

Clarke County

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

AGENDA

Wednesday - 2022 November 30 - 4:00 p.m.

Town/County Government Center

101 Chalmers Court

Berryville, VA 22611



1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of minutes for July 18, July 20, Sept.21, and Sept.27, 2022
4. Public Comments

5. Report Executive Committee

6. Staff Reports
 - BZA Update
 - Battle of Berryville Project Update (grant closeout)
 - Correspondence from citizens
 - Other

7. Historic Consultant's Report
 - CLG Book Grant Update

8. CLG/other Grant projects
 - Discussion of possible grant applications for 2023
(<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/grants>)

9. Old Business
 - Annual Report
 - Historic Markers

10. New Business
 - Preliminary Discussion of 2023 Preservation Awards
 - Discussion of Historic District Guidelines

11. Commissioner Comments

12. Adjournment

**Clarke County
Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2022**

A continued meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held at 279 White Post Road in White Post, VA on September 27, 2022 at 9:00AM.

Present: Betsy Arnett (Chair), Page Carter (Vice Chair), Terri Catlett (BOS Liaison), Robin York, Billy Thompson
Absent: Bob Glover (Planning Commission Liaison), Katherine Berger, Maral Kalbian, Adeela Al-Khalili
Staff: Jeremy Camp (Sr Planner / Zoning Administrator)
Other: Mr. and Mrs. McKay (applicants)

Call to Order: Chair Arnett called The Historic Preservation Commission to order at 9:00AM.

Approval of Agenda:

The Commission unanimously approved the continued HPC agenda for September 27, 2022.

Certificate of Appropriateness – Site Visit of 279 White Post Road

After reviewing the plans to be accomplished at 279 White Post Road, the Commission was satisfied that the historic nature of the home was to be restored appropriately and within the guidelines. The Commission unanimously approved the Certificate of Appropriateness as requested by applicants.

Public Comments

None

Commissioner Comments

None

Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the Historic Preservation Commission adjourned unanimously at 9:15AM.

Betsy Arnett, Chair

Kristina Maddox, Clerk

**Clarke County
Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held at the Town/County Government Center, 101 Chalmers Court, Berryville, Virginia, on September 21, 2022, at 4:00 PM.

Present: Page Carter (Vice Chair), Adeela Al-Khalili, Terri Catlett (BOS Liaison), Robin York, Billy Thompson
Absent: Betsy Arnett (Chair), Bob Glover (Planning Commission Liaison), Katherine Berger
Staff: Jeremy Camp (Sr Planner / Zoning Administrator), Kristina Maddox (Office Manager / Zoning Officer), Maral Kalbian (County Architectural Historian)
Other: Brian and Lori McKay (applicants)

Call to Order: Vice-Chair Carter called The Historic Preservation Commission to order at 4:00PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Vice-Chair Carter entertained the motion to approve the HPC agenda for September 21, 2022. Mr. York moved to approve the motion; seconded by Ms. Catlett.

Approval of Minutes for July 20, 2022

After various comments regarding the July 20, 2022, minutes, it was decided to postpone the vote until the next meeting after the minutes have been revised.

New Business

PUBLIC HEARING Certificate of Appropriateness – 279 White Post Road

Ms. Kalbian recused herself from the public hearing due to a conflict of interest.

Vice-Chair Carter opened the public hearing after Mr. Camp summarized the application.

Vice-Chair Carter asked the applicants if they wished to change or add to the application description provided by Mr. Camp. The Applicants commented that they wanted to replace their leaking standing-seam metal roof, replace all the current wood windows, and replace and add gutters before winter. The owners had replaced the metal roof with a new one with a ridge vent before coming to the Commission for a C of A. Vice-Chair Carter asked if the Applicants had reached out to a carpenter in hopes of saving the current wood windows and asked how old the windows are. The Applicant said she was uncertain as to the age of the windows but that the previous owner had taped many of them up due to them being cracked and broken. Vice-Chair Carter said the muntin layout provided by the applicants (3/1) is different from what is currently on the house and is not typically found on homes their age. The Applicant stated they had chosen that pattern because they wanted it to resemble their neighbors and to “keep it simple.”

