

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes of the meeting held on  
April 22, 2010

**Present:** Rob Gibbs, Chair  
Carol Moody, Vice Chair  
Susan Erichsen, Member  
Victor Govier, Member  
Scott Lawrence, Member  
Ruth Mitchell, Member  
Hal Willard, Member  
Grace Mary Brady, Staff

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Roll call and confirmation of quorum:** Mr. Gibbs called roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

**Commission requirements read for the record:** Commission requirements were read for the record by Mr. Gibbs.

**Recognition of Guests:** Frank Tippet.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Erichsen to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Ms. Erichsen, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to approve the March 25, 2010 Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reports: Historic Preservation (Grace Mary Brady, Historic Preservation Planner II)**

- Worked all day April 7<sup>th</sup>, Ranzetta Book delivered.
- Presentation to BOCC Ranzetta Book on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Met w/Nicole Diehlmann on April 16<sup>th</sup> County book grant issues.
- Wrote Annual Report for HPC.
- Meeting at CMM – quarterly SMA on April 19<sup>th</sup>
- 2 sites slated for demo – not documented yet. 1 Demo 29530 Charlotte Hall Rd. Charlotte Hall (St. Anne's Anglican Church house)
- Wrote CLG Education Grant to keep HPC certification.
- Reviewed TEC submissions – 3 plans – 2 old houses – no changes proposed.
- Handled 48 customer service requests (book sales calls).
- April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for St. Mary's County War of 1812 Committee – sent letter and map to ERM asking that St. Mary's County be included in the National Star Spangled Banner Trail, National Water Trail, along with new Raiders & Invaders Map.
- Historic Preservation Commission – staffed meeting and worked on Preservation Awards choices, Annual Report, Minutes, Agenda, etc.
- Attended SMC Historical Society Dinner on April 9<sup>th</sup> –promoted County book.
- Spoke at Leadership Southern Maryland on April 22<sup>nd</sup> – represented all 3 Southern Maryland Counties – prepared pictured boards for all day meeting – promoted county book and barn summit while there. Held at Regency Furniture Stadium in Waldorf.
- Rotary at Daugherty Center on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, spoke about County book.
- CZO renovations with Jeanine to add historic roads to Zoning Ordinance.
- Barn Summit on Friday, April 30, 2010 (more than 100 attendees)

## **Old Business:**

### 1) Cemetery Committee Report by Robert Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs updated the Commission members on the meeting of the Cemetery committee. Questions were asked about protocol in how to approach privately owned cemeteries; where the records would be housed and if permission needed to be granted to members. Mr. Lawrence suggested that the deputy county attorney be asked to the next meeting to address these issues. Members of the Historic Preservation Commission agreed and staff said that she would invite Mr. Weiskoff to the June meeting.

### 2) HPC Newsletter update by Susan Erichsen

Ms. Erichsen talked about the challenges the Committee faced in distributing the first newsletter. The newsletter had been prepared using Microsoft Publisher with a font that was not compatible. Ms. Brady suggested that in the future the newsletter could be converted to a PDF file, which most people could open. The newsletter Committee, consisting of Susan Erichsen, Carol Moody and Grace Brady, also want to pursue adding the Historic Preservation Commission letter to other organizations e-mail lists.

### 3) Preservation Maryland Conference in May

Ms. Brady reported that she had submitted travel/training request to the County Administrator's office for payment authorization for Hal Willard, Carol Moody and Scott Lawrence to attend the Historic Preservation Conference in Easton. She reminded everyone that there was no guarantee that the county would authorize their attendance at the conference. She also informed attendees that they had to take care of all their registrations; keep all the receipts for reimbursement and that there was a limit of \$39 per day for meals.

## **New Business:**

### 1) Vote on Historic Preservation Nominees

A) **With All Deliberate Speed: One High School's Story** by Merideth Taylor, Producer, is a documentary that is being used as an informational and educational file to document and preserve St. Mary's County history. This project was supported by the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions, Booz, Allen and Hamilton, St. Mary's College. (Desegregation of Great Mill High School)

Merideth Taylor was nominated by Janice Walthours and Mary Washington.

**Motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Erichsen, to award Merideth Taylor a preservation service and project award, which passed unanimously.**

B) Robert A. Adams, Jr., authored and published "SANDLOT SUNDAYS" a history of the Charles and St. Mary's County Baseball League from 1947 to 2007.

