



Meeting Minutes
Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission
August 14, 2019
Jefferson County Commission Meeting Room

Members Present: Martin Burke (Chairman), H.S. Leigh Koonce (Secretary), Ben Horter (Treasurer), Tony Troxel

Guests Present: Meaghan Papeika, John Demer

Mr. Burke called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

No public comment was heard.

June Minutes: Mr. Horter moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Mr. Troxel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Horter did not report a balance. Owing to the transfer of records and documents from the previous treasurer to Mr. Horter, no official report was received or acted upon.

FY20 Budget: Mr. Burke noted some minor differences between the draft that was approved and the final budget. No concerns or questions were heard. Mr. Troxel moved to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Horter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Reports:

Court House Committee: Mr. Burke reported that Mrs. Creamer attended the July meeting dealing with the National Historic Landmark designation of the JC Court House. The National Park Service has contracted with the Organization of American Historians to do the necessary work for the nomination. 2020 is the estimated time period for completion.

AmeriCorps Member Report: Ms. Papeika reported she has been cleaning up the website. Numbers are growing on both Facebook and Instagram. Mr. Burke noted 500 new Facebook followers since Ms. Papeika's time with the JCHLC. This will be her final meeting and her service with the JCHLC ends on August 20th. McKenzie Hitchcock will be the next AmeriCorps member. She begins on September 16th.

NR Nominations: Mr. Burke asked Mr. Demer to contact Jeff Smith with the SHPO. He is currently working on the Rocks' nomination commentary, as well as the McMurrin Farm nomination. Mr. Smith now has 45-60 days to review any nominations we send him. The JCHLC has 30 days post comments to return our comments and concerns to him. Mr. Demer offered a timeline of how nominations are processed and finalized.

Site Reviews: Mr. Horter sent a letter about Rocky Ridge Subdivision to the Planning Commission. The developer in fact is the owner of Rocky Ridge. They will consider the comments submitted by the JCHLC.

Rt. 340 Project: Mr. Horter received a call from an archaeologist with the project last week. No further report.

Mr. Burke offered best wishes and a gift from the JCHLC to Ms. Papeika with all of our thanks for her work over the past year. Meagan will be attending University of Vermont Historic Preservation graduate program.

Mr. Koonce offered a report about the Jefferson County Historical Society Picnic

Mr. Troxel noted this weekend the Allstadt Farm is having a soft open with a public event. 8 am -9:30 am Niagara Movement's pilgrimage to John Brown's Fort.

Mr. Troxel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. Mr. Horter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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H.S. Leigh Koonce, Secretary
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