

1 **New Castle Historic Preservation Commission**  
2 **Monday, May 18, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall**

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4 **Call to order**

5 Commission Chair Virginia Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.  
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7 **Roll Call**

8 Present Commissioner Blaylock  
9 Commissioner Borgard  
10 Commissioner Erickson  
11 Commissioner Rippy  
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13 Absent Commissioner Breslin  
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16 Also present at the meeting was Administrative Assistant Ryan Muse, citizens Steve  
17 White, LaRue Wentz, Alan Rayne, and Molly Rayne.  
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19 **Conflicts of Interest**

20 There were no conflicts of interest.  
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22 **Review Minutes from Previous Meeting**

23 **MOTION: Commissioner Rippy made a motion to approve the minutes as**  
24 **amended. Commissioner Borgard seconded the motion and it passed**  
25 **unanimously.**  
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27 **Commission Comments**

28 Commissioner Borgard stated that the obituary records that Commissioner Erickson  
29 has compiled regarding the Highland Cemetery are very impressive.  
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31 **Citizen Comments on Items NOT on Agenda**

32 There were no citizen comments.  
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34 **Place Naming: Trails and Other Features that Could Be Named in Honor of**  
35 **Someone or Something**

36 Commissioner Rippy asked Administrative Assistant Muse if he would obtain a map  
37 of New Castle that details trail and street names.  
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39 **Discuss Possible Survey of the Historic Residential Buildings**

40 Commissioner Erickson opened up this discussion by stating that there are multiple  
41 volunteers who would like to participate in having their home surveyed.  
42 Administrative Assistant Muse had compiled a list of the seven volunteers, this list  
43 included the owners of the house, the year their house was built, and the addresses  
44 of the properties. Administrative Assistant Muse clarified that the survey would cost  
45 money, so the purpose of this discussion was to decide whether there are enough  
46 volunteers on the list to move forward with the survey or if the commission should  
47 dismiss it. Commissioner Rippy asked Administrative Assistant Muse if the price of

1 the surveys would fluctuate depending on the amount of homes surveyed.  
2 Administrative Assistant Muse replied that he would research it. Commissioner  
3 Erickson asked who did the commercial historic survey in 1996, and would the  
4 homeowners be responsible for any of the cost. Commissioner Rippy stated that it  
5 was the Colorado Historical Society who performed the first survey and there would  
6 be no expense to the homeowners as the town would pay for the survey.

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8 Administrative Assistant Muse introduced the three property owners and survey  
9 volunteers who were present at the meeting, Steve White, LaRue Wentz, and Alan  
10 and Molly Rayne. Citizen White told the commission that his house was built in the  
11 late 1800's, possibly by Jasper Ward, the original settler of New Castle. Citizen  
12 Wentz told the commission that her house was built in 1890. Citizens' Rayne told  
13 the Commission that their house was built in 1883. All three survey volunteers had  
14 done previous research and they came to this meeting to express their sincere  
15 interest in the survey.

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17 Commissioner Borgard stated that although seven houses have expressed interest  
18 in participating, he suspects that number to grow once the word gets out that the  
19 commission is interested in pursuing this survey. He said that many people do not  
20 read the quarterly newsletter that had contained the request for survey volunteers.  
21 Citizen White expressed that it would increase property owners pride if their house  
22 were marked as historical. Commissioner Rippy agreed, adding that a property  
23 marked in the survey would increase in value. The Commission asked  
24 Administrative Assistant Muse if he would obtain costs for this survey.

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26 **MOTION: Commissioner Rippy made the motion to move forward with the**  
27 **process to bring the survey to the Town Council. Commissioner Blaylock**  
28 **seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

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31 **Additional Items**

32 There were no additional comments.

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35 **Set Next Meeting**

36 **MOTION: Commissioner Rippy made a motion that the regularly scheduled**  
37 **meeting take place on June 15, 2015. The motion was seconded by**  
38 **Commissioner Borgard and it passed unanimously.**

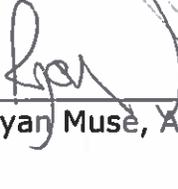
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40 The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Town of New Castle  
Historic Preservation Commission

  
Commission Chair Virginia Erickson

ATTEST:

  
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Ryan Muse, Administrative Assistant

