



**TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE**  
**Historic Preservation**  
**Commission**

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Ronald Sullivan

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**16 SOUTH MAIN STREET**  
**DECEMBER 2, 2015**

**Members present:**

Chairman Sandra Owen  
Coley Bartholomew  
Peter Sterling  
Glenn Duerr  
Ron Sullivan

**Also present:**

Land Use Administrator, Byron Hickox  
Deputy Clerk, Eddie Ward

**Absent:**

Ann Melton  
Bette Sprecher  
JoAnna Swanson

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

1. **Welcome and announcements**

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm, and welcomed everyone.

2. **Adoption of Minutes**

Chairman Owen brought everyone's attention to the minutes of November 4, 2015. She pointed out a correction concerning a date on page 2 under Business Items. The date should be October 17, 2015.

*A motion was made by Commission Member Glenn Duerr, seconded by Commission Member Peter Sterling, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.*

**B. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**1. Suggested dates for Cemetery Tour**

Chairman Owen said that at the last Commission meeting, Ms. Buffy Phillips of the Downtown Waynesville Association suggested that next year the Cemetery Tour coincide with the Appalachian Festival Day, which will be held on June 11, 2016. Chairman Owen asked the Commission what their thoughts were on changing the tour from October to June. Commission discussed several items related to improve the event for next year. An expanded written program, interpretive signs, smaller tour groups and amplification of speakers were suggested. There was consensus to work on parking and to possibly have a shuttle from a remote parking area. The Board also discussed the possibility of accepting donations for the purpose of developing signage. After much discussion, the Commission decided to keep the tour in October, on the same day as the Church Street Festival, with a rain date on the following Saturday, which is the day of the Apple Festival.

Commission Member Coley Bartholomew suggested the possibility of a walking tour through historic districts that could coincide with Appalachian Day. She also suggested a Christmas tour of select historic homes that could be alternated each year with the Cemetery Tour.

*A motion was made by Commission Member Coley Bartholomew, seconded by Commission Member Glenn Duerr, to keep the cemetery tour in 2016 on the second Saturday in October to coincide with the Church Street Festival with a rain date for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October, to coincide with the Apple Festival. The motion passed unanimously.*

**2. Report and assignments from Historic Speaker Committee**

Commission member Peter Sterling stated that the goal of the speaker series should be to tell excellent stories about the rich history of Haywood County and Waynesville. These stories are about some of the most interesting people and events in our town and Haywood County. It is the wish of the committee to stimulate interest in learning more about the people and places of the Waynesville area. Mr. Sterling added that he hopes these first speakers will expand to a collection of stories and story tellers.

Mr. Sterling referred to the series as Haywood Ramblings. He re-iterated that the winter/spring speaker series will consist of four events, and will be held on the first Thursday of the month, starting on February 4<sup>th</sup> 2016, at 4:00 p.m. The programs will be held in the Town Hall Board Room. The remaining dates are March 3, 2016, April 7, 2016 and May 5, 2016.

Someone suggested that the Commission personally invite the Aldermen to the programs. Another idea to promote the event was contacting history teachers at Tuscola and Pisgah with the possibility of giving extra credit in their history class to students who attend.



Chairman Owen summarized the schedule for the upcoming series:

February 4, 2016	Vickie Hyatt	"Waynesville in the 60's"
March 3, 2016	Ann Melton	"Boarding Houses of Waynesville"
April 7, 2016	Ron Sullivan	"Logging, Sawmills, and Trains"
May 5, 2016	Tentative	Buffy Phillips or Mary Ann Enloe

There was discussion of scheduling of the Board Room in Town Hall. Deputy Clerk Eddie Ward will reserve the room on the specified Thursdays, and the following Thursdays in case of inclement weather, for the hours of 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. This schedule will include time for a reception after the event. The Mountaineer and Smoky Mountain News will be invited, and hopefully publish articles and pictures for the series. The Commission discussed publicity for the event, including flyers and posters being printed, and distributed.

The next scheduled meeting for the Commission is January 6<sup>th</sup> 2016, and the Commission will invite the speakers and finalize arrangements.

3. **Properties of Interest:**

Clark House on 145 Shackford Street

Chairman Owen said this house is actually on Buffalo Lane in Waynesville. Ms. Owen said she, Elizabeth Teague, and Ann Melton had driven by the house, and it looked like it was occupied. The owner has been identified as living in Georgia. The Commission would like to contact the owner and see if they could possibly enter the house take photographs.

Coffey Hardware Store on Main Street

Chairman Owen said that Eleanor and Kristen Coffey were the owners according to the Haywood County land records system. Chairman Owen stated she would prefer contacting the owners personally rather than sending a letter. She suggested that a personal meeting would be more appropriate to discuss the possibility of the old hardware store becoming an historical museum.

C. **COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF** – No Comments

D. **CALL ON THE AUDIENCE** - No Comments

E. **ADJOURN**

*With no further business, it was the consensus of the Commission to adjourn at 3:20 p.m.*

  
Eddie Ward, Deputy Clerk

  
Sandra Owen, Chairman