

Minutes of Jefferson County Landmarks Commission Meeting

September 17, 2008

Members Present: John Allen, Don Amoroso, Michael Musick, Kip Stowell. Guests: Bill Berry, Irvan Groff, Maggie Keeler

Minutes: The minutes of the August 20, 2008 meeting were distributed. Kip Stowell moved their acceptance, which was seconded by Don Amoroso and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented by Don Amoroso, with handouts distributed. Don noted the \$8,000 grant for fairs and festivals has been received. Our projected cash balance is \$34,965.19. Bart Wheatley has submitted a proposal for the Peter Burr Farm for fixing or replacing the Necessary (or Utility) Building's handrails and decking, walkway extension, making two new stairs, etc., for \$6,400. At this point our only expenditures from the grant have been \$800 paid to clean up bird droppings in the house, and a \$2,900 deposit for work on the springhouse. With regard to utilities for the farm, our water consumption has been over-reported. Kip Stowell moved approval of the treasurer's report, which was seconded by Michael Musick and passed unanimously.

Peter Burr Farm: There was a discussion of Bart Wheatley's work. Don Amoroso moved that we approve spending \$6,400 to bring the Necessary Building up to standard, which was seconded by Kip Stowell and passed. The Friends of Peter Burr Farm reported that bushhogging has been done by Tom Wright, a volunteer. There was discussion of whether HLC would need to spend the budgeted amount for bushhogging. Irvan Groff will ask Mr. Wright for a figure on the amount he will spend for gas. Irvan explained problems with the refrigerator at the site. He and Maggie Keeler would like a land line telephone at the farm. Don Amoroso observed that there would be fewer problems with a cell phone. Irvan commented on the need for some kind of outside communication. Bill Berry reported that the Friends have \$2,360, and can pay for the phone. Don said it should be put in the name of the Friends of Peter Burr Farm, and that the phone is needed for safety reasons. Maggie Keeler reported on the Homecoming October 16-18. She noted that Joyce Cole says she has 34 confirmed reservations, with a total of 40 expected. There was discussion of how much needs to be spent on the Homecoming and Harvest Fair, with suggestions of \$500-\$600.

Poor Farm: Walter Washington reported in an e-mail message that he is waiting for Rock Spring Church survey information. Walter has prepared a deed to provide for a right-of-way.

National Register: John Allen reported that the Bullskin National Register District will be on the agenda for the Archives and History meeting October 3 in Huntington.

New Landmarks - Rocky Marsh Area: John Allen has gotten approval of two of the four properties on our list - he will work on the others. The HLC will do a drive-through

at 2 p.m. on October 15, meeting in Shepherdstown.

CIS: John Allen visited the site of Sleepy Hollow silo extension. He noted that the existing silo is low and that an extension would not likely affect the viewshed of Beall-Air. Two RFCs were sent to the Historical Society by the Department of Highways. One is for the bridge at Scrabble and the other is along Route 9. The HLC has not received these two proposed projects.

Upcoming Events, Miscellaneous: Regarding the PATH transmission lines, the last meeting looked at the southern route. John Allen has prepared a map of impacted National Register districts and landmarks and county landmarks, copies of which were distributed, and has sent a letter of concern about PATH to Allegheny Power. Michael Musick expressed the thanks of the HLC to John for his work on this issue. October 31 is the survey grant application deadline. This Saturday there will be a tour of Washington homes in the county. A newspaper article on the loss to fire of a historic brick house on Keyes Ferry Road was noted. Next Wednesday the historical society will have a dinner to encourage bridge building between Shepherd University students and the historic preservation community.