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2 ***STAFFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES***

3 ***May 1, 2025***

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5 The meeting of the Stafford County Historical Commission on Thursday, May 1, 2025, was called to order at
6 3:05PM by Anita Dodd in the ABC Room of the George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center.

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8 MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Newton, Frank White, Jane Conner, and Anita Dodd

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10 MEMBERS ABSENT: James Powell and Emma Dietrich

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12 STAFF PRESENT: Nancy Kotting, Crissy Kendall

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14 GUESTS PRESENT: None

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16 CALL TO ORDER:

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18 Ms. Dodd called the meeting to order at 3:05.

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20 ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

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24 VOTE TO ACCEPT/AMEND AGENDA

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26 Ms. Kotting had three additions to the agenda. The VDOT/Falmouth Bridge 106 review, the Payne/Morgan
27 Cemetery and a COA application going before the ARB for the Falmouth Cemetery.

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29 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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33 NEW BUSINESS

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35 1. Review of past Historical Commission discussion of most endangered list – Anita Dodd to report

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37 Ms. Dodd discussed the list of endangered resources. The list contains county-owned and county-
38 wide resources that are endangered but not owned by the county. The list ranked the resources in
39 order of risk. The last site visits were done in 2021. A revisit to update the list should be done. Ms.
40 Kotting added that the intent of the list is to bring attention to the significance and threats to historic
41 resources without being critical of owners. This could be done to celebrate Historic Preservation
42 month next year. Anita and Nancy will meet separately to discuss the current status of all the county
43 own properties. Nancy suggested the group identify what a threat is. This could include development,
44 neglect, active demolition, etc.

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46 2. VDOT/Falmouth Bridge 106 Review

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48 Notice was received from VDOT that they are undergoing the Section 106 Review for the bridge
49 improvement project. The County and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources will be
50 consulting parties. This is for information purposes only.

3. Payne/Morgan Cemetery

The owner of the property which contains the Payne/Morgan family cemetery has submitted an application for a site plan. This will be treated as a development and the cemetery ordinance will be enforced. They will use the measurements/drawings done by the cemetery committee. The approximate measurements at 48x71 and 35-foot buffer around the cemetery will be required by the ordinance. They will also be required to obtain an easement for access to the cemetery by family members. Ms. Dodd said there was concern that there are probably burials there that don't show. She originally requested a 50-foot buffer for this cemetery. Jane Conner made a request for a delineation on the cemetery on Tax Map Parcel 45-263G. Martha Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed, 4/0.

4. Falmouth Cemetery COA

A COA has been submitted to the ARB for a sign at the Falmouth Cemetery. In the documentation at the Department of Historic Resources and in the National Register nomination paperwork the cemetery is referred to as the Union Church Cemetery. It is also referred to as the Falmouth Cemetery. The COA application refers to it as the Historic Falmouth Cemetery. Ms. Kotting asked for the Commission's thoughts on how it should be properly referred to on the new sign. After much discussion it was decided that more research was needed. Martha Newton made a motion to recommend additional research to determine what the cemetery name was during its time of significance. Jane Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed, 4/0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The cemetery committee finished the last large church cemetery survey. They will move forward a bit quicker with the smaller cemetery surveys.

REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ms. Kotting reports the committee made \$10 with the sale of a Scheel Map.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Martha Newton made a motion to approve the minutes from April 3, 2025. Frank White seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Anita Dodd adjourned the meeting at 4:09.