

CECIL COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
2 May 2006

Present: Cairns, Ed & Sally; Edwards, Ron & Audrey; Folk, Patricia; Simperts, Nancy; Sennstrom, Eric

Absent: Dixon, Mike

Call to order: Chairman Ed Cairns called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Patricia Folk to approve the February 2006 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Nancy Simperts. All in favor of motion, motion approved.

New business: Ed & Sally Cairns reported that they visited Capt. William Ross to tour the "Wilson Tenant House" on Joe Meltz Road. The Cairns reported that the house was lovely and has had quite a bit of money spent on its restoration. The house is included in the book "At the Head of the Bay", it is in a remote location, has a brick exterior with cedar shakes replacing the original tin roof. The windows have been replaced with 6X6 windows, there is Egyptian molding on the interior, the dwelling dates from circa 1840. Chairman Ed Cairns will encourage Capt. Ross to nominate the property for historic designation.

Chairman Ed Cairns will fax a press release to Nancy Simperts. Patricia Folk reported that she has spoken to Lisa Tome at the *Herald* and that Ms. Tome is interested in doing a story. She would like to speak or obtain more information on historic preservation from Chairman Ed Cairns. Patricia Folk stated that she has spoken to Geraldine McKeown about historic preservation. Discussion ensued regarding the historic district tax credit.

Director Sennstrom notified the HDC that two cards have been received from the recent informational brochure distribution. The HDC has indicated their desire to have Director Sennstrom contact the property owners and furnish them with the nomination form.

Patricia Folk suggested a push to advertise the HDC efforts, to advertise the importance of historic preservation, to present to organizations, to visit properties, and to encourage nominations due to imminent growth heading our way. Audrey Edwards reported that a photographer was interested in taking pictures of barns in the County for a book. He was denied permission to photograph most of the barns by the property owners. Patricia Folk suggested making presentation to Chamber of Commerce, Board of Realtors and Democrat Club. Nancy Simperts will attempt to schedule a presentation to the Board of Realtors. Discussion ensued regarding publicity efforts.

Adjournment: Chairman Ed Cairns adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: 5 July 2006, 3:00 p.m., P&Z Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric S. Sennstrom, AICP
Director – PZP&R