Robert Adams was nominated by Hal Willard.

**Motion by Ms. Moody, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, to award Robert A. Adams, Jr. a preservation service award, which passed unanimously**

C) Peter and Elizabeth Wiggington, and craftsperson, Mr. Ben Wynkoop for their dedication of significant resources of time and money to restore the Thomas and Mildred Reeves house.

The Wiggingtons' and Mr. Wynkoop were nominated by Cathy Bailey.

**Motion by Ms. Erichsen, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, to award Pete and Betsy Wiggington and Mr. Wynkoop a preservation project award, which passed unanimously**

D) Audrey Pratt for all her work and historic preservation in saving the home known as Bard's Field, its cemetery, grounds and winter kitchen.

Ms. Pratt was nominated by Senator Roy Dyson.

**Motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Moody, to award Audrey Pratt a preservation project award, which passed unanimously**

E) Donald and Lucy Eaton for preservation and restoration of Bushwood Post Office and Ellis Grist Mill.

The Eatons were nominated by Cathy Bailey.

**Motion by Mr. Willard, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, to award Donald and Lucy Eaton a preservation project and service award, which passed unanimously**

F) Linda Davis Reno was nominated for her continuous research of St. Mary's County genealogy and for freely promoting St. Mary's County and its citizens by delivering public addresses to the United Daughters of the Confederacy; Maryland 400; Confederate prisoner of War Cemetery in Scotland; and the Captain Vincent Camalier Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Linda Reno was nominated by Robert Leonard Long and Scott Lawrence.

**Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Erichsen, to award Linda Reno a preservation service award, which passed unanimously**

G) J. Whitson Rogers and Sarah Taylor Rogers for spending their time and money in restoring the Hess House and for saving structures from demolition, including local mail boxes and various artifacts.

J. Whitson Rogers was nominated by Grace Mary Brady.

**Motion by Mr. Willard, seconded by Ms. Erichsen, to award J. Whitson Rogers a preservation project award, which passed unanimously.**

8) The restoration of the Mackall Barn at Historic St. Mary's City was made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moe; 1772 Society; Guild of Colonial Artisans and Tradesmen from 1607 to 1783; Maryland Heritage Area Authority, Jeff Thompson of Colonial Wood Rights, Inc. and Historic St. Mary's City.

All the entities named above were nominated by Susan Wilkinson, Director of Marketing and communication for Historic St. Mary's City.

**Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Moody, to award Historic St. Mary's City; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moe; 1772 Society; Guild of Colonial Artisans and Tradesmen from 1607 to 1783; Maryland Heritage Area Authority; Jeff Thompson of Colonial Wood Rights, Inc. a preservation project award, which passed unanimously.**

2) Vote on type of Award to be given to Winners during Preservation Month Award Presentation. The Commission members decided by consensus to give Awardees a copy of *I'm Goin' Down County, An Architectural Journey Through St. Mary's County, written by Kirk Ranzetta* and a proclamation from the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Brady was asked to write the Proclamations.

3) Vote on Historic Preservation Committee Vacancy. Mr. Robert Gibbs recused himself from the vote on this vacancy and left the room. Ms. Carol Moody, Vice Chair, proceeded to conduct the meeting at this point and referred to a packet received from the County Commissioner's office with names and resumes of individuals who wanted to be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Mitchell read each applicant's name and resume to the board members.

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Willard, to appoint Robert Gibbs to another three year term on the Historic Preservation Commission, which passed unanimously.

4) Annual Report

Ms. Brady had written an Annual Report for the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion by Ms. Erichsen, seconded by Mr. Lawrence to accept the Annual Report of the Historic Preservation Commission as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Items from the floor** – Carol Moody talked about the Southern Maryland Studies Center hosting a “Share Your Stuff” Day: 20<sup>th</sup> Century War and Peace in Southern Maryland on Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 10 to 2 p.m. at the La Plata Campus.

**Announcements** – There was consensus among the board members not to meet the month of May, 2010 because of the Preservation Conference.

**Adjournment** – Motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Lawrence to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted By: Grace Mary Brady

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Gibbs, Chair

Date: June 24, 2010