

Alamance County Historic Properties Commission

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6 PM, Commissioners' Meeting Room

Virtual- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdav77c1nQtsM1tnx5rr0yQ>

MINUTES

Members Present

Rodney Cheek
Katherine Hadley
Laurie Smith
John Greeson
Aric Geda
Gale Pettiford
Chris Wells
Megan Privett

Members Absent

Emily White
Chris Copsey
Arnetta Girardeau

Staff Present

Matthew Hoagland, *Planning Director*
Ian Shannon, *Planner II*

- I. CALL TO ORDER** (Planning Director)
Called to order at 6:01 PM.

Matthew Hoagland introduced himself as the county's new planning director. He mentioned that he has been personally fascinated by history and historic preservation for most of his life. He also mentioned that he served as a volunteer for both the Buncombe County and Caswell County Historical Associations in the past. Oaths of Office were then conducted by Ernest Bare, mayor of Ossipee.

- II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
1. Chair (Planning Director)

Motion to nominate Rodney Cheek: Laurie Smith
Second: Aric Geda
Vote: Unanimous

2. Vice-Chair (Chair)

Motion to nominate Aric Geda: Katherine Hadley
Second: Laurie Smith
Vote: Unanimous

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 12, 2023

Motion to accept: Chris Wells
Second: John Greeson
Vote: Unanimous

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Braxton and Bailey Plaques

Rodney gave an update to the commission saying that he had spoken with the families. There was a request for Pat Bailey's to include her full name written out, "Pat Shaw Bailey." For the John Braxton proclamation there were some minor grammar corrections. The commission discussed where these should be displayed and how. They agreed that some central public location would be ideal, preferably a county building. It was also suggested that a museum might be a good location as well. Aric told the commission that he would look into some options for printing these.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of 2024 HPC Calendar

Motion to approve: Chris Wells
Second: Laurie Smith
Vote: Unanimous

2. Oaths of Office

Oaths taken at start of meeting.

3. Guthrie Mill and Dam Designation Report

Katherine Hadley gave an overview of the property and talked about how the mill house had been moved up the hill from the dam because of flooding. She acknowledged that the mill house has changed a lot in use but the dam has not changed at all. Megan Privett suggested to focus more on the dam since it still retained its historic integrity. Katherine told the board that the mill had indeed changed a lot since it was built in 1805 and read a statement from the owner saying that they acknowledge the mill's change in use. It was brought up that it would be unlikely for the whole 5 acre property to be registered just for the dam and if the whole property was registered that might place some limitations on the owner if they would need to get Certificates of Appropriateness for any kind of change to the property. Rodney asked if staff could make a new report on the property focusing on the dam itself. Matthew replied and said they could and would look into if a survey would be needed to narrow the focus to just the dam itself. The commission decided to continue discussion during the next meeting with a revised report.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rodney told the commission that his wife had painted 4 barns built by Katherine's grandfather Harvey Newlin and that Katherine had been compiling some history on the barns. He said there was some talk about putting all of that into a book and asked the commission if they wanted to help in any way. John Greeson said that he would love to help and also asked if the owners had considered historic designation. Katherine supported the idea and added that this could also help with potential grants. Megan added that the barns were very significant to the county and that she had worked on a project involving a Newlin barn recently.

Aric mentioned that the commission still needed a motion to approve the proclamations.

Motion to accept the proclamations as amended: Aric Geda

Second: John Greeson

Vote: Unanimous

Matthew brought up some of the upcoming training opportunities that had been emailed out recently. John said that he had signed up for one already. Ian reminded the commission that staff would need a written paragraph about the training and some key takeaways for credit.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Aric Geda

Second: John Greeson

Vote: Unanimous

Adjourned at: 7:13 PM.