

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
Minutes of the meeting held on  
February 23, 2012

**Present:** Carol Moody, Chair  
George Donely, Member  
Mary Farrar, Member  
Scott Lawrence, Member  
Ruth Mitchell, Member  
Mike Smolek, Member  
Grace Mary Brady, Absent  
Rob Gibbs, Absent

**Call to Order:** The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 4 p.m.

**Recognition of Guests:** Frankie Tippett, Jacquelynn Kirby

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Smolek to approve the Agenda as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Donely to approve the January 26, 2012 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Report: Historic Preservation (Grace Mary Brady, Historic Preservation Planner II)**

- Note for the record – report was e-mailed to Commission members.
  
- Handled 18 customer service requests.
- One demolition request.
- TEC meeting – 1 submittal required historic review.
- 375 Anniversary Sheriff Book work continues with Linda Reno, Tyler Mattingly, Cindy Allen and myself. Received 10 illustrations from George McWilliams. Provided feedback to George changing some of the draft illustrations.  
Spent 2 days at Maryland State Archives verifying Sheriff Commissions with Cindy Allen and Tyler Mattingly.
- Foundation Grant Training at Library
- River Springs with Linda Reno, Tyler Mattingly, Dr. Hughes and Myra Hughes, archiving Blackstone photos and records.
- Board of County Commissioners with Carolyn Laray to present two Memorandums of Understanding for War of 1812 signage. Pete Himmelheber, Susan Wolfe, Linda Reno, Bob Schaller, Phil Shire, Jeff Jackman and Carolyn Laray in attendance.
- War of 1812 meeting with Carolyn Laray to prepare criteria for Southern Maryland War of 1812 Web site being created by students at St. Mary's College under Dr. Ken Cohen.
- Reviewed SHA Historic Highway Bridge Program Statewide Maryland and field concurrence for designation of bridges in St. Mary's County. Spoke with Ms. Bruder at SHA expressing concerns about designation of bridge at Cecil's Mill.
- Prepared handouts for 18 visiting students from St. Mary's College. They spent the day visiting the various departments and divisions within County Government.
- Tele Conference for continuing educational credit (sand and gravel mining)

**Old Business:**

1) Ralph Eshelman and the War of 1812  
Flyers for the lecture were available and members were asked to promote Dr. Eshelman's upcoming presentation.

2) Newtowne Neck – discussion

There was general discussion about the proposed State Park.

3) 2012 Annual Historic Preservation Awards

A reminder that March 31<sup>st</sup> was the deadline to submit a nomination for the Historic Preservation Commission Annual Awards.

**New Business:**

1) Maryland Historic Barns – Maryland Public Television Debut

A handout was provided that contained information about the Maryland Historic Barn Show, along with dates that the show would air.

**Items from the floor:** Mr. Smolek and Ms. Mitchell reported that they had met Father Sanderfoot along with other historians, archaeologists and interested parties to assess the condition of Newtowne Manor. All agreed that the building fabric of the Manor House was basically sound and that Newtowne Manor could be preserved.

**Announcements:** Smolek: A visit to the Naval Air Base will probably be scheduled after April  
Moody: suggested Julia King should be invited to advise on section 106 for Newtowne Neck State Park at the next meeting. Mitchell: The St. John's site at Historic St. Mary's City will be staffed and open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays from 11 am until 4 pm until July. Moody: Saturday March 24 is Maryland Day at Historic St. Mary's City; Carol Moody is the recipient of the Cross Bottony award this year. There will be an open house at the Moody residence afterward. All are invited. Lawrence: Archaeological excavations will resume at St. Francis Xavier churchyard on March 16, 17, and 18; the next excavation dates will be announced in the future. Farrar: Reminded attendees of the Archaeology Workshop to be held in Crownsville under the auspices of the ASM.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Mr. Smolek, seconded by Mr. Lawrence to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4.46 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Mary Farrar, HPC Secretary

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Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on March 22, 2012