

Edenton Historical Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
July 15, 2014

Minutes

The Executive Committee of the Edenton Historical Commission met Tuesday, July 15th, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the Barker House, Edenton, NC. Those attending included Chairman SallyFrancis Kehayes, Vice-Chair Libby Pope, Treasurer Jerry Climer, Secretary Ben Speller, Commissioners Tom Credle, Jim Robison and Earl Willis; and guests Karen Ipock (Historic Edenton State Historic Site Manager), Peggy Arnold (Audit Committee Chair) and Commission Executive Director Gregg Nathan.

Chairman Kehayes called the meeting to order. Secretary Ben Speller reported that a quorum was in attendance. Chairman Kehayes called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 17th, 2014 Executive Committee meeting. Chairman Kehayes asked that the idea by Libby Pope to plan quarterly receptions for Edenton newcomers be added to the notes. Ben Speller made a motion: **“To adopt the Minutes as presented”**; Earl Willis seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Gregg Nathan reported that he discussed with Win Dale (Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce) the idea of welcoming Edenton newcomers, as suggested by Libby Pope at the June 15th Executive Committee meeting. Earl Willis made a motion: **“To explore all opportunities to formally welcome Edenton newcomers to promote *Friends*, fundraising and volunteer recruitment”**; Libby Pope seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Jerry Climer reported that Piedmont Natural Gas Foundation made the grant for ground penetrating radar on the Courthouse Green to Chowan County who will then pay the consultants for the study, rather than working through the Edenton Historical Commission. As a result, Jerry Climer made a motion: **“To reduce 2014 budget lines for the Courthouse dig that included \$10,000 in grant income and \$10,000 expense for an archaeologist”**; Tom Credle seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Karen Ipock reported that she has located lighthouse fire extinguisher grenades that would make an interesting talking point, if available. An official report by the lighthouse inspector describes how Lightkeeper Clifton used them to extinguish a fire on one of the previous lighthouses. Libby Pope stated her support for the purchase of the fire extinguishing grenades. Jerry Climer made a motion: **“To authorize the expenditure up to \$750 from Roanoke River Lighthouse Restricted Funds to purchase three (3) lighthouse fire extinguisher grenades to be loaned to Historic Edenton State Historic Site for exhibit in the Roanoke River Lighthouse”**; Earl Willis seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

With no further business to consider, Earl Willis made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ben Speller and adopted unanimously. The Executive Committee adjourned at 10:41 am.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19th, 9:00 am, at the Barker House, Edenton, NC.

The next Quarterly Commission Meeting is Thursday, August 21st, 4:00 pm at Edenton Town Council Chambers.