

**STAFFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**May 1, 2014**

The meeting of the Stafford County Historical Commission of Thursday, May 1, 2014, was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Anita Dodd in the ABC Conference Room of the George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anita Dodd, Richard Chichester, Barbara Kirby, Ann Best-Rolls, Jane Conner, Ken Pitts and David Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Baker and Terry Baxley-Morton

PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Dodd stated it did not look as if there would be any public presentations, so they would move directly to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 342 Pressure Zone Upgrade - 24" Water Mains A & B - Phase 1 Archeological Survey - Discussion/Comments.

Mrs. Dodd asked the Commission members if they all had a chance to review the phase 1. She recommended the Commission write a letter because she would suggest having an archeologist present during the construction at the mill site and Pratt Park area and have a phase 2 done.

Mrs. Kirby made a motion to send a letter with the recommendations.

Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Mrs. Dodd asked the Commission if there were any specific items they wanted in the letter.

Mrs. Kirby stated there was a civil war site.

Mrs. Dodd stated yes, that was in the Pratt Park area and would need a phase 2.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Annual Historic Preservation Awards - May 20, 2014 for 2013 - Preparation Completion.

Mrs. Dodd stated she would not be able to attend the Preservation Awards because her schedule has changed because of her grandson's wedding. She stated she wrote the text for whoever would like to make the presentations. She stated she thought there should be one change in the text, she thought Jerry Silver was getting the award and in fact it is the Silver family and he was accepting for them, so the wording for him would need to change slightly.

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Mrs. Kirby stated she thought Richard should do it, because he was Vice Chairman.

Mrs. Dodd stated she would give Mr. Chichester her copy and email the corrected copy for the Silver family.

A brief discussion ensued concerning the size and finish of the plaques. It was decided the plaques needed to be a bit larger to accommodate the county seal.

Mrs. Dodd asked the Commission if they were okay with keeping the same size and style plaque every year.

Mr. Pitts stated the plaque sizes were 7 inches x 9 inches, 8 x 10 and 9 x 12.

Mrs. Dodd stated they would move on to minutes and come back to this item when Mrs. Baker returned.

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Mrs. Dodd asked if there were any minutes that need to be approved.

Ms. Baxley-Morton stated no.

#### *2. Annual Historic Preservation Awards - May 20, 2014 for 2013 - Preparation Completion.*

Mrs. Baker returned and discussion continued concerning the size of the plaques. It was decided the plaques would have the piano finish and the plates would be square with black on gold.

Mrs. Dodd asked if the budget would be the same every year.

Mrs. Baker stated yes.

Ms. Best-Rolls stated she would check with Crown Trophies to make sure the smaller size would accommodate the county seal and all the text.

An additional discussion ensued concerning the verbiage on the plaques and it was decided the make changes with the award first and what the award was for would be secondary.

Mrs. Baker asked the Commission if they wanted the same food items as last year. She stated there was fruit, vegetables, cheese and crackers and cookies.

Mrs. Dodd stated that was fine. She asked Ms. Baxley-Morton about the phase 1 that was sent concerning Poplar Road/Mountain View stormwater management pond. She asked if she could get a hard copy and if there was a timeframe to respond.

Mrs. Baker stated she was not aware about what Mrs. Dodd was talking about.

Mrs. Dodd stated Terry sent it to out. She stated a phase 1 had been done and she was not sure why they did another one.

Ms. Baxley-Morton stated they had to move the pond a little.

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Mr. Pitts stated he did not see much difference.

Mrs. Dodd stated the Commission commented on the phase 1 originally and the cultural resource they were concerned with initially was the old Post Office Store. She stated she would personally like to have a hard copy.

Ms. Best-Rolls left the meeting.

### **CONTINUATIONS**

3. Civil War Database - National Park Service - Monthly Update.

Mrs. Dodd asked if there was an update on the Civil War database.

Mrs. Baker stated she did not receive her monthly update.

4. Preservation Planner - Update.

Mrs. Baker stated the Preservation Planner came very close to being reinstated at the budget meeting Monday, as an overall planner. The budget was approved without the position. They included a building inspector position.

5. Proposed Ordinance O06-47 - July 18, 2006 - Archaeological Surveys & Investigations - Discussion.

6. Additional Presentations by the Public - as Determined by Chairperson.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mrs. Dodd stated she did have to draw 3 houses the past couple of weeks. She stated 2 were on the Moncure property off of Bells Hill Road. One house was an early 20<sup>th</sup> century bungalow and the other was a cross gable earlier built construction. The third house was the Armstrong house on the McAllister land off of Mount Olive Church Road. She stated she thought it was built somewhere around 1870 and was built on sandstone piers. She could not go upstairs because the corner had collapsed. She showed pictures and gave details of the property stating it never had plumbing or electricity and was probably live in until the late 1920 and then abandoned. She stated William Armstrong was mentioned in the deed, he passed away and the land was given to his daughter and she sold it but the deed also mentioned the cemetery.

Mrs. Kirby asked about the size of the cemetery.

Mrs. Dodd stated it was 104 x 104 but the parcel Mr. McAllister was putting it on was larger than that, and it would be on its own parcel within the subdivision.

### **REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Mr. Pitts stated D. P. Newton's mother was in the hospital. He stated he also visited Oakenwold but could not get into the house, but took some pictures of the buildings.

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Mrs. Baker stated there were also pictures in the report on line at the Planning Commission web site.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Kirby made a motion to adjourn.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p. m.