

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on November 5, 2009 at the
Hess House in Piney Point, Maryland

Present: Rob Gibbs, Chair
Victor Govier, Member
Scott Lawrence, Member
Ruth Mitchell, Member
Carol Moody, Member
Hal Willard, Member

Grace Mary Brady, Staff

Susan Erichsen, Absent

Note for the Record: The November 5, 2009 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held off-site at the Hess House located at 17342 Piney Point Road in Piney Point (SM-752).

Call to Order: The site visit started at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Brady confirmed that a quorum was present.

Guests: Mr. Joseph Sheppard, brother of Mr. Whit Rogers; Susan Wolfe, Executive Director of St. Mary's County Historical Society; Jane Ransom, Manager of Hess House Bed and Breakfast; and Rob Plant, owner of Blue Wind Gourmet.

Agenda: N/A

Approval of Minutes: None

New Business: Mr. Whit Rogers welcomed members and guests and proceeded with an outside tour of the premises indicating where he had rescued all the various structures from (more than 15 various structures on site). Mr. Rogers then explained the architectural anomalies occurring on the exterior of the main house answering questions from members as the tour proceeded.

Sarah Taylor Rogers then welcomed guests inside for a tour of the interior of the Hess Home and delicious food prepared by Rob Plant. Members had an opportunity to learn about the architectural scheme displayed within each room of the house. Everyone expressed appreciation to the Rogers family for saving so much of St. Mary's County history and showcasing it in their home.

1) **Items from the floor** – N/A

Announcements – N/A

Adjournment - The site visit ended at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted By: Grace Mary Brady

Signed by: _____
Robert Gibbs, Chair

Date: _____