

FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

November 8, 2017

The Franklin County Historic Preservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 in the Franklin County Offices, Conference Room, 215 E Nash St, Louisburg, North Carolina.

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

1. Scott Hammerbacher suggested that the Board elect officers to serve the Commission. He pointed out that not all of the members were present for the meeting.

Maury York was nominated to serve as Chair to the Commission by Peter Andrews, with a second by Mary Buffaloe. The Commission unanimously voted to elect Maury York as Chair.

Bill Harris was nominated to serve as Vice Chair to the Commission by Joanne Carpenter.

Debra Brodie was nominated to serve as Vice Chair to the Commission by Mary Buffaloe, with a second by Bill Harris.

Debra Brodie was elected as Vice Chair by a vote of 3-1.

Peter Andrews made a motion to postpone the election of the Secretary. Joanne Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Scott Hammerbacher presented the Commission with the revised Rules of Procedure with changes that had been discussed in the previous meeting. The revision also included a checklist detailing what the County would consider Major and Minor works.

Peter Andrews stated concerns that there was a lot of Major Work present on the checklist.

Katie Rhyne stated that the checklist was organized as such that exterior works were grouped together so that the checklist could be more legible. She stated that the major work was mostly within the exterior works section on the front page, where minor and maintenance works were more present on the subsequent pages.

Mary Buffaloe made a motion to approve the checklist and revisions to the Rules of Procedure to the Historic Preservation Commission. Peter Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Chairman Maury York updated the Commission on the status of the Architectural Survey for the Historic Properties in Franklin County.

Chairman Maury York stated that the actual survey had recently been completed and that an essay on the architectural Development of Franklin County would be submitted for review to the State Historic

Preservation Officer in December, and was expected to be finalized by February 2018. He explained that the essay could be a basis for a published book similar to how Wake, Warren, and Granville Counties have done. He explained that the Board of Directors for the Tarr River Center for Culture and Historic Preservation were in talks about the publication of the essay.

Peter Andrews asked if Bunn had been included in the survey.

Maury York stated that he was unsure if Bunn had been included in the survey but had not been labeled as a Town.

Scott Hammerbacher said that section 3.4 n. of the Franklin County Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance states that the Commission may accept grants of funds from private individuals or organizations for preservation purposes.

4. Scott Hammerbacher stated that a requirement for Certified Local Government status was to have a Historic Landmark or District to be designated. He stated that staff had provided a list of the properties within the County that were listed on the National Historic Register to aid the Commission in determining a suitable property.

Chairman Maury York agreed that a property that was already listed on the National Register would not be difficult to approve as there would be documentation on the National Register application for the property.

Peter Andrews suggested that the main building for the Louisburg College would be an ideal site.

Scott Hammerbacher pointed out that the building in question was located in the Town of Louisburg's Historic District. He stated that staff could reach out to the towns and see what they thought of including properties within their jurisdiction into Franklin County's Historic Landmarks. He stated that the County would have to have agreement from the Towns before they could consider Landmarks outside of the County's jurisdiction.

Commissioner Maury York suggested the Old Jail property at 305 East Nash Street in Louisburg, NC. He stated that the County owned the property and there was already a lot of documentation regarding the project.

Peter Andrews suggested that a list should be created for things the Historic Preservation Commission should get done. He stated that on that list he would like an article in the newspaper to describe what the Commission does and what it represents, and committees to be formed to aide staff.

Scott Hammerbacher stated that staff could look into a marketing program including a brochure. He stated that the Commission would need resumes from each member at some point in the future for the Certified Local Government program. The architectural survey must also be completed, and a Historic District or Landmark must be decided upon.

Scott Hammerbacher stated that Amber Kidd's office could do training for the Commission members.

Commissioner Maury York suggested that this could be done alongside a Tarr River Center for History and Culture public talk.

With there being no further business before the Historic Preservation Commission, Chairman Maury York adjourned the meeting at 9:57AM.

Maury York, Chairman
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Katie Rhyne, Clerk
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