

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**December 15, 2016**

**Present:** Rob Gibbs, Member  
Peter Himmelheber, Member  
Eve Love, Member  
Kent Randell, Member  
Sean Wickers, Member  
Teresa Wilson, Vice Chair

Linda Reno, Absent

**Call to Order:** The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Teresa Wilson, Vice-Chair.

**Recognition of Guests:** Bill Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Ms. Love, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the Agenda, which passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Ms. Love, seconded by Mr. Gibbs approve the November 17 Minutes, which passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. Cemetery Committee Update –Rob Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs has identified a new cemetery which is connected with South Mechanicsville Methodist Church. He said that Henry Fowler's grandfather was buried there.

2. Private Cemetery Legislation update

Delegate Deborah Rey sent a letter to the Maryland Attorney General asking if our request for legislation was necessary. Ms. Brady said that Angela Blondino, para-legal in the County Attorney's office, was the legislative liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission.

3. Ms. Brady asked if the Board was interested in a visit to Lower Brambly with Dr. Julia King and asked for dates that would be favorable. It was agreed that the March – April time frame would be preferred. Ms. Brady will set up several times with Dr. King.

**New Business:**

1. HPC Election of Officers

Ms. Brady, staff to the Historic Preservation Commission, conducted the election process as Ms. Wilson was one of the candidates for re-election.

Mr. Gibbs presented the following slate of officers: Linda Reno for President, Teresa Wilson for Vice-President and Eve Love for Secretary. Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Randell to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Review of the CGL Annual Report

A motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Ms. Wilson to accept the Annual Report as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. Staff was asked to update the legislative section of the report after the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and then submit the Annual Report to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

3. Historical Maryland Newspapers Project Advisory Board Meeting – briefing by Kent Randell.

Mr. Randell informed Committee members that he was now a member of the Maryland National Digital Newspaper Program and shared with the Board tips on conducting research on the Library of Congress website, *Chronicling America*. In addition, Kent offered to provide the Board with information on determining what is in the public domain to help them with copyright questions.

**Items from the Floor:**

It was discussed that it would be appropriate for members of the HPC to attend a legislative session in Annapolis when the proposed legislation was scheduled for a Committee hearing. Staff would look into the possibility of obtaining a bus from St. Mary's County Transportation Department.

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Randell, seconded by Mr. Himmelheber to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

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Grace Mary Brady

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Teresa Wilson, Vice-Chair

Date: Approved on January 26, 2017