Mr. York asked Mr. Camp how many points within the Certificate of Appropriateness this request satisfies and how many are missed. Mr. Camp responded that the checklist had not yet been completed but said in the strictest sense that the new roof’s ridge vent (or cap) was a new feature, would be a concern. Mr. Camp clarified that according to the Department of Historic Resource’s interpretation of the Secretary of Interior’s Standards, they discourage the addition of ridge vents/caps on new standing-seam metal roofs unless the previous roof had one. He also said the guidelines do not consider window replacements as a viable option unless the windows are in such poor condition that there is no other alternative. They prefer to make every attempt to repair the windows before a replacement occurs. In the case of replacement, each windows condition is considered, and if it cannot be repaired, then the replacement window needs to be of the same size, configuration, and materials as the historic one. Mr. Camp then pointed out that installing a 3/1 window

when the current building has 6/6 and 4/4 sash, would be a deviation from the HPC Guidelines. He said he wasn't familiar with guidelines on guttering installation other than the color should match and be in compliance with the guidelines.

There was some confusion between the Commission and applicants as to how the new windows would be installed—will the sash and the frames be replaced or just the sash? Since the Commission has in the past been very mindful of allowing replacement windows within the Historic Overlay Districts, Vice Chair Carter suggested that the contractor provide further information regarding existing conditions, and how the new windows will be installed.

Vice Chair Carter proposed that the Commission meet at the site with the Applicants and the contractors to make an informed decision. She said the hope is to meet as early as next week to move things along in the process.

Ms. Al-Khalili asked if the Commission could specifically explain to the Applicants what they are looking for. Vice Chair Carter answered that the Criteria for the approving a Certificate of Appropriateness is based on the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. She said the guidelines state that historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced and that new features shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities where possible. Vice-Chair Carter said she believes the Applicant's windows are in bad shape as they claim, but that the HPC must do their due diligence and see the condition of the windows for themselves. She said if the windows need to be replaced, the details are important, so the window muntin pattern they prefer may not be appropriate for the house.

Mr. Thompson suggested sending an annual letter reminding residents of areas within Historic District Overlays of their obligation to request a Certificate of Appropriateness from the HPC for renovation work. Mr. York added that educating the Building Department would also be helpful. Ms. Kalbian noted that a brochure for White Post and Millwood was created and mailed to residents and realtors.

As there were no further items to discuss, the public hearing was closed.

Public Comments

None

Report of the Executive Committee

Vice Chair Carter said the Executive Committee met the week prior about a privacy fence request between 257 and 267 White Post Road. Ms. Kalbian said she recommended approval as the design met four of the applicable criteria. She suggested they consider staining the wooden boards and starting the fence no closer to the front of the lot than the northwest corner of the house. This was communicated to the owner who agreed with the suggested changes.

Staff Reports

BZA Update: Mr. Camp said there is nothing major to report and that the White Post Applicant was ordered to submit a letter of intent to the county by August 15, 2022. While the letter was submitted, it did not specify plan details. Mr. Camp said they are waiting until January 2023 for the Applicant to submit detailed plans, which may include modifying the structure with projecting roof potentially. Mr. Camp asked for a sketch for HPC to review.

Active Grant Update: Ms. Kalbian said she is working on the second to last chapter of the book. Mr. Camp notified the Commission that he requested an extension from DHR until the end of 2022.

Ms. Kalbian received a call for historic information on Clifton from the new property owners. She will follow up with them.

Mr. Camp announced that the Battle of Berryville project is technically still active and that the one remaining task is to complete the final financial report due in three months. Ms. Kalbian suggested that the archivist include a note or disclaimer that the Commission decided not to move forward with it as a PIF (Preliminary Information Form).

Bear's Den Historic Marker Application Update: Mr. Camp noted Mr. Seeberger's note from Mr. Seeberger in the packet that the Blue Ridge Mountain Civic Association would fully pay for the historic marker. Even though the grant was not approved, the association continues to review other sign options. Ms. Kalbian said she would ask officials at DHR what could be done to strengthen our application when she attends an upcoming event in Richmond. She said that approvals of markers are more likely if they are related to places with a statewide level of significance or have to do with underrepresented communities.

