

FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

April 11, 2018

The Franklin County Historic Preservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 in the Franklin County Commissioner's Meeting Room, 113 Market St, Louisburg, North Carolina.

Present: Maury York, Bill Harris, Penny McGhee, Mary Buffaloe and Joanne Carpenter
Staff: Scott Hammerbacher, and Katie Rhyne

Chairman Maury York called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Bill Harris made a motion to approve the March minutes with corrections. Mary Buffaloe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Harris made a motion to change the agenda to discuss item four (4) in place of item two (2). Mary Buffaloe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. The Historic Preservation Commission held a discussion on the adoption of applications for Local Historic Landmark/Districts.

The Historic Preservation Commission expressed concerns that the introduction in the application would not be clear enough to residents who seek to apply for a landmark designation.

Staff explained that potential applicants would have to discuss with staff on the process before being able to apply for designation. The website would be updated to provide more detailed information from the State Historic Preservation office to clarify the discussion.

Penny McGhee made a motion to approve the Local Historic Landmark application with the stipulation that staff make changes they deem necessary. Bill Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. The Historic Preservation Commission held a discussion about potential strategies for pursuing designation reports for the Old Jail property, and the Franklin County Training School – Riverside Union School.

Staff held a discussion with Amber Kidd of the State Historic Preservation Office prior to the meeting. They explained that the Riverside Union School had been determined to be a good candidate for designation because of it being listed on the National Register of Historic Properties. The National Register application could be repackaged to meet the requirements for a designation report. The State Historic Preservation office was not opposed to the nomination of the jail building, but expressed that the designation report should explain why this structure was determined to be significant.

Maury York volunteered to prepare the designation report for the Jail property.

3. Staff presented updates to the Franklin County Website that included new sections related to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Penny McGhee left the meeting. A quorum was still present so the meeting resumed as scheduled.

4. The Historic Preservation Commission held a discussion on possibilities for Committees it could nominate.

The Commission discussed the possibility of a committee that focused on reviewing Certificate of Appropriateness applications to ensure that they were sufficient before being presented to the Commission.

Staff commented that this could potentially become burdensome for the applicant. Applications would have to be processed by staff. A committee required to view the application in addition to staff could cause delays in the timeframes for repairs to a structure.

The Historic Preservation Commission discussed the possibility of a commission to view the properties that were applying for Historic Landmarks or Certificates of Appropriateness.

The Commission concluded that they would like to maintain this responsibility as they would be the ones to vote on these cases.

Staff suggested the possibility of a committee dedicated to seeking publication for the Architectural Survey that had recently been completed by the State Historic Preservation Office.

The Historic Preservation Commission decided to table the discussion of this potential committee for another meeting where more members were present, and when the results of the survey had been finalized.

With there being no further business before the Historic Preservation Commission, Chairman Maury York adjourned the meeting at 9:46 AM.

Maury York, Chairman
Franklin County - HPC

Katie Rhyne, Clerk
Franklin County - HPC