

# WINCHESTER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes for the meeting held on April 21st, 2016

A meeting of the Winchester Historic Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. J.R. Wilhite, Chairman, presided.

**Commissioners present:** Chairman J. R. Wilhite, Mark Arnold, Drew Graham, Chris Thornbury, and Jack Jones & Bobby Shook – (all members were present). **Additional attendees:** *Planning Staff* – Rachel Alexander

**Consideration of minutes:** Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and presented the minutes of Feb. 2016 & March 2016. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve both Feb & March's minutes. Mr. Thornbury made a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve. Both minutes were approved unanimously.

**Staff approved COA'S:** 1. **HD-03-16-** 7 N. Main St. – 5 total signs on front of the building – D & S Hardware. 2. **HD-04-16** – 1 N. Main St. – Ariel's Grill – one sign on front and one on the side of the building.

**Documentary Video update:** Chairman Wilhite has exchanged emails with Video Editing Services on progress to date and reported that the contractor will soon request photographs to support the video.

**Annual Preservation Awards:** Chairman Wilhite reported that the Winchester Clark County Heritage Commission has created a committee to revive annual awards for preservation and asked the HPC to join them in this effort. Chairman Wilhite and Mr. Thornbury volunteered to represent the HPC Commission. The joint awards committee met on April 5<sup>th</sup>. In addition to Heritage Commission members Ann Humble & Lee Edgington, the committee also includes representatives of the Bluegrass Heritage Museum and Clark County Library, and wants to add participation from Main Street Winchester. The committee has discussed the adaptation of award program guidelines from Fayette County, as well as opening the nominations to the public. An awards ceremony would be planned as part of the history week in August. Chairman Wilhite explained that HPC participation in the awards program would include recommendations from the committee to HPC for approval of award recipients and the expenditure of funds to support the program. Jack Jones moved to approve HPC participation with the Heritage Commission in the joint awards program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shook and approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

**Staff Comments:** Chairman mentioned the list for COA's for 2015. He also mentioned the Ky Bank/CVS project that was in the newspaper. Chairman Wilhite asked Rachel if she knew much about the Bluegrass Trust letter that was passed out regarding the Jordan Building. She said she didn't really have much information to share. Rachel discussed the City's acquisition of the Sphar building and the March 29<sup>th</sup> public meeting on the downtown Master Plan, where the consultants discussed several conceptual plans for downtown improvements. The entire presentation can be found on the City's website. Chris Thornburry suggested working with a marketing firm to create the creative marketing campaigns recommended by City Visions. Rachel said Robert Long bought the blue building downtown, which is in the Historic District. He is planning on putting apartments in this building.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Arnold made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Thornbury 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

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*Interim Planning Director*

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*Chairman*