Demolition Criteria Ordinance Update: Mr. Camp said the Board of Supervisors approved the text amendment on September 20, 2022.

Ms. Kalbian suggested that the Commission review the current Design Guidelines for the Historic District Overlays and provide applicants with more specific guidelines on significant architectural features like windows, roofs, and siding replacement so that residents would better understand expectations.

Other: None.

Historic Consultant's Report

Ms. Kalbian said she has received several inquiries from residents regarding historical questions; she has responded to them all. She added that Alison Teetor asked her to look at Liberty Hill and do a V-CRIS (VA Cultural Resource Information System) entry on the property as they are interested in an easement.

CLG/Other Grant projects

Discussion of future projects/applications: Vice-Chair Carter suggested that we review our guidelines for historic districts as a recommended budget request item for 2023 to which Ms. Kalbian volunteered to ask if that would be considered a CLG grant.

Ms. Kalbian suggested looking into some of the unmarked African American cemeteries as an upcoming project. She said DHR had initially stated it would be interesting to have cadaver dogs at Blandly to see how their results would compare to the ground penetrating radar study that was previously done. She spoke to another DHR representative who stated they weren't sure that project would qualify for a grant as it would be using state money for a state-owned property. He said, however, that he wanted the Blandly nomination updated to include all the African American history that has been revealed. Ms. Kalbian also suggested the Old Chapel nomination as another future project.

Discussion of any budget request for next fiscal year

Mr. Camp said one change to make this year is to allocate funds specifically for the annual awards luncheon.

Commissioner Comments

Mr. Camp stated that the Commission decided that it was inappropriate to get involved regarding the Josephine Street homes. He said Chair Arnett sent a letter to the Town of Berryville with recommendations and stressed the importance of structure preservation. Ms. Al-Khalili said she would share the information with the museum board of directors at their next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the Historic Preservation Commission adjourned unanimously at 5:23PM. Mr. York moved to approve the motion, seconded by Ms. Catlett.

Page Carter, Vice Chair

Kristina Maddox, Clerk

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**Clarke County
Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held at the Town/County Government Center, 101 Chalmers Court, Berryville, Virginia on July 20, 2022 at 4:00PM.

Present: Betsy Arnett (Chair), Adeela Al-Khalili, Robin York, Billy Thompson, Katherine Berger
Phone In: Terri Catlett (BOS Liaison)
Absent: Bob Glover (Planning Commission Liaison), Page Carter
Staff: Jeremy Camp (Sr Planner / Zoning Administrator), Kristina Maddox (Office Manager / Zoning Officer), Maral Kalbian (County Architectural Historian)
Other: Barbara Byrd

Call to Order: Chair Arnett called The Historic Preservation Commission to order at 4:07PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Chair Arnett entertained the motion to approve the HPC agenda for May 18, 2022. Ms. Berger moved to approve the motion, seconded by Mr. York.

Approval of Minutes for May 18, 2022

Ms. Catlett noted that she was not in attendance at the May 18, 2022 special meeting.

New Business

PUBLIC HEARING Certificate of Appropriateness – 40 Berrys Ferry Road

Chair Arnett opened the public hearing. Ms. Kalbian explained that only five of the design criteria applies to reroofing. She described the roof as having a bell-shaped corner tower and that while the roof is currently made of asphalt, the owners wish to reroof using copper. She continued that the height and proportion will not change and that according to the 1983 nomination; it had a standing seam metal roof. She concluded that she did not see an issue with the current owners using unpainted copper as it will eventually become a darker color and sees that it is an appropriate treatment and as such recommends approval of the certificate.

Chair Arnett opened the hearing for public comments. A member of the public asked for clarification on the report that it is a standing seam metal roof as opposed to a flat metal roof. Ms. Kalbian responded that it will be a turn seam and noted that the 1983 survey listed it as a standing seam metal roof, and that she couldn't tell if it was flat or turned from the photographs and it was not specified.

Mr. York and Mr. Thompson asked if the entire roof was being reroofed which Ms. Kalbian replied that it was just the bell-shaped corner at this time. They replied they thought it was slate versus asphalt. Ms. Kalbian responded that it could have been slate at one time.

