

Edenton Historical Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
September 7, 2010
Minutes

The Executive Committee of the Edenton Historical Commission met Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. in the Barker House, Edenton, NC. Those attending included Chairman Jerry Climer, Vice-Chairman Libby Pope, Treasurer Frank Palm (by two-way speakerphone), Secretary Anne Rowe, Commissioners Bob Quinn, Earl Willis, Ben Wood, Miles Coxe, Linda Eure, (Secretary Linda Carlisle's representative on the Commission), Executive Director Gregg Nathan and Nancy Nichols (Chowan County Tourism Development Authority).

Chairman Climer called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 17, 2010, Executive Committee meeting. Bob Quinn made a motion: "To adopt the Minutes as presented"; Earl Willis seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

A motion was made by Frank Palm to: "Authorize the Barker House Restoration Committee to accept the September 4, 2010 contract offer presented by Don Herr's Dwellings, LLC to replace the columns and identified beams on the first and second floor porches and to authorize the Committee to spend no more than \$37,000 without additional approval of the Executive Committee. Further, the Committee is instructed to explore with Don Herr the potential for preserving options as construction is proceeding so the Commission's resources and the cost of the project are properly monitored." Bob Quinn seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Bob Quinn made a motion to "Authorize a \$150 sponsorship of Preservation North Carolina's 15th Anniversary event". Libby Pope seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

After reviewing the recent meeting between Commissioners and Troy Kickler (PhD), Director of the NC History Project, Bob Quinn made a motion to: "Enter into a partnership with the North Carolina History Project by providing occasional, monthly use of office space in the Barker House, at no additional costs to the Commission, for the purpose of encouraging more study and publication about the leaders and architectural history of Edenton and Chowan County".

To resolve the Commission's heretofore inability to provide health insurance coverage for employees, Libby Pope, in an Executive Committee session, made a motion to "Redefine Anne Rowe's Barker House Manager's role as a full-time salaried position at \$18,000 per year and increase Gregg Nathan's Executive Director's salary to \$46,800 per year to increase their ability to purchase individual health insurance policies; and to authorize payment of a \$1000 bonus to each full-time employee, to be deposited by the employee into their Health Savings Account once it is established and evidence of such provided to the Chairman." Earl Willis seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Bob Quinn offered a Motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Libby Pope and adopted unanimously. The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:55 am. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21st, 8 am, at the Barker House, Edenton, NC.

Submitted by Anne Rowe, Secretary

The following addendum to the Minutes was provided by Chairman Climer following the Executive Session of the September 7, 2010 Executive Committee meeting:

The Executive Committee, in an Executive session without staff present, reviewed options for providing health care benefits for full time staff. It found that a group policy was not cost effective for the organization or desirable for the employee. It concluded that a better approach would be for the Commission to enable and encourage staff to purchase individual Health Savings Account policies. Doing so can be accomplished for slightly more than budgeted to pay such cost through Chowan County for just one employee.

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There being no further business the Executive Committee adjourned at 9:55 am.