

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
November 15, 2012

Present: Carol Moody, Chair
Mary Farrar, Secretary
Rob Gibbs, Member
Scott Lawrence, Vice-Chair
Linda Reno, Member
Michael Smolek, Member

Grace Mary Brady, Staff

George Donely, Absent

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

Recognition of Guests: Frankie Tippett.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Smolek, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Farrar to approve the October 25, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Handled 31 customer service requests.
- 5 Demos
- TEC meeting – no submittals required historic review.
- Working on the project for the 375th Anniversary Book recognizing the Sheriffs in St. Mary's County.
- Attended the Wayfinding Signage on the Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway and Potomac Heritage NST at the Tri-County Council in Hughesville.
- Continue to sell **Going Down County Books for the County**.
- Continued working with Mary Zajac, Stuffed Ham project for the Maryland State Arts Council, Maryland Traditions Office.
- Talked with Suzanne Copping about the proposed War of 1812 event to be held in St. Mary's County entitled, **Raiders and Invaders**. Working on availability and cost of tall ship for June, 2014 event which will be held at the Leonardtown Wharf.
- Met with Dr. Daniel Mills, Oxford, England, who specializes in Dendrochronology. Dr. Mills was visiting St. Mary's County to work on some sites in St. Mary's County and in the State of Virginia.
- Met with Kim Howes and Mary Hayden regarding a letter that I had written requesting that the new school located in Leonardtown be named Woodbury.
- Met with Dr. Hughes at River Springs to continue archival project – work had languished since the death of our intern, Tyler Mattingly.
- Worked with April Havens at the Piney Point Light House President's Exhibit.

During Staff Report Ms. Brady asked members if they wanted to meet in December since they were hosting a public presentation the month of December. Members stated that they did not want to meet in December and would resume the regular meeting schedule January, 2013.

Ms. Brady handed Commission members copies of the letters that she had written in 2010 to the Maryland Historic Trust and others asking that consideration be given to naming a new school facility located in Leonardtown **WOODBURY**. Commission members and Ms. Brady talked about the cultural resources on this new school site (e.g. cemetery, stream and original school site of Woodbury). There was strong consensus among members that Ms. Brady, Ms. Moody and Ms. Reno be tasked with writing a letter to the School Naming Committee requesting that Woodbury be considered as a name for the new school site. Ms.

Reno agreed to be tasked with the research ***(note for the record.....based on Ms. Reno’s research, the letter to the School Naming Committee ranked two school names for consideration: Woodbury or Clark’s Rest.)**

Mr. Frankie Tippet, who attends most of the Historic Preservation Commission meetings, stated that he was going to submit a letter to the School Board Naming Committee asking that the new school be named after Joshua Barney. Mr. Tippet felt that Mr. Barney had never received the credit and recognition he was due for his military service in this area during the War of 1812.

Old Business:

- 1) Cemetery Report – Rob Gibbs

The Cemetery Sub-Committee did not meet during this time period.

- 2) Archaeology Text Amendment Sub-Committee Report – Scott Lawrence

The Archaeology Text Amendment Sub-Committee did not meet during this time period.

New Business:

- 1) Lost Towns Project Public Presentation – December 5, 2012

Mr. Smolek talked about a variety of projects Dr. Luckenbach had worked on. Ms. Moody hoped that the “Pig Point” project could be tied to possible sites in St. Mary’s County and be included in the presentation. All members expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming presentation.

Items from the Floor: Ms. Moody talked about archaeology work that Dr. King and her students were doing to locate the original home of Thomas Gerard.

Announcement: Ms. Brady announced the dates of the Section 106 Training being provided by the Maryland Historic Trust.

Adjournment: Motion by Ms. Farrar, seconded by Mr. Lawrence to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on January 30, 2013