

FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

March 14, 2018

The Franklin County Historic Preservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 in the Franklin County Commissioner's Meeting Room, 113 Market St, Louisburg, North Carolina.

Present: Peter Andrews, Maury York, Bill Harris, Penny McGhee, 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.

Peter Andrews made a motion to approve the February minutes. Penny McGhee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Historic Preservation Commission began the discussion with the Certificate of Appropriateness application. The application would be required if a property owner of a Local Historic Landmark wished to make changes or additions to their property.

Staff explained that the application could be modified in the future. The application would be a part of the Rules of Procedure which were required for Certified Local Government status.

Bill Harris made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application. Peter Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Historic Preservation Commission discussed multiple desired changes to the Local Historic Landmark/District application. The Commission decided to table the approval of the application for the April meeting.

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

The Commission entertained ideas for how to pursue a designation report for the County Jail. The Historic Preservation Commission identified completed articles and photographs with regards to the history of the structure. An architectural description of the property would be required for a designation report. The Commission requested that staff present the documentary photographs and historical reports available for the County Jail to the State Historic Preservation Office to determine if it was a good candidate for Local Historic Landmark dedication.

Staff addressed the issue of funding the architectural description by stating that they would like to obtain estimates from similar projects and report their findings to the Historic Preservation Commission.

The Historic Preservation Commission requested that staff ask the State Historic Preservation Office if the nomination to the National Registrar of Historic Places for the Franklin County Training School – Riverside Union School would be sufficient for a Designation Report.

3. The Historic Preservation Commission held a discussion on strategies that could be pursued to increase public awareness to the Commission’s activities.

The Franklin County Historic Preservation Commission discussed the potential for publishing the results of the newly completed Survey of Historic properties within Franklin County. The State Historic Preservation Office was in favor of the publication. The narrative report for the survey totaled 180 pages, and contained findings of historical structures with photographs and brief descriptions of each of the properties documented. The Tarr River Center for History and Culture were interested in providing some funding for the publication.

Staff suggested that sells of the book could offset some of the cost of publication. The Tourism Development Authority were interested in providing funding to the project.

The Historic Preservation Commission requested that staff contact the Chamber of Commerce, and the Franklin County Finance Office about additional funding

Bill Harris made a motion to prioritize the publication of the architectural survey. Joanne Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff described the documents available on the Franklin County Planning Department website for The Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. The Franklin County Historic Preservation Commission would have similar materials available on its section of the website.

With there being no further business before the Historic Preservation Commission, Chairman Maury York adjourned the meeting at 10:39AM.

Maury York, Chairman
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Katie Rhyne, Clerk
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