



Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission
October 10, 2018
Jefferson County Commission Meeting Room

Members present: Martin Burke, Chairman, H.S. Leigh Koonce, Jack Hefestay, Ben Horter, Tony Troxel.

Guests present: John Demer, Bill Theriault, David Tabb, Susannah Buckles, Jim Surkamp, Danny Lutz, Nancy Gregory, and three others.

Mr. Burke called meeting to order at 7:04 pm

Public Comment:

-David Tabb spoke with regard to his opposition to Rockwool and requested the HLC weigh in regarding the smoke stacks that will be erected.

-Jim Surkamp spoke with regard to Rockwool and highlighted the proximity to the Hazelfield property and the Greenback Raid.

-Nancy Gregory questioned the membership of the HLC and its publication of meeting minutes. She also spoke in opposition to Rockwool.

-Susannah Buckles spoke against the Rockwool project and highlighted the proximity of her family farm, Gap View, to the project.

-Danny Lutz suggested the HLC membership, as County Commission appointed agents, are able to request any documents necessary to make an informed decision relating to their decision-making processes. Mr. Lutz also raised concerns about the Charles Town Presbyterian Church Cemetery and its relocation.

Mr. Burke responded to Mr. Lutz and indicated the property is within a municipal boundary and, thus, not under the jurisdiction of the HLC. Mr. Burke spoke with Seth Rivard, Charles Town City Planner, and Mr. Rivard indicated Charles Town is not taking a position relating to the cemetery.

Mr. Burke introduced Tony Troxel who was appointed by the County Commission to the vacancy created by the resignation of Sara Lambert.

August Minutes: Mr. Horter moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Hefestay seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Hefestay reported the balance as \$19,754.51. Mr. Burke reminded the HLC that \$12,000 of that fund is set aside to remove a structure on the Shepherdstown Battlefield land.

Mr. Burke requested permission to purchase a tarp to be used at the Halltown Chapel. Mr. Tabb indicated he will be happy to donate one. No action was taken.

Declaration of all National Register Historic Landmarks as Jefferson Co. Historical Landmarks: Mr. Burke reported several National Register Landmarks were never declared Jefferson County Historic Landmarks. The number is approximately 16 or 18. Mr. Hefestay moved to declare all National Register Historic Landmarks as Jefferson County Historic Landmarks, with the permission of the property owners. Mr. Troxel seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Jefferson County Parks and Rec Commission: Mr. Hefestay moved to table the MOU until the next meeting owing to continued concerns with the wording. Mr. Horter seconded the motion. Mr. Koonce cited his objection to the document and the arrangement, indicating it wasn't equitable in his opinion. The motion passed 4-1.

Resolution Relating to Rockwool: Mr. Burke presented a resolution opposing the Rockwool project. Mr. Troxel voiced his opposition to the document owing to the inclusion of the word "vehemently." Mr. Hefestay voiced his opposition to the document relating to the timing and the description of the smoke stacks. Mr. Burke moved to table the resolution. Mr. Hefestay seconded the motion. Mr. Koonce and Mr. Horter indicated their opposition to tabling the resolution. Mr. Burke withdrew his motion. Mr. Koonce moved to adopt the resolution as presented and that copies be sent to the County Commission, Ranson City Council, Ranson Mayor, Ranson Planning Commission, Ranson City Manager, Jefferson County Board of Education, Charles Town City Council, and Charles Town Mayor. Mr. Horter seconded the motion which passed 3-2.

GeoExplorer: Dr. Thierault offered an update relating to the GeoExplorer project.

Court House Committee: Mr. Koonce indicated he had requested a report from Bill Polk, Maintenance Director, relating to the progress of the removal of the pigeons and the status of the bid requests for the painting of the bricks.

Snow Hill Easement: A draft was presented but no action was taken.

Route 340 Expansion: Mr. Horter's requested that Maral Kalbian, a historic preservation contractor, to be on the November agenda.

Printed Materials: Mr. Burke reported a grant had been submitted to the WV Arts and Humanities Council for \$1,500 to print the HLC driving tours.

Site Plan Reviews: Mr. Horter offered an update, which included the proposed ROCS gas station to be built on the edge of Shepherdstown. Mr. Burke reported the Shannondale Springs Wildlife area will no longer be maintained owing to repeated vandalism.

Rose Lawn: Mr. Demer offered an update.

WV SHPO: John Adamik and Mitchell Schaefer appeared before the Commission as part of the SHPO five-year planning process and asked for successes and failures experienced by the HLC in the past year.

Adjournment: Mr. Koonce moved to adjourn at 8:52. Mr. Horter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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H.S. Leigh Koonce, Secretary
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