

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
November 17, 2016

Present: Linda Reno, Chair
Rob Gibbs, Member
Eve Love, Member
Sean Wickers, Member
Teresa Wilson, Member
Pete Himmelheber, Absent
Kent Randell, Absent

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Teresa Wilson, Vice Chair. Ms. Reno arrived a few minutes late.

Recognition of Guests: Bill Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Ms. Love to approve the October 27, 2016 Minutes, which passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Cemetery Committee Update – Rob Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs talked about several cemeteries that he had been investigating. He re-discovered the Beverly Mount Cemetery with help from a local Mennonite. He said that he documented the burial sites of Ann Watts, Lydian and Lydia Dent (1840 – 1870). Mr. Gibbs also reported that he had spoken with Jason Babcock about the cemetery located across from Lockes Crossing Road.

New Business:

1. Private Cemetery Legislation

Committee members talked about the upcoming joint hearing with the Legislative Delegation and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. Ms. Brady said that the county attorney, George Sparling, would introduce all the legislative requests and that the HPC Chair should be ready to make a presentation if time permitted. Mr. Gibbs offered to organize a group of supporters to testify on behalf of the proposed legislation.

2. Approval of Annual Report

A motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Ms. Wilson to accept the Annual Report as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. Staff was asked to update the legislative section of the report after the December 6th meeting and then submit the Annual Report to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

3. Appointment of Nominating Committee for December elections.

Mr. Rob Gibbs and Teresa Wilson agreed to serve on the nominating Committee. A report and elections is scheduled for the December meeting.

Items from the Floor:

None

Announcements:

Future visit to Lower Brambly with Dr. Julie King.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Wickers to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Linda Reno, Chair

Date: Approved on December 15, 2016