

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**March 24, 2016**

**Present:** Linda Reno, Chair  
Rob Gibbs, Member  
Kent Randell, Member  
Teresa Wilson, Member  
Grace Mary Brady, Staff  
Pete Himmelheber, Absent  
Eve Love, Absent  
Sean M. Wickers, 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 of Land Use and Growth Management and Vincent Turner (college intern).

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Randell to approve the Agenda, which passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Randell to approve the February 25, 2016 minutes, which passed unanimously.

**Reports:**

- Thirty-seven customer service requests.
- One demolition request this month.
- Division staff meeting, TEC meeting, HPC meeting, CLG Grant Meetings.
- Review and prepare for several Pre-Ap meetings (Rite-Aid/LP)
- Meeting with Sheriff Cameron, Linda Reno, Carol Moody, MaryAnn Thompson Jeffrey McLane, working on the new Sheriff's Book.
- Continue to work with Bill Hunt on Zoning Ordinance changes – on-going.
- Working with college intern, Vincent Turner, on scanning in Inventory of Historic Places information (have 12 cabinet drawers and 57 – 4" large binders full.
- Went to the Maryland State Archives – looking for additional information for the Sheriff's book on St. Mary's County Jails.
- Two cemetery cases this month: First – owner had logging permit without notifying loggers of current cemetery and 18<sup>th</sup> Century Chapel of Ease (which had been put in Open Space for Protection). Second – met with property owners to get permission to look for Chapel of Ease and cemetery in the vicinity of the current Thompson's Furniture Company.
- Participation in Maryland Day Celebration at St. Clement's Island.

**Old Business:**

1) Cemetery Committee Update – Rob Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs reported that a crew of archaeologists and enthusiasts were meeting Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. He stated that Scott Lawrence and Jim Gibb thought they had located an early African American church and cemetery from the **1800s** at Rodo Beach.

2) Speaker's Bureau – Rob Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs reported that he had spoken with Henry Miller, who would be delighted to give a complete presentation on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission, about the lead coffins at St. Mary's City. Committee members offered other suggestions: Linda Reno offered to give a presentation on Faces from the Past or the Maryland 400. Ms. Wilson suggested that an architect historian give a presentation. Ms. Brady talked about the School of Architecture at the University of Maryland and mentioned a class project they had done for the Town of North Beach. She offered to contact one of the architects to see if anyone would come to St. Mary's County. Ms. Brady offered to contact Amy Carter and get some dates ahead of time. Other suggestions included a talk by Mr.

Himmelheber about land patents in St. Mary's County and the One Hundred's; historic weapons or the steamboats and landings, which was a very popular and well attended talk several years earlier.

3) Zoning Ordinance Update – Bill Hunt

Ms. Brady reported that members had received 3 separate handouts of the proposed Zoning Ordinance a month ago. (Chapter 42 of the current ordinance – Historic Landmarks and District Overlay; Model Historic Preservation Ordinance for Non-Charter Counties in Maryland; and DRAFT of the proposed St. Mary's County Historic Preservation Ordinance (17 pages long). Mr. Hunt talked about the process that would occur in order to have the new Ordinance adopted. Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Ms. Wilson to adopt the DRAFT St. Mary's County Historic Preservation Ordinance, which passed unanimously. Members thanked Mr. Hunt and staff for all their hard work. Mr. Hunt reported that he would update HPC members after his meeting with the County Attorney's office.

4) Hazard Mitigation Grant Application (September, 2015) – Update

Ms. Brady reported that they had never heard anything officially from the Maryland Historical Trust about the County's application for a hazard mitigation grant. She noted that an announcement had been broadcasted by the Trust noting the awards and dollar amounts. She stated that St. Mary's County, Calvert and Anne Arundel Counties had been combined under the umbrella of ASM (Archaeology Society of Maryland) which received \$32,000 total grant for all three counties.

**New Business:**

1) Annual Historic Awards – 2016

- a) Newtowne Manor Restoration Committee, nominated by Rob Gibbs, for a preservation project award for their continuing restoration to the Newtowne Neck Manor House. Motion by Mr. Randell, seconded by Ms. Wilson to award the Committee a Historic Preservation Commission Award. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Scott Lawrence, nominated by Linda Reno and Jim Gibb, for a lifetime achievement award reflecting his devotion to identifying and preserving the resting places of those who have gone before us. Motion by Ms. Wilson, second by Mr. Gibbs to award Mr. Lawrence with a Historic Preservation Commission "Lifetime of Achievement" Award. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) Keith and Dauphine McGuire, nominated by Rob Gibbs for a preservation service award for their continued vigilance and commitment to an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Chapel of Ease and cemetery and Historic Site (SM - ) since 2007. Motion by Ms. Wilson, second by Mr. Randell to award Keith and Dauphine McGuire with a Historic Preservation Commission Service Award. Motion passed unanimously.
- d) Carol Moody, nominated by Grace Mary Brady, for a preservation service award for her service to the community, Newtowne Neck Town of Leonardtown, St. Mary's County Historical Society, Historic St. Mary's City, the Historic Preservation Commission, just to name a few. Motion by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Randell to award Ms. Moody with a Historic Preservation Service Award. Motion passed unanimously.
- e) Historic St. Mary's City for its fifty years of service to St. Mary's County, nominated by Carol Moody, for a lifetime achievement award. Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Randell, to award Historic St. Mary's City with a "Lifetime of Achievement" Award. Motion passed unanimously.

**Items from the Floor:**

None

**Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Randell, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

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Grace Mary Brady

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Linda Reno, Chair

Date: Approved on April 28, 2016