Chair Arnett entertained the motion to approve the certificate of appropriateness for 40 Berrys Ferry Road to reroof the corner bell tower with copper. The motion was moved by Ms. Berger and seconded by Mr. York and unanimously approved.

Prior to closing the public hearing, Ms. Byrd asked how long it took to replace the post at White Post. Mr. Thompson said it has been three or four weeks and that they just received the poplar from McFarland's Mill that day as it was delayed due to supply chain issues. Ms. Byrd asked if they caught the person that hit it to which Mr. Thompson replied they had.

Ms. Byrd said she had some comments regarding the Battle of Berryville and read from a letter that she wrote opposing any action from the county or Historic Preservation Commission to DHR (Department of Historic Resources).

Report of the Executive Committee:

Chair Arnett said the Executive Committee held a meeting regarding the Battle of Berryville grant report and set the agenda for the meeting but no action was taken.

Staff Reports

BZA Update: Mr. Camp said the County won the court hearing and that Mr. Legge has to have two things corrected by January 2023 and that he had 30 days to appeal from the date of final order. He said the 30 days has since expired and that we are now waiting for him to submit his plans in the next few months but that essentially he has until January 2023. Ms. Catlett asked about an August deadline to which Mr. York replied the August deadline was for Mr. Legge to submit a corrective action plan to the county. Mr. York asked what type of follow up is in order when and if that day comes and passes as it would then be a violation of court order. Mr. Camp responded that he would follow up and potentially return to court where the judge could perhaps strengthen the order and possibly add fines. Mr. Camp confirmed that a contractor has contacted the county to discuss some plan options.

Bear's Den Historic Marker Application Update: Mr. Camp said DHR reviewed and approved 5 of the 20 applications they received and we were not selected. Mr. Camp asked if there was anything that could have done to improve our application and was told our application did not have high scores as it did not meet their underrepresented groups selection criteria nor did it intertwine with the topic they were interested in exploring. After explaining the overall situation to new HPC member, Ms. Al-Khalili, Chair Arnett said they had discussed possibly protesting the approval limit of 5 applications per year. Ms. Kalbian said DHR was administratively overwhelmed due to the backlog during COVID and also if we needed to re-apply later on or just forward on the current application. Mr. Camp said the DHR representative has yet to reply.

Other: Mr. Camp noted the information that was passed out regarding information on grants and that it looked like CLGs are coming up in the fall or winter but no precise dates are given.

Ms. Kalbian said she met with the Town of Berryville regarding the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program possibilities for Josephine Street but that they would need to become a CLG in order to qualify.

Mr. York asked if there was anything grant-related the HPC could do regarding fish weirs. Ms. Kalbian said she has discussed this with the archaeologists and DHR about it and suggested that underwater archaeologist come look at the river. She said this would finalize the discussions surrounding whether or not it is a fish weir or something associated with the mill. She suggested that perhaps we could look into getting a state grant versus federal. She added that most of the historically significant properties in the county were listed in the 1960's and 1970's that do not fully address the complete history and noted there is an underrepresented community grant program that takes existing national register nomination and updates them. She said the problem is the houses are now privately owned. Chair Arnett asked if Ms. Kalbian could compile a list of the properties that she thought we should target for that potential grant.

Historic Consultant's Report

Ms. Kalbian said the book is coming along and noted she had provided a sample copy for the Commission to review. She then asked Mr. Camp if he had reached out to Aubrey who will extend the deadline to December. Mr. Camp said he had but the email had some technical errors so he had planned to call her instead.

Ms. Kalbian noted she worked with the consultants on the court house a few months ago regarding the grounds. She said a Board of Supervisors meeting minutes in the courthouse basement indicated when the concrete sidewalks went in. She said she was looking for site plans but could not find them.

Ms. Kalbian said she made comments regarding the Carter Hall land use plan that was submitted. Mr. Camp explained that the owner submitted a special use permit and site plan application for a country inn and that while Carter Hall is not in a local Historic District, it has its own national register and is also listed in the Greenway Rural Historic District and they had asked Ms. Kalbian for comments to ensure the new plan would not disrupt the historic character of the property. He noted this was paid for by a separate consultant fee funding.

