

**New Castle Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
August 15, 2016, 6:30p.m., Town Hall**

Call to Order

Commissioner Borgard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present Chair Erickson arrived at 6:34
 Commissioner Leland
 Commissioner Blaylock
 Commissioner Borgard
 Commissioner Rippy
Absent None

Also present at the meeting was Administrative Assistant Darlene Harrison.

Meeting Notice

Administrative Assistant Darlene Harrison verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC-2016-1

Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Items for Consideration

Consider Approval of Minutes

June 20, 2016

The commission offered corrections to the minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Leland made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Borgard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion: Museum Restoration Grant/Progress on Historic Structures Inventory Grant Application.

Commissioner Leland wanted to put a discussion about the Museum Restoration Grant on an agenda. Years ago, the Commission talked about the necessary repairs to the museum. Local Architect Patrick Stuckey had done the initial survey to determine what the costs would be. Commissioner Leland asked the commission to consider pursuing the restoration grant. The museum building was in danger of falling in because the glazed brick was in poor shape and was being held together by the stucco. The building addition was in worst condition. The building also needed roof work. He felt that if the town intended to keep the museum then something needed to be done. Commissioner Rippy asked if it would be possible to have Patrick Stuckey at the next meeting.

Commission Comments

Commissioner Rippy said he had been working on the cemetery information which was a lot of work.

Chair Erickson said that Martha & Barton Porter had made a cassette about family History in New Castle, and there were others.

Commissioner Rippy said it was fascinating going through and reading about the family histories, and how hard life was back in those days. Pete Miller's first wife had a child that died after she gave birth, then Mrs. Miller died 10 days later, and she was only 18. The number of children and infants that died showed how hard times were. Chair Erickson mentioned there was also a lot of typhoid fever and flu. Commissioner Rippy also mentioned that Mr. Ganley had been in two separate mine explosions.

Commissioner Leland asked Chair Erickson if she was the one who arranged to have information sent to him. She did and said she had received the information from her granddaughter. Commissioner Leland said that he had information for all three of the hills honorees and he will write something about them. Chair Erickson explained that Mrs. Flynn came from the Parachute area in 1927 where she taught school, then Mrs. Flynn and her husband went into oil shale. They moved to Silt and opened a drug store, then made their home in New Castle. They worked at the drug store on the corner of 4th Street for 30 years. Commissioner Leland said he read about Town Clerk Gladys Prendergast and how she mentioned that people used a mine air shaft as a garbage dump. Commissioner Rippy said he remembered that the air shaft would catch fire every so often. Commissioner Borgard added that you could see smoke in the wintertime coming from Burning Mt. then when you look at the Hogbacks you could see smoke anytime of the year. Chair Erickson mentioned the scar on the Hogbacks and how there was no growth there.

Chair Erickson also mentioned that Kathy Arthur had gotten information for Chair Erickson to give to Commissioner Leland.

Commissioner Leland mentioned that they should look at long-time families that have lived here in New Castle both for Founders Day and for any other naming opportunities. There are many trails to be named.

Set Agenda Items for September 19, 2016 Meeting

Motion: Commissioner Borgard made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rippy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Chair Virginia Erickson


Administrative Assistant Darlene Harrison

