

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

February 17, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Special Meeting

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Sharon Reeves (Chair), Jerel McGeachy (Vice-Chair), Denise Gaskins (Secretary), Glenn Dean, Teresa Davis, Timothy Whitted

Others Present: Board of Commissioners Liaison, Commissioner Jerry Legge  
Board of Commissioners, Commissions Jessie Bellflowers  
Staff Liaison, Chancer McLaughlin

Jerel provided an update of the 130 Celebration Committee and informed all that the next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2021 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

1. Meeting called to order by Glenn Dean at 6:05 p.m.
2. Agenda approved
3. New Business:
  - A. Historic district master plan  
Discussion were made about the priorities of the Committee and what exactly the Committee wants to do as far as having a list of all items list and provide an estimated to include in the budget for the BOC budget retreat.
  - B. Discussion of historical places to tour:  
The Committee discussed visiting Averasboro located in Dunn, NC however it is currently closed due to COVID. Other places discussed to visit was Bentonville Battlefield located in Four Oak, NC, House in the Horseshoe located in Sanford, NC, and Old Bluff Burying Ground located in Beauford, NC. Glenn will not be available from March 1, 2021 thru April 19, 2021 due to prior Softball obligation, Jerel has prior obligations with Track, and Timothy has prior obligations for track. Chancer will generate an email that has possible dates for the end of April on a Saturday. The Committee would like to visit Bentonville and House in the Horseshoe on the same Saturday and look toward a later date for visiting Old Bluff Burying Ground. The Committee will check again at a later date for Averasboro to reopen.
  - C. Discussion to move budget proposal for landmark consultant to museum.  
Sharon discussed having the Church landmark designation and discussed the need for restrooms at the Church. Sharon suggested instead of hiring a consultation, to

redirect funds (\$5,000.00) to use towards the Church to restore the Church. A Motion was made to schedule Mary Ruffin Hanbury to view the Church in order for Mary to provide a proposal to have the Church designated as a landmark. All members in favor were Jerel, Denise, Glenn, and Teresa. Sharon was opposed and Tim was absent. Denise will contact Mary Ruffin Hanbury to schedule a time for her to view the Church.

D. Discussion to have historic committee reinstated.

The members discussed the need to have the Committee reinstated to a Commission. Jerry informed the Committee that there would need to be justification for reinstatement and a vote. After discussions by members for the need to be reinstated, a Motion was made to reinstate the Commission to present to BOC. All those in favor were Sharon, Jerel, Denise, Glenn, and Teresa. Tim was absent. Denise will prepare a justification for presentation to BOC to be presented by Jerry.

E. Clarification on designation of town ordinances.

F. Request for town historian.

Sharon discussed having Pat Hall involved with future meetings. Pat Hall was formerly on the Hope Mills Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Board, former town commissioner, and Town Historian. Chancer stated to reinstate requires certain items and he would speak with town attorney and that the meeting are open to the public for anyone to attend.

5. Motion to adjourn made by Glenn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerel, all present unanimously approved at 7:27 p.m.