

# **TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE**

## **Historic Preservation Commission**

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### **Chairman**

Sandra Owen (Chairman)

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Bette Sprecher

Glenn Duerr

Ronald Sullivan

Jeff Childers

Virgil Messer

Bill Revis

### **Development Services**

Director

Elizabeth Teague

## **REGULAR MEETING HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING 16 SOUTH MAIN STREET November 01, 2017**

### **Members Present:**

Sandra Owen - Chairman

Alex McKay – Vice Chairman

Ann Melton

Glenn Duerr

Virgil Messer

Bill Revis

Bette Sprecher

### **Absent:**

Coley Bartholomew

Jeff Childers

Development Services Director, Elizabeth Teague

### **Also Present:**

Land Use Administrator, Byron Hickox

Administrative Assistant Jill Howell-Shook

## **A. CALL TO ORDER**

### **1. Welcome and Announcements**

Chairman Sandra Owen called the meeting called to order at 2:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Adoption of Minutes of October 4 2017

***A motion was made by Commission Member Virgil Messer, seconded by Commission Member Bette Sprecher to adopt the minutes of the October 4, 2017 meeting as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.***

Commission Member Glenn Duerr asked to read a statement written by both himself and his wife regarding the National Register Nomination of Windover Inn. The Windover Inn was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Duerr in 2006. Glenn and Jen Duerr are currently the owners/operators of Windover Inn. They feel fortunate to have had the Town of Waynesville's support, encouragement and endorsement in the pursuit of a local landmark designation of Windover Inn in 2010 and currently a National Register Nomination.

**B. BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. 2018 Speaker Series

The 2018 Speaker Series is scheduled for the first Thursdays of February, March, April, and May. This will be the third annual Speaker Series. The Speaker Series is scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

In order to open the attendance to a broader audience, changing the time was briefly discussed. Commission Member Bill Revis asked why more people did not attend the Speaker Series and if the time could be adjusted to possibly accommodate more attendance.

Chairman Sandra Owen said that other factors had taken precedence when the time was originally set, such as colder weather and bad weather in these months. The time had originally been set to 4:00 p.m. to allow school children to attend. So far, this has not happened.

Commission Member Bette Sprecher and Vice Chairman Alex McKay both agreed that the time of 4:00 p.m. should remain for the Speaker Series.

Commission Member Virgil Messer suggested that maybe, in the future, the times could be alternated. Mr. Bill Revis suggested giving a short poll of the attending audience, to get their feedback on the preferred time of the Speaker Series.

The speakers for the 2018 Monthly Speaker Series and topics are tentatively as follows:

- February – Lin Forney – History of the Pigeon Street Community
- March – Reverend Patrick Womack – Cataloochee Valley
- April – Sarah Sloan – History of the Sloan, Stringfield, Love Families
- May – Main Street – Alex McKay, Vice Chairman

Mr. McKay will contact Reverend Patrick Womack to confirm him for March, 2017.

Mr. Alex McKay asked if Lin Forney has been contacted. Mr. Hickox and Development Services Director, Elizabeth Teague, are to contact Ms. Forney.

2. The Historic Coloring Book Project

Commission Member, Glenn Duerr, presented the proposed front and back covers of The Historic Coloring Book Project.

Mr. Duerr proposed three actions:

- A vote on putting the coloring book together.
- Add an introduction page and/or map.
- A brief write-up for each page.

There are (plus or minus) 209 4<sup>th</sup> Graders in elementary schools located within Waynesville. County-wide distribution was also discussed. No more than 250 coloring books will be needed for the elementary schools. It was suggested that 1000 coloring books be ordered. This quantity will be sufficient for the next couple of years.

Mr. Duerr noted that the drawings could be manipulated on the pages to make room for the write-ups. These write-ups will be 2-5 sentences about the structure: who built it; what it was and is currently used for. Mr. McKay will do the write-ups for each structure. Mr. Revis suggested keeping the writing simple.

Ms. Chris Sylvester would like to have final approval of the coloring books.

Commission Member Ann Melton gave a suggestion of doing a calendar for next year with old photos. Mr. McKay would supply some of these photos.

The final layouts of The Historic Coloring Book will be taken to the Print Haus and the prototype will be given to Ms. Chris Sylvester for her review and approval. The coloring book will then be brought to the Historic Preservation Commission for final approval. The prototype will be available for viewing at the next Commission Meeting on December 6, 2017. Local businesses will also be able to sell these Historic Coloring Books.

***A motion was made by Commission Member Ann Melton, seconded by Commission Member, Glenn Duerr, to proceed with ordering 1000 coloring books. The motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Sandra Owen pointed out the main objectives of the Historic Coloring Books:

- To educate our public and to save our history.
- To motivate people to become involved and to increase awareness of the town's history.

Ms. Ann Melton suggested for a future coloring book project that important people and/or scenes from their lives be used.

### 3. Field Trip to Pigeon Community Center

Chairman Sandra Owen suggested that the Historic Preservation Commission go to the Exhibit, "Lift Every Voice," now located at the Pigeon Community Center.

Mr. Revis wanted to know if the exhibit was open all of the time.

Showing an interest in this exhibit might show the Pigeon Street Community that we are interested in their community.

Mr. Revis suggested that the Commission should visit the exhibit.

Mr. Byron Hickox will find out more about the exhibit at the Pigeon Street Community Center. He will send out emails to the Commission about when and how long the exhibit will be there. This information will help the Commission respond about how best to go forward to visit the exhibit. Mr. Hickox also added that perhaps the Town of Waynesville's van can be used for the Commission's convenience.

### 4. 2017 Greenhill Cemetery Tour

The Greenhill Cemetery Tour has been met with positive reviews. Ms. Sandra Owen added that everyone is raving about it. Some participants could not believe that the Town of Waynesville did this tour for free. Mr. Hickox stated there had been 3 tour groups. Altogether, it was estimated that 80-90 people attended the 2017 Greenhill Cemetery Tour.

Ms. Melton commended the actors and all participants for "going the extra mile." All actors/actresses were engaging. They were given only a paragraph but went further and did more research on their portrayals.

Especially engaging were the two actors Town Manager, Rob Hites and Alderman, Jon Feichter, who portrayed Colonel Alden Howell, Sr. Mr. Hites, who portrayed Congressman William T. Crawford, even wore a top hat that had belonged to Congressman Crawford. There was a write-up in The Mountaineer, dated October 30, 2017, regarding the Greenhill Cemetery Tour. All actors/actresses did a wonderful job and made history come alive.

Ms. Melton sent a thank-you letter to all of the actors/actresses.

Chairman, Sandra Owen also passed around thank-you postcards to be signed by all Commission Members to be sent to the people who portrayed the historic characters.

It was suggested by Commission Member Ann Melton that for a future speaker series actors/actresses dress in their period costumes and speak about the historic lives of the person(s) they portrayed, in the Greenhill Cemetery Tour.


**D. ADJOURNMENT**

***A motion was made by Commission Member Bette Sprecher, seconded by Commission Member Virgil Messer, to adjourn the meeting at 3:26 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.***

*The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.*



Jill Howell-Shook, Administrative Assistant



Sandra Owen, Chairman