

Waynesboro Historical Commission
March 30, 2018
Secretary's Report

Present: Jerry Layman, Judy Smith, Kelly Sheely, Megan Reid, Jeff Mellott, Judy Walden

Absent: Jake Buscher, Susan Elder, Ron Hiserman

Guest: Tom Carlsson

1. The meeting was called to order by Judy Walden at 6:30.
2. There were no minutes from the February meeting and Susan was thanked for substituting for Judy.
3. Report from the Red Brick House meeting of March 13: Mark Holmes, owner of the property, has not been in contact with the RBH committee or the town. Unknown where he is or why he is not answering emails or phone. Question as to what will happen to the property. Will he sell it? Can the town take it back by condemnation or failure to meet codes? If the town takes it back will it be torn down? Fencing for the cemetery on New Hope Road has been quoted as between \$5,800 and \$6,000. The RBH committee has agreed to fund half of it if the city will provide the other half. It may be similar to the fencing near the Gorsuch building. The old art museum on Main Street is slated to be condemned.
4. An article in Sunday's News Leader had a story about how Waynesboro was formed due to Widow Tee's Inn being the worst in the area. Not exactly correct, but it did tell a lot about our town.
5. Work on the newest booklet about the First Industrial Complex in Waynesborough is coming along and Judy W. explained how the areas were developed. She was able to locate a photo of a portrait of Samuel Estill, the founder of Waynesboro, from the Madison County (KY) Historical Society. A discussion ensued and questions were asked about Sam's adventures in KY: When was he in the legislature? When was he a judge? When was the portrait painted? Could we get a picture of the chair that was used for his baptism? How did he get the title of Colonel: was it earned in the military or an honorary title? Jeff move that Judy talk to the City manager to present to the council asking for funds for a photo of Samuel Estill by a professional photographer. Jerry seconded the motion and all were in favor.
6. Tom told Megan and Kelly if they wanted to set up a brochure to do a walking tour of Basic City, he might be able to help them with funding. He also shared that there are a lot more articles that Curtis Bowman wrote for the News Virginian that are not in his two books.
7. The next meeting will be April 17.
8. Motion was made to adjourn at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Walden