

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 26, 2017**

**Present:** Rob Gibbs, Member  
Peter Himmelheber, Member  
Eve Love, Member  
Kent Randell, Member  
Sean Wickers, Member  
Teresa Wilson, Vice Chair

Linda Reno, Absent

**Call to Order:** The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Teresa Wilson, Vice-Chair.

**Recognition of Guests:** Frankie Tippett.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Mr. Randell, seconded by Mr. Himmelheber to approve the Agenda, which passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Ms. Love, seconded by Mr. Randell to approve the December 15, 2016 Minutes, which passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. Cemetery Committee Update –Rob Gibbs

Rob updated the Committee on his list of cemeteries that were located on privately owned property. Ms. Brady was asked to write a letter to the Maryland Historical Trust to determine the status of West St. Mary's and the moving of the tombstones.

2. Private Cemetery Legislation update

Ms. Brady advised members that pursuant to a letter received from the Attorney General that their proposed cemetery legislation was not necessary. Ms. Brady forwarded the letter to the county attorney who concurred with the Opinion of the Attorney General.

3. Broadcasting and scheduling of former Lectures

Mr. Gibbs reported that he had met with Amy Carter about the schedule to broadcast lectures on Channel 95 Metro Cast.

St. Mary's County Historic Preservation Commission will be broadcasting on channel 95 programs, which focus on the history and culture of the County. Each presentation will last approximately an hour, in a lecture and slide/photograph format. After these six programs have been shown, they will be repeated in the same order, over the next few months.

Viewing schedule for Channel 95 on Saturdays at 2PM and 7:30PM

<b>Date</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Topic</b>
February 25	Chris Haley	"Freedom Through Flight"
March 4	Don Shomette	"Silent Rebels, the Civil War Years in St. Mary's County"
March 11	Al Luckenbach:	"Lost Towns Project"
March 18	Julia King:	"Beyond the Pale"
March 25	Henry Miller:	"Buried in Lead, the Story of Three Lead Coffins..."
April 1	Ralph Eshelman:	"Steamboats & Wharves of St. Mary's County"

**New Business:**

1) Update of Historic Sites

Ms. Brady shared Inventory numbers from SM 708 to SM 767 with members and reviewed the various sites. Members agreed to send photos along with correct addresses to Ms. Brady so that the records could be updated.

**Items from the Floor:**

Ms. Love announced the new Slavery to Freedom exhibit that debut at Historic Sotterley on April 20<sup>th</sup>. April 20 to April 23 would be the Grand Opening.

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Ms. Love to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

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Grace Mary Brady

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Teresa Wilson, Vice-Chair

Date: Approved on February 23, 2017