Battle of Berryville Grant

Chair Arnett said the two deliverables from the project were the report and the PIF (Preliminary Information Form) that was submitted to DHR. Ms. Al-Khalili asked if there were any other comments from citizens with the same report inconsistencies concerns as Ms. Byrd. Ms. Kalbian said professionals reviewed the first draft and as there were some issues, they were resolved within the second draft. She said she felt that more field work could have been done in order to better justify the boundaries of the district.

Chair Arnett said the question is to accept or deny the report and to decide whether the PIF should be forwarded to DHR. Chair Arnett asked if everyone was satisfied with the final report from RGA and noted she did not think we could go back to them at this point and ask for further efforts. Chair Arnett confirmed there are two separate action items to consider. One is to accept the letter as is and close out the grant and the second item is deciding on whether or not to forward the PIF to DHR. She said she still believes that it is a good product but believes it might be flawed.

Chair Arnett entertained a motion to accept the final report as is by Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. Mr. York moved to accept the report and Ms. Berger seconded.

Chair Arnett said she thought the contractual obligations were met to which Ms. Catlett agreed that we needed to pay in good faith. Chair Arnett said RGA prepared a PIF but that accepting the report does not obligate us to pursue a national register nomination or a nomination to the Virginia landmarks register. She continued that even if we move forward with the PIF we would need funding to write it. Chair Arnett asked for confirmation in that there has not been a lot of support from this body to move forward with a national register nomination for the battlefield. Mr. York commented he did not believe so at this stage. Ms. Al-Khalili asked if it would involve more community input and if people want this to become part of the national registry. Chair Arnett said they have heard from people who want to know more or from people who are vehemently opposed.

Chair Arnett said she believed the body wishes to accept the report and the draft PIF from the consultants but not move forward with submitting the PIF to DHR for national register eligibility because of the above outlined concerns.

CLG/other Grant projects

Discussion of future projects/applications: Chair Arnett said CLG grants are due in March or May of next year so we need to start thinking of what we might apply for and suggested that we have a discussion on this during the next meeting in September with a list of possible applications for CLG grants. Mr. Camp noted that a budget discussion needs to be discussed as well.

Old Business

Demolition Criteria Ordinance – Chair Arnett said she spoke at the Planning Commission’s public hearing and that there were no questions. Mr. Camp confirmed that the next step for the demolition ordinance is to go before the Board of Supervisors and then they would hold a public hearing in September. While she will be out of town for part of September, Chair Arnett hopes to be present and speak at the meetings on behalf of the commission.

Commissioner Comments

Ms. Kalbian received a call from a citizen in Millwood asking if the county provided any type of financial assistance as his roof was leaking. He said he had received quotes for \$40,000 for a standing seam metal roof replacement and \$24,000 for asphalt shingles. She said that while this property is not in a local historic district but was curious to know what happened with help with housing or community fund that could help with some of these houses. Ms. Catlett said that while help with housing program no longer exists, the funds go toward Habitat for Humanity and suggested the Millwood Community Association to be an avenue for help. Chair Arnett asked if the Paul Bruhn grant would be applicable in this situation to which Ms. Kalbian said no because with that type of grant there is a pool of money to start with and that while there is a lot of effort involved, it could address a lot of the demolition by neglect issues. Ms. Kalbian said she would contact the property owner and suggest he call both Habitat for Humanity and the Millwood Community Association to see if they could help him with funding.

Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the Historic Preservation Commission adjourned unanimously at 5:15PM. Mr. York moved to approve the motion, seconded by Ms. Berger.

Betsy Arnett, Chair

Kristina Maddox, Clerk

**Clarke County
Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2022**

A special meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held at the Town/County Government Center located at 101 Chalmers Court, Berryville, Virginia on July 18, 2022 at 6:00PM.

Present: Betsy Arnett (Chair), Robin York, Terri Catlett (Board of Supervisors Liaison)
Phone In: None
Absent: Bob Glover (Planning Commission Liaison), Page Carter, Billy Thompson, Katherine Berger
Staff: Jeremy Camp (Sr Planner / Zoning Administrator), Kristina Maddox (Office Manager / Zoning Officer), Maral Kalbian (County Architectural Historian), Chris Boies (County Administrator), Brandon Stidham (Director of Planning)
Other: Barbara Byrd, Jill, various Clarke County citizens

Call to Order: Chair Arnett called The Historic Preservation Commission special meeting to order at 6:02PM.

