

## Minutes of Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Members Present:** Martin Burke, Michael Musick, Carmen Creamer, Eric Jenkins, guest (Danny Lutz owner of Feagans Mill).

**Minutes:** Minutes from the Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented with handouts by E. Jenkins. C. Creamer moved to accept, seconded by M. Musick. Motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** Report presented with handouts via email by John Allen. There have been \$1,527 worth of repairs at the Peter Burr Farm dealing with roof repairs on the barn and bread oven. Still waiting for lead testing at Snow Hill property. C. Creamer moved to accept report, seconded and passed by M. Musick.

**Geo History Project:** Bill Theriault met with History Dept. at WVU. The Dept. is interested in providing interns to the Geo Hist. project.

The digitization project of Middleway Conservancy documents is ongoing. Grant from Two Rivers Giving Circle was to be used for digitizing Jefferson County records and newspapers almost complete. There are now over 100,000 records on WV GeoExplorer database.

GeoExplorer Project did not receive the AHA grant, but was encouraged to resubmit. Keith Alexander, Shepherd University is currently cleaning up the data from of Shenandoah Junction survey. WVGPA will be used for a presentation at APU covering the 180 members of the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Calvary.

**Cement Mill:** WV State Historic Preservation Office returned the Cement Mill National Register application for changes before it is accepted. Nomination will be resubmitted with changes.

Conservation easement is still being edited and bouncing back and forth between various groups.

Contract for \$2,400 with Mike Taylor Inc. has been signed for stabilization of office building window and door openings on the mill property.

**Peter Burr Farm:** The wetland on the property may not be a wetland any longer. The ground water that sat on the property has now moved into an underground cavern system through a series of sinkholes.

Landmarks Commission is monitoring the Jefferson County Schools bus garage proposed site and its location in relation to the Burr property.

Ed and Lorri Schwartz have agreed to care for the grounds and lead Reliving History Inc. in the coming year.

Currently waiting on estimate to rebuild the Burr House hearths.

**Snow Hill:** Landmarks is waiting on an estimate to brick in the 4 windows that were punched in on the end of the house, only located in the main block of the house.

**Proposed Landmarks List:** Rock Hall was added to the proposed list of JC Landmarks for 2013. Owner of the property however does not seem to be interested.

Mr. Danny Lutz discussed issues currently taking place concerning his property Feagans Mill.

#### **Site Reviews:**

**Smoot Building** 114 E. Washington St. Charles Town, WV. Waiting for plan from JC Commission

**Cell Tower** balloon test on Trough Rd. postponed until April.

**Millville Quarry Permit** for blasting. Quarry has agreed to locate a seismograph at Rion Hall to monitor effects of blasting. Noted that Rion Hall will be within sight of the slag pile.

**JCHLC Archives Project:** All appropriated funds, \$1,500, have been expended. Question has arisen as to the future location of the archives. Currently looking for storage options. Proposal made for an additional \$1,000 to continue archival project. C. Creamer 1<sup>st</sup>, Seconded by M. Musick, motion passed.

**Student Intern Project:** Shepherd University summer intern will be Carlee Harbaugh for 400 hrs. internship.

#### **Misc.**

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Meeting adjournment 8:35