

The Historic Greenfield Preservation Council of Botetourt County

Minutes for Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Greenfield Education Center, Room 229 at 3:00 pm

Call to order – Council member Curtis Brown called this meeting to order at 3:05 pm and welcomed everyone present. Members in attendance were Edward Preston, Keith McMurry, Beth Pappas, Danny Kyle, Ann Morgan, Cheryl Sullivan-Willis, and Roblyn Brand.

County staff in attendance were Steve Clinton, County Supervisor; Jon Lanford, Assistant County Administrator and Tiffany Bradbury, Director of Communications/Media Relations.

Guest: Anna Lawson

Members unable to attend: Will Dibling, Wendy Warren, Lynn Bolton and Jim Johnston

Minutes – A draft of the August meeting minutes were emailed in advance for review. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Edward and seconded by Keith.

Supervisor's Report – Steve had no new information to report.

Staff Update - Jon reported that Consultant, Doug Reed is scheduled for his evaluation of the three structures for November 1st through the 3rd. One of these days he will also evaluate the McDonald home on Titan property.

Jon reported that 53 bricks have now been ordered from the Polar Engraving Company to be used for a patio somewhere on the Greenfield historic property.

Greenfield Booklet – THE BOOKLETS ARE IN! Danny thanked Tiffany Bradbury, Edward and Marlene Preston and Cheryl for their help on the booklet. Some booklets are being sent to express appreciation for others who helped make the booklet possible including Colonial Dames Colonial Trails Chapter and Michael Hudson, Executive Director, Historic Smithfield. One complementary booklet was given to each board member. The booklets will be sold for \$10.

Beth will take 15 booklets to see if the Botetourt Museum will sell them in their book store. Beth turned \$60 over to Jon for the sale of extra booklet already sold.

Anna Lawson with Colonial Dames commented on the quality and excitement of the booklet.

Community Development Committee – Since the booklet is now printed Ann will be able to set up meetings with the area businesses.

Brick Fundraiser – Beth Pappas asked the council to think about where the patio should be installed.

Grants Committee – Roblyn knows of no new grants available at this time.

Council Membership – Curtis read the current list of council members, their term and their supporting organization. It is determined that the council needs one more member and for members to think of a potential person to fill the vacancy. Contact Steve or Jim if a person's name should be considered.

Trex Benches – Cheryl reported that there are 2 benches in her care and confirmed with Jon that 2 benches are stored in the Greenfield Center with one more near completion of plastic needed.

Banner Committee – The banner committee will contact Fincastle Mayor, Mary Bess Smith in order to obtain information on having a banner made to display at the court house and also at the Greenfield site. That committee consists of Cheryl, Edward, Lynn and Roblyn.

Upcoming Events –

Fincastle Festival – September 26 from 10 am to 4 pm – Danny and Keith will set up the table, canopy and information. Wendy, Roblyn and Edward volunteered to help throughout the day.

Attic Productions will have special music at 7:00 pm the same day. The concert will feature a glass harmonica, crystal violin, Celtic folk music and bluegrass music.

October 20th is the Botetourt County Historical Society Founder's Day Dinner with Brandon Burke, Archeologist, as guest speaker. Tickets can be purchased at the museum.

December 1st is the Tinsel Trail

December 9th will be the Historic Fincastle Home Tour and Market Place from 10-4.

It was noted that former board member Rupert Cutler wrote an article that was published in the September 18th Roanoke Times titled Our Founding Fathers Are Worth Remembering.

New Business –

July 26 - 28, 2024 will be the Preston Family Reunion at Historic Smithfield and Edward asked if it was possible to host some of those attending for a tour of the Greenfield structures.

Old Business –

- Khari Ryder, Director, Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce, has been released from the Director position. Should someone on the board contact him concerning his interest in future involvement with the Council?

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17 at 3:00 PM at the Greenfield Training Center.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Pappas,

Historic Greenfield Preservation Advisory Council