Battle of Berryville: Military Terrain Analysis and Historic Context Study

Chair Arnett explained that the purpose of the meeting was to receive the final report, findings and recommendations from our consultants on the Battle of Berryville research project. She said the County received a grant from the American Battlefields Protection Program, which is part of the National Park Service and that it was a fully funded grant. She added that the purpose of the grant was to research not only the battlefield itself but the site of the battlefield, determine what historic resources might remain, and determine if there is eligibility for a National Register nomination. She stated that this project does not obligate us to move forward with the National Register nomination but that the information in itself was well worth the efforts involved.

Introduction by Chair

Chair Arnett introduced Michael Gall and Sean McHugh of Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

Presentation by Richard Grubb & Associates

Mr. Gall and Mr. McHugh reviewed a Battle of Berryville presentation.

Concluding Remarks / Next Steps

Mr. Gall said the initial report was reviewed by the county whose comments were integrated into this final report. He added that the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) provided consultation and that a preliminary information form (PIF) was also completed. He said this final report summarizes various components as part of the survey to include the introduction, the historic context development, photos of the landscape, sensitivity analysis for archaeological purposes, the proposed redefined battlefield boundary, as well as recommendations from the county. Additionally, he said the report includes the discussion regarding whether or not the historic resources actually contain enough integrity to even be significant and is the battle defined enough in historic documents to be worthy of significance to which they believe it is at the county level. He explained that the PIF summarizes the results of the survey report to DHR and allows them to determine National Register eligibility should the county wish to proceed with next steps. He said that it was up to the county as to how they wish to proceed on next steps.

Questions and Answers

Chair Arnett said submitting a PIF is part of the process and that there were two deliverables to this project. She said the first is the completed report and the other is the PIF that will go to DHR. She reiterated that

submitting the form does not obligate us in any way to move forward with the National Register nomination. She noted the map and said the majority of the area is already in the Long Marsh Run National Register Historic District. She added that in order to move forward with the National Register nomination, money would be needed to write it and the county would have to apply for grants and also have the support of residents. She said as of to date, we do not have resident support. She said that it is the intention of the Historic Preservation Commission is to submit the PIF to DHR, but this would be considered at the next HPC meeting. She said there was a lot gained in the research including a better understanding of how the battle progressed and of what features of the battle still exist on the landscape and have documented those for posterity. She said she is pleased with the results and what was accomplished with the grant-funded project. She opened the floor for public comment and questions.

Ms. Barbara Byrd asked Richard Grubb and Associates, Inc. if the research was done by looking at old maps, journals, and driving the roads. They confirmed and added that secondary sources, historian Scott Patchan's work detailing the battle, larger military volumes, and Sheridan's campaign details were also used. They said the Civil War is one of the most documented and written about wars in our country. They also noted that in order to do the military terrain analysis, they went into those primary accounts and after-action reports detailing where a soldier was and what regimen they were part of. Ms. Byrd then asked for confirmation as to whether or not the properties were actually walked on or flown over to which Richard Grubb and Associates, Inc. replied they were not.

Ms. Butler asked about the time and start of the battle to which Mr. Gall replied that it took place at 4:30PM. Ms. Butler then asked if the Confederate move was on order. Mr. Gall responded that it was a meeting engagement where two opposing forces met by chance and provided a detailed description of the battle. Ms. Butler asked what the tactical objectives were on both sides. Mr. Gall replied that each side had their own objectives and were operating on different rules and provided a description of the battle. Ms. Butler also asked about the impacts of the omitted areas where there has been recent development. Mr. Gall and Mr. McHugh answered that the landscape has been graded and altered in those noted areas and was therefore omitted and that the areas that were included still have integrity as the land has not been altered.

Ms. Byrd asked where the battle took place. Mr. Gall and Mr. McHugh answered that it took place on either side of Berryville Pike and noted that the initial engagement took place near St. Bridget.

