

Historic Bath Foundation, Inc.
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2016 3pm

Chairman Surry Everett welcomed everyone. A quorum was determined. Board members present: Surry, Gene, Karen, Milo, Betsy, Jimmy, Jerry. Absent: Tricia, Claude. A motion was received from Jimmy to accept the June quarterly meeting minutes as presented. Second by Jerry.

President/Treasurer's Report: Surry reported on behalf of Claude the following: we reviewed all associated legal costs for the Park/Museum and categorized them accurately. We have one outstanding check of \$2101.00 from 2005 which Claude needs to remove from our liabilities. If we later receive an invoice, we will pay it. Current Cash \$255,737.36 with \$92,401.84 being restricted for the museum. Assets: \$76,354.18 for park property. Liabilities \$2101.00 (2005 Tercentennial check). Surry asked for discussion. Report accepted by the full board with no further discussion.

Reports of Officers

Vice President: committee reports

Secretary: old business

Reports of Committees

Small grants: Phoebe Wahab made a request for HBF to provide \$450 for an interpreter to make presentations during Bath Fest 2017. Motion by Gene. Second by Jimmy. Full board agreed funding would be provided to the Historic Bath Commission and they will distribute funding to the Bath Fest Committee. None opposed.

Museum: Gene shared that we have met with the State and they presented what they would do. They are willing to take a 5yr lease option with an option to extend. The department is willing to place \$200,000 into the exhibit and they are standing behind the loan agreement for artifacts. Partial demolition allows us to see what will be needed for stabilization. We are meeting with Stocks and Taylor on Monday to review the stabilization plan. We had a write up in the WDN yesterday and a notice was mailed for the public hearing this Sunday. Keith Hardison will share with the public the department's interest then. We have received a letter of agreement from them (read). We want to know if you are generally comfortable with the agreement. Josie Hookway inquired if it would be an exhibit space or a museum. Surry indicated the space would be managed by Historic Sites and not Museums. Gene, Surry, and Jerry shared that the space will be used as a museum. There is some concern that legislators are not spending money on museums. We did discuss naming it and also naming rooms based on funds received. The department was agreeable. Surry shared a sample form that we could use for pledges. There were no objections from the board to move forward with the agreement with the State.

Park: Gene shared the rendering of the park including the parking lot and options for new curb cut. The full board agreed that one shared curb cut would be fine if it could be negotiated between DOT and Logelfo. If not, then the curb cut which allows preservation of the greenest space is desirable. There was some discussion with CAMA and they wish for the piers and walkways to be at a level of 36" height and they want it to start where the brick ends and the wetland protection area begins. We will make an appeal to them and hopefully get some leeway. There is some indication we may need to go through a major permit to eliminate this burden. Logelfo did sign off on minor permit. Bubs gave Tom permission to remove the pear tree which was in the DOT curb cut ROW. Garden Classics has been paid \$2654.00 for installation of the buffer. Surry also indicates the Park is tax-exempt. Karen shared that signage will come later and will need to be processed through the Town's Historic District Commission and the playground boat funding of \$3000 from PNC has been forfeited because of their timeline for installation.

Award Ceremony/Fund raising: Full board agrees that the award ceremony and fund raising should be two different events. Karen and Gene shared that Leigh Swain is the nominee for receiving the award this year.

Full board concurs this is a great nominee. The date is to be determined based on her preference and how well she is doing. It is likely to be the same date as Christmas Open House.

Historic Research/Curriculum/walking tour brochure: on hold

MISC: Jimmy mentioned that he is working with Elizabeth to get the heritage apple trees installed. Josie Hookway made a presentation about St Thomas itemizing possessions and it may be possible for the museum to showcase the only remaining 1650 library book if the State has provisions for protecting it appropriately. In addition, there is silver (chalice and candelabra) from King George II.

Report of Ex-Officio Directors

Mayor of Bath: absent

Chairman Historic Bath Commission: Penny shared that HBC is supportive of museum idea and will help in any way we can. She shared that Elizabeth will later provide details about the Elizabeth II in Bath.

Manager Historic Bath State Historic Site: Elizabeth shared that they are planning Heritage Days, a campfire at the Bonner House, Smithsonian Day and the Ghost Walk will become an event every other year.

Bath High School Preservation President: Ruth shared their annual 5k event is October 22 and the Gallery is to be named Pirate Hall with some acknowledgement of Grady White Boat's financial support.

Old Business:

Karen asked Jimmy if he could take over where Jason left off on getting the cable buried at Lawson Walk. We have paid for it but Frank at Reds Cable needs to be prodded to complete the job. Karen reminded of the Len Willson memorial dedication Saturday. Email approvals: payment approved for Stocks and Taylor's initial demolition cost of \$14,200; funds approved for printing and mailing notice of museum public hearing, approval of 2015 tax return to be submitted, and to change our insurance agency to Clement Insurance. Karen reminded that we have ongoing obligation to pay temporary salary costs for having the Visitor Center open on Sunday and for tree trimming along HWY 92 on State property which will be done under supervision of an arborist. Karen will advise on excerpts needed for the winter newsletter.

Surry asked for new business. No further business was offered and Surry adjourned the meeting with notice of the next meeting to be determined based on Awards Ceremony date.

Submitted,

Karen Sayer
Secretary