

January 12, 2022

Hope Mills Historic Preservation Committee Meeting

Members Present:

Sharon Reeves (Chair), Denise Gaskins, Teresa Davis, Alice Dodd (Secretary). Absent: Glenn Dean, Jerel McEachy, Tim Whitted.

Others Present:

Ricky Sadler(Staff liaison).

1. Sharon called to order at 6:05 PM, motion passed.
2. There were no deletions or additions to the Agenda. Teresa made a motion to accept as submitted, Denise seconded.
3. Minutes were reviewed. Teresa made motion to accept, Denise seconded, all in favor.
4. New Business:
 - A. A question about revising the three year plan was brought up. Mr. Marley was not in attendance to answer. The questions were tabled. Ricky said to revise as needed to resubmit.
 - B. Repairs still needing to be made to the chapel were discussed: The drop bolt lock was discussed, it could be considered a safety hazard. Discussed Items 1-5 on the agenda. Don Sisko has the Chapel plaque to put up on the exterior of the chapel.
 - C. Ideas were presented and discussed to honor Hope Mills African American's for Black History Month. Citizens discussed were: 1) Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McRae- Denise will reach out to see if she is interested in being chosen and to obtain a statement/story from her. 2)House of Rep. Marvin Lucas (first African American principle in Hope Mills)- Sharon will reach out to him. 3) Preacher Ron Godbolt- Teresa will reach out. 4) McDowell family- Custodian of the first black school in GC Hope Mills- Alice will do further research to find out his full name (pin# 0431-34-0970). Ricky Sadler will speak to his family members as he is their neighbor. 5) Judge Pone- Alice will reach out to see if he is interested in being chosen and to obtain a statement/story from him. Sharon will reach out to the Hope Mills Library to be sure we can set up a table there honoring the above-mentioned citizens, or if they have an area to accommodate a display. A second Project was discussed: cleanup of an all-African American graveyard at Spring Hill Mission Church. Denise will reach out to the pastor there to see if this is possible. Projected date is 2/19/2022, snow/rain delay date 2/26/2022. Once confirmed, we will ask Tiffany with the town to post both events on the Hope Mills town website. We will also ask her to post an invitation for citizens to send in nominations for African American residing in Hope Mills to be included and honored. Denise said graveyards are attached to something (churches, etc) cemeteries stand alone, occupations are listed on the death certificate. Ricky S. can prepare photos for the Library event, Sharon to provide the photos.
5. Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 PM. Denise made motion, Teresa seconded.

Next Meeting 2/9/2022

