

## FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

September 11, 2019

The Franklin County Historic Preservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 in the Franklin County Offices, Conference Room, 215 E Nash St, Louisburg, North Carolina.

**Present:** Michelle Bowers, Bill Harris, Penny McGhee, and Joanne Carpenter  
**Staff:** Katie Rhyne

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM.

The Franklin County Historic Preservation Commission discussed corrections to the minutes. Penny McGhee made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections, Michelle Bowers seconded the motion, the motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Elizabeth King from the State Historic Preservation Office was present for the meeting.

1. The Historic Preservation Commission discussed the approved contract for Dan Pezzoni's services.

Elizabeth King stated that the timeline for the manuscript looked okay with her, but she would have to reach out to other staff members from the State Historic Preservation Office to see if the timeline would work with their schedules. She discussed the photographer the State Historic Preservation had on staff, Bill Garrett, and stated that he could take additional photos as needed.

Michelle Bowers made a motion to approve the contract for Mr. Pezzoni, Penny McGhee seconded the motion, the motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

2. The Historic Preservation Commission discussed the feasibility of designating the Davis property as a Local Historic Landmark.

Elizabeth King explained that Dr. Hunter, a professor from the University of North Carolina Greensboro, was a relative to one of the slaves that had once resided on the property, and wished to visit it. The property had recently been purchased by Kevil R. Mitchell and Sherry Mitchell. The Mitchells were interested in maintaining the property, but sought funding to do so. Mrs. King explained that the owners were notified of the Historic Landmark program. She explained that the property was on the National Register for Historic Places so a designation report could be drafted from the National Register application. She emphasized her desire for a member of the public, and not government staff, to reach out to the property owners to inform them of the Local Historic Landmark program.

Bill Harris agreed to try to reach out to the Mitchells.

3. The Historic Preservation Commission discussed the status of the social media page.

The Historic Preservation Commission stated that the Facebook page was nearly completed, but they were in the process of trying to grant permissions for multiple users to update the site before they launched the page.

4. The Historic Preservation Commission discussed other business.

The Historic Preservation Commission asked staff what the status of the Landmark applications were.

Staff explained that the Old Jail Building had been approved by the County Commissioners, and they had to update the deed for the property to reference that the structure was now designated as a local historic landmark. The porch building report had been drafted and reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office, but had yet to be forwarded to the County Commissioners. There was a drafted report for the Franklinton Depot, but an inter local agreement had not been approved by the Commissioners or Town Council at this time.

The Historic Preservation Commission asked when they should discuss the manuscript with Lousiburg.

Staff stated that in prior meetings the Commission had discussed waiting until a draft of the manuscript had been written, then share the draft with the Town of Louisburg's Historic Preservation Commission.

Elizabeth King suggested that they request Dan Pezzoni create an outline to bring to the Louisburg Historic Preservation Commission.

The Historic Preservation Commission requested that staff contact Dan Pezzoni and request he attend the next meeting on October 9 with the outline.

With there being no further business before the Historic Preservation Commission, Chairman Bill Harris adjourned the meeting at 9:32 AM.

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Bill Harris, Chairman

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Katie Rhyne, Clerk