

With no further business, it was the consensus of the Commission to adjourn at 3:11 p.m.

*Eddie Ward*

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Eddie Ward, Deputy Clerk

*Sandra Owen*

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Sandra Owen, Chairman