

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**September 27, 2012**

**Present:** George Donely, Member  
Mary Farrar, Secretary  
Rob Gibbs, Member  
Scott Lawrence, Vice-Chair  
Linda Reno, Member  
Michael Smolek, Member

Grace Mary Brady  
  
  
  
  
Absent: Carol Moody

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

**Recognition of Guests:** Michael Mueller and Frankie Tippett

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Donely, seconded by Mr. Smolek to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Smolek, seconded by Ms. Reno to approve the August 23, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Report: Historic Preservation (Grace Mary Brady, Historic Preservation Planner II)**

- Handled 62 customer service requests (MD Traditions).
- 3 Demos
- TEC meeting – 1 submittal required historic review (no affect to historic properties/meet with Bob Bowles).
- Worked with Dr. Julie King and Dr. Liza Gijanto from St. Mary's College. Dr. King will add archaeology field work with students at De La Brooke Manor to the Spring syllabus.
- Meeting with Sheriff Cameron and Cindy Allen to decide on next 12 illustrations for George MacWilliam for the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book recognizing the Sheriff's in St. Mary's County.
- Met with April Havens at Point Lookout Light House to assist with Presidential exhibit that will be set up in the light house December, 2012.
- Took down the Civil War Display at Library featuring St. Mary's County artifacts.
- Continue to sell **Going Down County Books for the County**.
- Archaeology Dig at St. Francis Xavier Church and cemetery.
- Schedule staffing for Fair, Oyster Festival and Share your Stuff event for September and October.
- Working with Mary Zajac, Stuffed Ham project for the Maryland State Arts Council, Maryland Traditions Office Division.
- Nominated the Scotland Post Office to the 2013 "Most Endangered Maryland" with Preservation Maryland.
- Gave a presentation to the Lexington Park Business and Community Association at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department.
- Raiders and Invaders Meeting with Carolyn Laray for June, 2014 Event.
- Frank Batavick, Producer for MD Public Television, for water-front manor homes in St. Mary's County.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Cemetery Report – Rob Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs provided members with a 5-page Excel Spread Sheet featuring the Cemetery Project Database. There was general discussion about the information contained therein and Mr. Gibbs agreed to provide the

St. Mary's County Genealogy Society with copies and to make certain information available at the public libraries.

2) Future Educational Endeavors Workshops & Speaker Lecture Series

Several members attended the first two lecture series sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Church's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speaker Series. There was thought given to having an Archaeology Speaker Series, possibly in conjunction with St. Mary's College or even hosted in the Chesapeake building so that it could be aired to the viewing audience. Historic Preservation Members to come up with names of speakers and suggested dates and times.

3) Oyster Festival Participation – October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Ms. Brady reported that arrangements had been made with the St. Mary's County Historical Society to share a table at the Oyster Festival. Ms. Moody, Mr. Gibbs and Ms. Brady are available to work the Oyster Festival on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Miscellaneous:**

Mr. Smolek asked for a status report on an older item of business. He asked Ms. Brady if there had been any additional feedback from the Diggers Program since the Historic Preservation Commission had met with Mr. Jones on June 28, 2012. Staff reported that she had not heard from anyone.

Mr. Smolek asked Ms. Brady to write a letter on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission to the Board of County Commissioners requesting that they send a letter to Secretary John Griffin, Dept. of Natural Resources, asking for an update on the planning stage of Newtowne Neck. He wanted to know what the status was for this project.

Mr. Smolek asked staff to write a letter to Rodney Little, Director of the Maryland Historic Trust, requesting that the St. Mary's County Historic Preservation Commission be considered a consulting party as it pertains to the soil borings at Bridge No. 1800800 (vicinity of Historic St. Mary's City) SM-520.

**New Business:**

1) HPC Budget Educational Opportunity (June 6 – 8, 2014)

Ms. Brady reported that she had met with Carolyn Laray and Laschelle McKay concerning a Grant application Ms. Laray was working on that would cover the costs of a War of 1812 event to be held in St. Mary's County. Grant funds are available through the Star-Spangled 200 and the National Park Service. The weekend-long event would be hosted in Leonardtown the weekend of June 6 through 8, in 2014. Ms. Brady said that she would keep the committee apprised of this upcoming event.

2) Discussion of Archaeology Ordinance

The HPC nominated an Archaeology Ordinance Committee comprised of Carol Moody, Scott Lawrence, Mary Farrar, Michael Smolek and former HPC member, Ruth Mitchell. A meeting of the sub-committee will be held before the regularly scheduled meeting with an opportunity for the sub-committee to report on its suggestions and recommendations.

3) Consideration of HPC Award Posthumously – George Donely

Mr. Donely asked the Committee to offer an opinion on nominating an individual for their past work in historic preservation. There was unanimous consent that an award posthumously could be considered for any of the HPC award categories (lifetime, project, or service).

**Items from the Floor:**

**Announcement:** Ms. Brady handed out the Speaker Series brochure from St. Francis Xavier Church as there were still 2 speakers to present in that series. She also reminded everyone about the Calvert County Fair, St. Mary's County Fair and War of 1812 re-enactment held at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum.

Mr. Lawrence said that he was scheduled to travel to Canada to present a paper on the excavations of St. Francis Xavier searching for the 1662 Chapel. He offered to provide the Committee with an update at the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Ms. Farrar to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

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Scott Lawrence, Vice-Chair

Date: Approved on October 25, 2012