

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

## Minutes

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 6:00 P.M. | Waynesboro City Hall

Present: Emma Williams, Peggy White, Kim Arrington, Tommy Powell, Steve Nix, Rex Gerlinger

Not Present: Rob White

Staff: Don Lively

Others Present:

The Waynesboro Historic Preservation Commission met on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00PM.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Chair Tommy Powell.
2. Review minutes from the previous meeting.
  - a. Motion to approve Rex Gerlinger
  - b. Second Steve Nix
  - c. Approved Yes **X** No \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Old Business:
  - a. Don Lively informed the commission that the annual Historic Preservation Conference will be in Athens, GA November 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. Don is still trying to arrange a local one-day training in Waynesboro, however, commissioners are encouraged to attend a training in order maintain compliance with state and national standards.
  - b. 821 Myrick Street. Don Lively informed the commission that the First Methodist Church has moved forward with plans to demolish the two-story house on the church property. They plan to meet with the commission at the meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to review the plan.
  - c. Don Lively reported to the commission that there has been no deadline set to hold property owners whose buildings were damaged by Hurricane Helene responsible for beginning repairs or renovation.
4. New Business:
  - a. 25-COA-SA-01 / 829 Academy Avenue. The property owner requested approval to replace the rotted wooden porch decking with composite decking of a similar look and design, to replace the rotted front band board with treated lumber and to replace the existing post caps at the bottom of the porch columns with new base caps of a similar look and design. Don Lively staff approved the request.

- b. 25-COA-SA-02 / 524 Jones Avenue. The property owner requested approval to enclose the rear lot in split rail fencing. Don Lively staff approved the request.
- c. 25-COA-SA-03 / 409 Jones Avenue. The property owner requested approval to replace the old shingle roof with architectural shingles of a similar color. Don Lively staff approved the request.
- d. Trees in the historic district. Since Hurricane Helene the question has once again been brought up as to whether or not trees, specifically what are called heritage trees or landmark trees, can be cut down in the historic district. There is no clear directive and based on the massive damage caused by the hurricane, property owners are asking for leniency.
- e. Waynesborough Academy. There was severe roof damage to the buildings and they were well into the repair before it was called to Don Lively's attention. So, the work was allowed to go on.

## 5. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn Rex Gerlinger
- b. Second Tommy Powell
- c. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.