



# COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### B R I E F

Development Services Building  
Conference Rooms 202 A & B

May 12, 2009  
Regular Meeting

#### In Attendance

Chairman Van Derlaske, Commissioners Burgess, Culp, Cunard, Duley, Frank, Hawkins, MacDonald, Olson, Smith, Stickley, Swavely, Wright (arrived at 8:05 PM)

John Lassiter – Staff Liaison; Heather Hembrey - Public Works Liaison; Don Wilson – Library Liaison; Toni Brzyski - Commission Secretary

Mark Trbovich, Jerry MacDonald – Citizens/Guests

7:33 PM

#### Citizens' Time

Mark Trbovich presented a request for a historical marker entitled "Selecman's (Snyder's) Ford" and provided draft text for the marker and additional information about the area.

RES 09-032

**Approve April 14, 2009 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Amended - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Smith, Cunard; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Abstain-MacDonald; Absent from vote Wright; Absent from meeting Anderson, Yankey]

#### Chairman's Time

**New Member** - Chairman Van Derlaske noted that the Board of County Supervisors recently finalized the appointment of a new member to the Historical Commission.

**Comments** – Chairman Van Derlaske suggested he would like members to feel free to provide background and history on the Commission to him as he is still a fairly new member.

**Meetings** – Chairman Van Derlaske would like the Commission to meet at historically related venues and advised the June meeting will be at Rippon Lodge. Mr. Van Derlaske asked for suggestions for other appropriate meeting locations.

#### Vice Chairman's Time

**Cemetery** – Vice Chairman Hawkins passed around pictures of a cemetery in distress in the Woodbridge area. There was discussion about what the Commission can do to encourage upkeep of cemeteries.

**Staff Time –  
Planning**

**One and Five Year Work Plan** – John Lassiter noted the existing plans need updating. Discussion followed about whether the Commission is required to produce work plans. Chairman Van Derlaske suggested members review the existing documents in preparation for creating a committee at the June meeting to work on them.

**Staff Time –  
Public Works**

**Events** – Heather Hembrey reported that the County’s Historic Sites are open for the season and a number of activities are scheduled at the various locations.

**Newsletter** – Ms. Hembrey reported the black and white version of the spring edition of “Historic Perspectives” will be mailed shortly. A color version is available electronically simply by requesting this service from their offices.

**Updates** – Ms. Hembrey noted the following:

Ben Lomond – Visitor section under renovation.

Brentsville Jail – Jail stabilization plans have gone out for bid.

The work will be done by staff.

Rippon Lodge – The second floor is now open to visitors.

**Civil War Brochure** – Ms. Hembrey thanked the Commission for providing partial funding for the next printing of the brochure. The first printing of 50,000 copies should be ready by the end of the month. Ms. Hembrey also thanked Commission Burgess for his assistance in putting the brochure together.

**Staff Time -  
Libraries**

**Activities** – Don Wilson reported he sent out an email recently with information on upcoming activities and programs.

**Map** – Mr. Wilson thanked the Commission for its support and noted that the recently restored original 1901 Brown Map of Prince William County is now at the framers. It’s expected the project will take about a month to complete. It would be helpful if the transfer of funds to RELIC for this work takes place in the near future.

**Old Business**

**Historical Marker** – A final review of the text for the “Stony Lonesome Farm” marker indicates that some edits are necessary.

RES 09-033

**Revise the text previously approved in Res. No. 09-004 to add (Belleville) as the second line and change the spelling of “Saylor’s” to “Sailor’s” for the Stony Lonesome Farm/General Richard S. Ewell historical marker - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Duley; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Anderson, Yankey]**

**Historical Photographs Community Event** – John Lassiter reported on the event and asked if the Commission wants to pursue the project.

**Cemeteries  
Committee**

**Comments** – Commissioner Olson noted that the comments made by Vice Chairman Hawkins on the condition of a particular cemetery aren't unusual. Cemetery maintenance is a problem. This is one of the reasons to update the cemetery surveys in order to have current information on the condition of cemeteries throughout the County.

**Update** - Commissioner Olson distributed copies of a shortened version of the cemetery survey update form. Commissioner Culp has volunteered to input the updated cemetery information and will use the Historical Commission's computer in the Planning Office for this project. Please send your completed forms to Toni Brzyski in the Planning Office. Commissioner Culp will begin inputting on Monday, June 22, 2009. The deadline to turn in forms has been extended from June 1 to June 18, 2009.

**Budget  
Committee**

**Budget Update** – Copies of the Historical Commission's FY-09 Budget – Month 10 thru April 30, 2009 were distributed. Commissioner Smith noted that although the report shows a negative balance other costs will be less than indicated and the final number will be in the black.

**Publications  
Committee**

**Haymarket Booklet** – Commissioner Burgess reported staff is establishing the best way to create an electronic version of this publication for projected printing in the upcoming fiscal year.

**Meeting** – Commissioner Burgess noted the publications committee will not be meeting in June.

**Historical Marker** – Commissioner Burgess suggested the Selecman's Ford marker be placed on the June agenda for discussion.

**Disbursements  
Committee**

No report.

**Legislative  
Committee**

No report.

**Historic  
Properties**

No report.

**Historical  
Plaques  
Committee**

**Event** – Commissioner Swavely reported seven (7) plaques were presented today by the Chairman of the Board of County Supervisors. Five (5) of the plaques were replacements.

**Update** – Commissioner Swavely explained that there are 33 candidates for plaques plus a few left from the 1976 list.

Staff suggested the Commission approve a resolution establishing the plaque program. Members requested edits to the resolution and a review by the County Attorney's Office of the letter recipients sign when receiving the plaque.

**Review of Pending Development Applications**

RES 09-034

**Land Development Recommendations** – **APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Smith; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Anderson, Yankey]

**Brentsville Trust**

**Update** – Commissioner Cunard reported the Trust is not meeting in May as the audit is not complete.

**Historic  
Preservation  
Foundation**

**Update** – Commissioner MacDonald reported the Foundation is planning to hold its annual meeting at the end June.

**New Business**

**Confederate Blockade** – Commissioner Smith noted that on Sunday, May 10, 2009 the NEWS & MESSENGER published an article, in which he is quoted, about the Confederate blockade of Washington, DC in 1861-1862.

**Old Business**

**Mount Atlas** – Commissioner Cunard requested an update on the status of the World War II Bonds Ron Smith discovered among the items removed from Mount Atlas. Commissioner Smith reported the bonds were given to the County's Director of Finance and Angela Horan, of the County Attorney's Office, is researching ownership.

**Adjournment**

**10:13 PM**