Ms. Butler asked Chair Arnett about the concerns of the property owners. Chair Arnett replied that there have been concerns but that being on the National Register of Historic Places has no bearing on a personal private property owner's ability to do what they want to do with their property. Chair Arnett said she believed there is concern that it might be a first step to creating a local historic district.

There were no further public questions or comments.

Adjournment

Chair Arnett adjourned the special meeting at 6:55PM.

Betsy Arnett, Chair

Kristina Maddox, Clerk

From: "Scott Seeberger" <seeberger@aol.com>
To: "Jeremy Camp" <jcamp@clarkecounty.gov>
Cc: "Bill Waite" <waitebluemont@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2022 12:40:34 PM
Subject: Re: BDRHD HHM Final Package and/or Writeup

Jeremy,

During BRMCA's Board meeting last week, the BDRHD HHM initiative was briefly discussed. Our association would still like to pursue recognizing this historic district on the mountain. We believe there are three possible courses of action to pursue for 2023:

COA 1: Resubmit the previous application package with no change.

COA 2: Rewrite the previous application package and highlight the importance of the Bluemont Colored School within the verbiage. Submit this application.

COA 3: Do not resubmit an application package. Instead, fund a private sign (SEWAH Studios in OH) that is similar in design to the HHM. These signs are displayed along Loudoun County's Snickersville Turnpike with a cream background. Of note, the turnpike received Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places status this year, but the Snickersville Turnpike Association is not pursuing HHM designation. The association has purchased two new SEWAH manufactured signs highlighting this significant designation.

If the Clarke County HPC supported COA 3, would Maral Kalbian be willing to allow her application verbiage to be used on the sign?

Thanks for all that you and the HPC do to protect our county's history.

Scott
303-949-6910

From: "muy muy feliz" <muy.muy.feliz@runbox.com>
To: "Jeremy Camp" <jcamp@clarkecounty.gov>
Sent: Sunday, November 13, 2022 4:09:58 PM
Subject: Re: Old Buckmarsh Burying Ground

Mr. Camp,

Alas, my work hours conflict with your work hours. I've tried to get there in person to meet, but my available hours haven't lined up.

I did drive there the morning of Nov 8th, to discover that the town offices were closed.

Can you please check records for a footprint for the BuckMarsh Church?

Can you please check records for the BuckMarsh burying ground?

I've attached some documents to assist you in your search.

Cemetery Name: Old Buckmarsh Cemetery (dba Trap Hill Burying Ground LC, VA SCC Entity S1153925)

2. John Byrd currently owns the land and the adjacent land. He acquired it from his father, Harry Byrd, Jr.

Together, they let me visit the land and showed me the marker from the church that used to stand there.

Harry Byrd, Jr told me that his father acquired the land and surrounding land around the 1930s.

3. Clarke County tax records list the address for the Trapp Hill Burying Ground as the same address for the Berryville Baptist Church.

The Berryville Baptist church pastor told me that they have NO current connection to the burying ground.

The Clarke County tax records appear to not be accurate.

4. Three of my ancestors are buried there -

my 5th great grandparents, Phebe & Isaac LaRue, Sr. and my 6th great grandfather, Peter LaRue.

There used to be gravestones (please see the attached photo).

At this time, there are no gravestones/markers.

The individuals buried there are:

Rev. James Ireland (please see the attached marker that is on the property)

Peter LaRue 25 Mar 1688 Kingston, Ulster County, New York - 7 May 1783 (aged 95) (documented Patriot, documented by the Huguenot Society,)

Isaac LaRue, Sr 11 Jan 1713 - 20 Mar 1795 (documented Patriot, documented by the Huguenot Society)

Phebe Carman LaRue 4 Mar 1725 - 25 Jan 1804 (daughter of Quaker Rev James Carman 1677–1756)

Jabez LaRue (not my lineage - marker moved long ago to Green Hill Cemetery, Berryville.

Caretaker told me that the body was NOT moved).

James LaRue (not my lineage - marker moved long ago to Green Hill Cemetery, Berryville. Caretaker told me that the body was NOT moved).

It appears that Ground-penetrating radar would provide us with much needed answers.

Can the Clarke County Historic Preservation Committee please assist me?

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Renee LaRue, M.A.