

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
July 28, 2016

Present: Linda Reno, Chair
Rob Gibbs, Member
Pete Himmelheber, Member
Eve Love, Member
Sean M. Wickers, Member
Teresa Wilson, Member
Grace Mary Brady, Staff
Kent Randell, Absent

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 4 p.m.

Recognition of Guests: Bill Hunt, Deputy Director, Land Use and Growth Management, Carol Moody and Vincent Turner.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Himmelheber, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the Agenda, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Himmelheber, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the June 23, 2016 minutes, which passed unanimously.

Reports:

1) Staff Report to include discussion of Inventory of Historic Places.

Ms. Brady reviewed the Inventory project with members. Various HPC members offered to check on sites verifying whether they still existed - were in ruinous condition - demolished, etc. At the end of the meeting, members had agreed to look at more than 150 sites so that the Inventory of Historic Places could be updated. Ms. Brady said that she would bring new sites to future meetings.

- Nineteen customer service requests
- Clearing House Items site visits (Russell Farm at Newtowne Neck) and two tower sites for evaluation.
- Division staff meeting, TEC meeting, HPC meeting, Comp Plan Division Meetings.
- Meeting with Sheriff Cameron, Linda Reno, Carol Moody, MaryAnn Thompson Jeffrey McLane, Jennifer Stone, working on the new Sheriff's Book (weekly meetings).
- Working with college intern, Vincent Turner, on scanning in Inventory of Historic Places information – provided duplicate copies of scanned items to St. Mary's County Historical Society. More than 2,000 pages scanned during the month of June, 2016.
- Updating Inventory of Historic Sites with various HPC members. More than 19 fields on an Excel spread sheet – time consuming trying to find 5 digit addresses for these sites – had not been updated since the 1990's.

Old Business:

1) Cemetery Committee Update – Rob Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs talked about the Long Neck Creek Cemetery in Ridge, Bloomsburg (1823 to 1919), Belvidere and a cemetery on Fosters Neck or Rickey Drive.

2) Speaker's Bureau – Rob Gibbs

Ms. Brady said that she would create a flyer for the upcoming presentation on lead coffins by Dr. Henry Miller. There was general discussion amongst members trying to flush out topics for future presentations: Historic Districts, Railroads in St. Mary's County, and Postcards from St. Mary's County.

New Business:

1) Request from George Matisick for letter of support for grant application Newtowne Neck Manor House. Motion from Mr. Himmelheber, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to write a letter of support for the Six to Fix 2016 round of grants to benefit the Newtowne Neck Manor House. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Discussion of DNR Clearing House Item on Newtowne Neck State Park Demolition and Use of Structures on Russell portion of property. Ms. Brady handed out photos of the items that were slated for demolition. Motion by Ms. Love, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to support the demolition of sites located on the Russell Farm section of the Newtowne Neck State Park property.

Items from the Floor:

None

Announcements:

Hold the Date – Dr. Henry Miller – October 20.

Ms. Love said that she had found an article in the University of Virginia quarterly magazine, written by Mangum Weeks, on early Maryland Manor Houses. Mr. Weeks was the past owner of Resurrection Manor.

Adjournment: Motion by Ms. Love, seconded by Mr. Himmelheber to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Linda Reno, Chair

Date: Approved on September 22, 2016