

## **The Historic Greenfield Preservation Council of Botetourt County**

Minutes for Tuesday, October 17, 2023  
Greenfield Education Center, Room 229 at 3:00 pm

**Call to order** – Council chair Jim Johnston called this meeting to order at 3:05 pm and welcomed everyone present. Members in attendance were Edward Preston, Keith McMurry, Curtis Brown, Ann Morgan, Cheryl Sullivan-Willis, Roblyn Brand, Will Dibling and Wendy Warren (on MS Teams).

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

Members unable to attend: Beth Pappas, Danny Kyle, and Lynn Bolton.

Jim thanked Curtis Brown for chairing last month's meeting.

**Minutes** – A draft of the September 19 meeting minutes were emailed in advance for review. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Edward Preston and seconded by Keith McMurry. All approved by voice vote consensus.

**Supervisor's Report** – Steve Clinton said the new Greenfield booklet should be shown to the Board of Supervisors.

**Staff Update** - Jon reported that this will be his last meeting with the Council because he has taken a new job as executive director at Roanoke Valley Resource Authority.

Jim said he is sorry to see him go, but expressed his deep appreciation for the work Jon has done for this Council.

**Community Development Committee** – Ann Morgan said she and the committee are currently working on a draft letter for all businesses in the Historic Greenfield area.

**Banner Committee** – This committee has not met yet. They need help creating a QR code. Historic Fincastle Inc. might be able help with this, as they recently created one.

**Grants Committee** – Roblyn Brand is still keeping an eye out for grant opportunities.

**Council Membership** – Jim, Steve and Wendy will meet to discuss this before the next meeting. Council can have up to 15 members, so please be thinking of names to consider for membership. Members can be from Botetourt County, Roanoke City, Roanoke County, and other surrounding areas.

**Dontavius Williams Event in 2024** – This event was brought to Council's attention by Lynsey Alley of the Botetourt History Museum. Mr. Williams travels around the country

providing living history presentations. His fee would be \$1,500 plus cost of food, which would be split between the Council, the Botetourt History Museum, and maybe one other sponsor.

Council said they would like to pursue this, and Roblyn, Cheryl and Wendy said they would help and form a committee. Wendy will ask Beth if she would be willing to help as well.

### **Upcoming Events –**

Preston Family Reunion is July 26-28, 2024. More details will follow later.

### **New Business –**

Roblyn will reach out to a Louisville, KY group that provides early American recipes and see if she can get access to them.

53 brick pavers have been ordered. Where will they be placed?

Nan Mahone wants to tour Greenfield tomorrow (October 18) and Jim said if anyone wants to meet them, please meet at Tizzone's at 11:30 am and then they will take the tour afterwards.

Leanna Scachetti won an award for her Greenfield Podcast last year. Here is a link about that: [WDBJ7 reporter, editor win National Murrow Award for podcast](#)

### **Old Business –**

Jim, Edward, Danny, Keith and Beth helped with the Greenfield table during the Fincastle Festival on September 23.

Wendy had new plates engraved on the Council plaque and will bring it to the November meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21 at 3:00 PM at the Greenfield Training Center.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy H. Warren,

Secretary, Historic Greenfield Preservation Advisory Council