

Meeting Minutes
The Historic Greenfield Preservation Council of Botetourt County
Tuesday February 15, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.
Hybrid Meeting on MS Teams at Greenfield Education Training Center, Room 229

Present: In-person: Steve Clinton, Jon Lanford, Tiffany Bradbury, Jim Johnston, Danny Kyle, Beth Pappas, Edward Preston, Curtis Brown, Rupert Cutler and Wendy Warren.
On MS Teams: Lynne Bolton.

Call to order – Council vice chair Jim Johnston called this hybrid meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Roll Call / Approval of Minutes – Secretary Wendy Warren took roll call. She emailed out the draft January 26 meeting minutes for everyone to review. A MOTION was made by Beth Pappas to accept those minutes as written and was SECONDED by Edward Preston. All APPROVED by voice vote consensus.

Staff Update – Assistant County Administrator Jon Lanford reported that the chimney restoration bid documents will be sent out again in early March.

He showed a 1997 drawing of the trail network at Greenfield and thought it could be useful to use as a guide for building any future trails. Council said that any interpretive trails built should conform to the Hill Studio Master Plan.

There was no change in its treasury fund since the last meeting.

Supervisor's Report – Steve Clinton reported that the letter of intent for the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund was submitted in mid-January. After it was submitted, Steve called the agency and spoke with a key official there, asking if he could enhance the wording of Historic Greenfield's designation as a historic landmark. The person he spoke with was glad to hear from Steve, was interested in what he had to say, and allowed him to update the wording. He will learn in early April if the LOI was accepted or not.

Steve will present the Council's case for line item budget funding and relief from matching funding at the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 22. His presentation will include an attractive power point presentation developed by Tiffany Bradbury, a fact sheet of 2021 Council accomplishments written by Wendy, and the revised bylaws and statement of organization. The meeting starts at 2 p.m. that day, and he would like all Council members to attend if possible.

WDBJ-7 News Story for Black History Month – Jim Johnston reported that he, Curtis Brown, and Cheryl Sullivan-Willis met with news reporter Leanna Scachetti of WDBJ-7 TV at the preservation site for an interview on February 2. The interview went very well. Lynne Bolton has a contact at Channel 7 who can let her know when the story will be aired, so she will keep members posted on when that will be.

Historic Greenfield Video Update – Danny Kyle reported that Ian has approval from all the interviewees to proceed in wrapping up the video and is close to finishing it up.

All Council members would like to see it before it goes public.

Fundraising – Beth Pappas has received two brick paver orders since the last meeting.

Legacy Committee – Edward Preston has connected with the manager of the Fincastle Public Library who has experience in recording oral history and who can recommend a good digital recorder for him to purchase. He would like to record stories of elderly people in the area and learn what life was like for them a long time ago.

New Business – Beth Pappas raised awareness about the Virginia Garden Tour at Santillane on Saturday April 30. The organization will allow historical organizations to set up an information table from 10 to 4 that day. Beth is seeking volunteers to work the table that day to promote information about Historic Greenfield, hand out brochures and brick paver order forms. She said that hundreds of people will attend that day, so this will be a good opportunity to promote Historic Greenfield.

Rupert Cutler announced that the Fincastle Resolutions SAR Chapter will conduct a rededication of the Preston Memorial on Saturday June 11 at 2:00 p.m. The president of the State SAR will preside over this event. He asked Wendy to help him with it, and she said she would.

Danny Kyle asked about plans for the Terraced Gardens. Our primary focus is restoring the three buildings, but it would be good to connect with master gardeners in the area to restore the Terraced Gardens. Daffodils still grow there. Connecting with the master gardener(s) at Monticello would be a good resource. Edward already approached the horticultural departments at VWCC and Hollins but did not get a good response from them.

Curtis Brown said Botetourt Technical Education Center students could plant flowers, as they do that every year. Who else can be contacted to help with this project?

Jim Johnston announced that Rupe Cutler is retiring from the Council, and this will be his last meeting. Jim thanked Rupe for all his contributions, experience, service and guidance. Danny ordered a special recognition medal for Rupe and presented it to him. Pictures will be taken after the meeting is over.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m. The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday March 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the same room.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy H. Warren, Secretary