

June 1, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Conner, James Tully, Martha Newton and Anita Dodd

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Chichester James Powell

STAFF PRESENT: Nancy Kotting, Crissy Kendall

GUESTS PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Tully called the meeting to order at 3:08.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Ms. Newton called roll and stated there was a quorum.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- ## 1. Chesapeake Ridge – 147 Dishpan Road Options to Retain Dwelling

The 50+-year-old dwelling was originally planned to be demolished when the new development is built. The neighbors approached the developer and the developer reached out to Ms. Kotting about the possibility of leaving the dwelling intact. The Planning & Zoning staff worked on options for the developer to keep the structure while meeting the requirements for the development. A letter that provided options was mailed on May 23rd and there's no update as to which, if any, option the developer may decide to go with. Though the house is not eligible for National Register it is representative of houses built just after the Civil War. Ms. Dodd would like a chance to record the house.

- ## 2. Annual Preservation Awards Refresh

The award presentation was rescheduled to June 6 at 7pm. Ms. Kotting has notified the recipients and Ms. Dodd will present the awards at the meeting.

Ms. Kotting opened up a discussion with Commission members about considering adjusting some of the categories used for the awards. She provided a list of current awards and suggested new categories. She asked members to review the suggestions at home and it can be added to the agenda to discuss at the next meeting. Ms. Kotting is going to reach out to the Community Engagement Office to see if there is a way to get the public more involved in the nomination process. This would help get the message out that Stafford is actively working in the realm of historic preservation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Austin Ridge Logistics

The property has not changed hands. As soon as the transaction occurs Ms. Kotting will reach out to schedule a visit.

2. High School #6, Truslow Road – Cultural Resources, Section 106 Review Update/Staff

The phase two study is complete and the two archeological sites on the high school site are not eligible for the National Register. The elementary site is eligible and that will proceed to a memorandum of agreement. The project is being fast tracked and the 106-review process is going to slow it down a little bit because they combined both projects. The memorandum of agreement that is required for the second phase is now going to be holding up the first phase.

3. Annual Historic Preservation Awards 2022 Wrap-Up

Awards will be presented at 7:00 on June 6 at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Ms. Dodd will be presenting.

4. Clift Farm Rezoning Application

There is no update on Clift Farm.

5. Lake Mooney Cabin- Update/Staff

Lake Mooney Cabin will be included in Ms. Kotting's project to assess and develop a 5-year-plan for the ongoing maintenance of all county owned historic properties. She is researching various grants to provide funding.

Ms. Dodd asked for an update on the rocks at Buzzard's Roost. Ms. Kotting has received one bid for the relocation to the new site and the county is waiting on other bids. She has reached out to the company that makes the signage and believes both moving and the sign can be done within the \$10,000 allotted budget. Once the project is complete split rail fencing will be needed between the pathway and the rocks. This can be a great project for an Eagle Scout. Mr. Tully suggested the Commission pull together a list of possible projects (fencing, cemetery clean-up, etc.) and advertise on various social media platforms that kids in need of projects for Gold Awards/Eagle Scouts should contact Nancy Kotting.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Anita Dodd met with SCPS Superintendent, Dr. Taylor, about the headstone that needs to be repaired and replaced in the cemetery at NSHS. The headstone was broken when the cemetery was vandalized years ago. It sat for many years in the school's greenhouse and was given to Ms. Dodd when she was there surveying the cemetery. It has remained in her basement for another 10 years. Ms. Dodd estimates the cost of the repair to be about \$3,000. Mr. Taylor doesn't feel the school board is responsible for fixing the stone but gave the Commission permission to access the property to fix it. He is going to put a fence around the cemetery and Ms. Dodd offered her assistance. The cemetery ordinance was not in effect when the school was built but the

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cemetery was obviously avoided according to the layout of the school and parking area. Mr. Tully suggested the Commission send a letter to the Advisory Committee on Facilities to make them aware of the issue. The agriculture students do a fundraiser each year and maybe they can take on this as their project. Mr. Tully will get the name/address of who he feels the letter should go to and staff will draft a letter.

Ms. Dodd received a call about a structure behind the house at 1530 Courthouse Road. Ms. Kotting will investigate if any permits have been pulled for demo of the property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dodd made a motion to approve the amended minutes from May 4, 2023.

Ms. Newton seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Tully adjourned the meeting at 4:06