

Meeting Minutes
The Historic Greenfield Preservation Advisory Council of Botetourt County
Tuesday May 17, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.
Hybrid Meeting on MS Teams at Greenfield Education Training Center, Room 229

Present: In-person: Steve Clinton, Jim Johnston, Danny Kyle, Beth Pappas, Curtis Brown, Cheryl Sullivan-Willis, Lynne Bolton, Will Dibling and Wendy Warren.

Guests Keith McMurry and Ann and Alfred Morgan

On MS Teams: Roblyn Brand and Tiffany Bradbury

Call to order – Council chair Jim Johnston called this hybrid meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. and welcomed everyone present. Because guests were present, each person introduced themselves and said who they represent.

Approval of Minutes – Secretary Wendy Warren emailed out the draft April 19 meeting minutes for everyone to review. A MOTION was made by Lynne Bolton to accept those minutes as written and was SECONDED by Beth Pappas. All APPROVED by voice vote consensus.

Staff Update: Jon Lanford was not present today. Jim Johnston said that Jon will send out another request for bids this summer. Jim will ask Jon if a sheriff can be provided to guide cars at the intersection of International Parkway and Route 220 for the walking tour on June 11.

Supervisor's Report – Steve Clinton will present Ann Morgan and Keith McMurry to the next Board of Supervisors meeting and get confirmation to appoint them to the HGPAC.

Will Dibling suggested that Council pursue a sole source bid on the chimney repair work. Council made a bona fide effort to find someone to do this work, with no success. This will allow the County to negotiate the best price with any company that submits a bid.

Historic Greenfield Video – Danny Kyle reported that Ian Kyle will email the video link to Jon Lanford soon, who will then forward it to Kristin Perdue so she can upload it into a secure YouTube link. She will then email the private link to Council members for their review. Please do not share this link with anyone else.

Ian filled in footage gaps with images and credits and inserted a statement saying that the video is the property of Botetourt County. The video lasts about 35-40 minutes.

Danny gave a short history of the video process for the new Council members.

Cheryl Sullivan-Willis mentioned a recent story she saw on 60 Minutes about the Sharswood Plantation near Gretna, VA. Its story sounds very similar to Greenfield's. Here is the link to that story:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/sharswood-cemetery-60-minutes-2022-05-15/>

Brick Pavers Fundraiser – Beth Pappas received one \$300 brick order and a \$100 donation. The donor learned about Greenfield during the garden tour at Santillane in late April.

Trex – Beth and Cheryl have been collecting soft plastic and storing it at Cheryl's salon. Enough soft plastic has been turned into Trex to earn three canopy green benches. The one from the Col. William DAR Chapter is in a box stored at the County administration building. Benches earned by Historic Fincastle Inc. and Historic Greenfield are stored in boxes at Cheryl's salon.

Botetourt DAR Chapter will sign up with Trex soon and turn in 500 pounds of soft plastic to earn a fourth bench.

It takes 41,250 soft plastic bags to make 500 pounds.

Tiffany Bradbury would like to write an article about this initiative.

SAR Preston Memorial Dedication on June 11 – Will Dibling reported that this event is a collaborative effort involving the Fincastle Resolutions SAR Chapter and Botetourt County, and a culmination of the efforts of Rupert Cutler and John Bradshaw. Registration for the dedication of the Preston Memorial will start at 1:00 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at 1:30. Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will present the colors, and the National Anthem will be sung by a barber shop quartet.

Tommy Moore, County Court Clerk, will be the master of ceremonies. Bruce Meyer, President of the Virginia Society SAR and LeAnn Turbyfill, State Regent of the Virginia DAR, will be among the special dignitaries in attendance. Steve Clinton will make a presentation, and Dan Thorp, history professor from Virginia Tech Water will be the keynote speaker.

A local Boy Scout Troop will raise the Betsy Ross flag after the program is over, around 3:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. Water will be donated by Western Virginia Water Authority, and cookies donated by the Colonel William Preston DAR Chapter.

Danny Kyle, Cheryl Sullivan-Willis, Edward Preston, Jim Johnston, and several other Council members will lead a walking tour after the ceremony is over.

John Bradshaw met with Will, Jon Lanford, Ricky Dowdy, Wendy Warren and Ann Peterson in late April to begin logistical planning of the event. (DAR member Ann Peterson will fill in for Wendy, as she cannot attend the ceremony.)

Tiffany sent out a press release about the event. She is working on the program and will provide direction signs with balloons.

283 donors raised over \$200,000 to build the memorial. This event will also be a fundraising opportunity for Historic Greenfield.

Former Member Recognition – Lynne Bolton is researching plaques from Allstar Impressions and will report further at the next meeting. She will need a complete list of past Council members so those names can be engraved on the plaque. Council should also send a recognition letter to each of those members.

Old Business – Steve Clinton said the garden tour at Santillane was very well attended despite the rainy weather. Hundreds of people attended, and the Historic Greenfield information table gave away many information and brick paver forms. Steve, Jim Johnston, Danny Kyle, Wendy Warren, and several ladies from the Col. William Preston DAR Chapter worked the information table that day.

Jim wrote a thank you letter to Mike Pulice thanking him for all the work and research he did to get the two slave buildings relisted on the National Register of Historic Places.

Beth asked if the Council would like to have two display cases that are still in the building recently vacated by the Botetourt County Historical Society. County staff can move the cases, but no one knows where to store them at this time.

Jim asked Wendy to add Ann and Alfred Morgan and Keith McMurry to the Council contact list.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m. The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday June 21 at 3:00 p.m. in the same room.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy H. Warren, Secretary