

MINUTES

Hampshire County Historic Landmarks Commission Wednesday, February 22, 2023

- I. **Call to Order**—Commission Chair Jean Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Chair Jean Shoemaker asked Steve Bailes to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- III. **Roll Call**
Members present: Jean Shoemaker, Brenda Hiatt, Steve Bailes, Carol Shaw, Alanna McGuinn, Amanda Barnes, Emily Sisk, Hampshire County Commissioner Robert Hott, Hampshire County Planning Commission President, Duane ‘Punkin’ Oates, Sydney Maurer from the Hampshire Review, John and Jan Wunderlick representing the GW 1853 Trail project
- IV. **Minutes** The minutes from the September 2022 meeting were approved as read. There were no meetings in November, nor December. October’s meeting did not have a quorum.
- V. **Financial Report** - No report given. Our \$100 is being held by the Planning Department until we establish an account.
- VI. **Old Business** - 2022 Hampshire County Cemetery Survey Grant - The Grant application was sent by UPS and WVSHPO has confirmation that it was received. WVSHPO will announce Grant recipients in April 2023.
Artifacts Housing - Jean and Carol went to the Planning Office and the storage area of the old Jail House to check on our artifacts, Minutes and Grant paperwork. Amanda showed us a file cabinet in her back closet which holds file sections marked HCHLC. She pulled out one stack that was from the Cemetery documentation, presumably from the 2017 HC Cemetery Survey Grant results. Minutes are to be housed in the Planning Office file cabinets, as well.
We then went to the Old Jail and were allowed to look around. There were stacks of boxes piled one upon the other. Against the back wall, we uncovered several boxes related to HCHLC. Two held artifacts from Hooks Tavern. Another box was addressed to David Parker and the date of 8/14/17 was written on the top - presumably filled with the Grant Survey paperwork from the early grant application. We did not find any boxes with data from Charles Hall nor Dan Oates. However, we could not move all the boxes to look at ones below or behind. Nor are we sure that those donated items are held in boxes.

As we are not sure what we are looking for, the HCHLC items might still be there. More hunting is necessary.

VII. **New Business**

1. George Washington 1853 Trail signs - Citing Economic Development and Heritage Tourism, John and Jan Wunderlick gave a presentation of the project to place Trail Markers along the road where (or closest to) the young George Washington would have traveled on his way from Charlottesville, VA to Fort LaBoeuf, PA. His mission was to give a letter from his commanding officer to the French Commanding officer at LaBoeuf, stating the fort they were building is in British territory and that they should leave. This letter and the reply that GW took back precipitated the French and Indian War. Signage has already been placed in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Morgan County, WV. More will likely be placed in Virginia, as well.

Mr. Wunderlick stated that there are 9 places he would suggest signs be installed in Hampshire County. He gave us digital copies of the signs to use with sign makers and gave us some background on the cost of these signs, and how they have escalated in price over the past two years. He also mentioned that WV Prison inmates do make signs and might be a less expensive option than the last \$325 per sign quote that Mr. Wunderlick received. He will get us a contact for this option.

The HCHLC would need to apply for grants and request funding from the County Commission to fully fund the Hampshire County section. Before the meeting adjourned today, a vote was taken to give the HCHLC approval by Board members to apply for a HC Foundation Grant just in case this project is one that moves forward.

- VIII. **Open Forum** - One gentleman asked a question which was unrelated to the Landmarks commission and he was directed to the HC Commission.

- IX. **Adjourn** - Carol Shaw made a motion to Adjourn. Second was made by Steve Bailes. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

- X. Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Carol Shaw

Approved this date: ~~v. < R-2 X, 3-3~~ March 22, 2023