

**TOWN OF CAMERON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
October 3, 2023
MINUTES**

Chair, Gary Oldham called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

REGULAR MEETING

- A. Roll call: present: Kay Kelly, Sandy Leiby, Carol Oakley, and Wendy Butner.
- B. Approval of Agenda
Gary Oldham made a motion to approve the agenda, Carol Oakley seconded, all in favor, motion passes.
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes from August 1, 2023, regular meeting

Gary Oldham made a motion to approve the minutes, Sandy Leiby seconded, all in favor, motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (there is a sign-up sheet) Comments are limited to three minutes. If additional time is desired, it requires approval of the board.

- Swearing in of Witness' (if any)

None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- D. Information Booth at Fall Antiques Street Fair
Sandy Leiby offered a spot for the sale of merchandise; t-shirts donated by Ken and Jane Fairbanks will be available for purchase for \$15, post cards available for sale. 3 for \$5, and Cameron Historic Books available for purchase for \$20, proceeds from all going to Historic Preservation Commission.
- E. Discussion on next project
The Town Clerk shared that would be a good idea for the HPC to send a letter to the owner of the Historic Jail and inquire about purchasing the jail and moving to Town owned property where it could be used for a museum as it was originally intended, sharing with current owner that the intent is to continue to improve maintenance and preserve historic structures. The Town Clerk noted she frequently receives calls from people wanting to tour the jail. Kay Kelly shared some history behind the jail.
- F. Local Landmarking
Discussion of local landmarking on 121 Carthage St and 1780 NC HWY 24-27 both have expressed interest in becoming a local landmark.

Other Topics:

Sandy Leiby expressed interest in a historic property demo by neglect, what are our capabilities of trying to get the owners to do something to fix them and not let the properties gradually fall in.

Gary Oldham stated that once the roof begins to go, that is the beginning of the end, also, noting that finances may be a problem for some. More of a proponent of a soft touch than a hard hand.


Kay Kelly feels it needs to start with the Town and the Commissioner's, she feels the Town should have done something in the past and we wouldn't be having this problem today. Adding that in other Towns, when owners of neglect property and notified and they do not step up, the Town steps in and fixes it and places a lien on the property.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Oldham adjourned the meeting at 6:38pm, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

 Carol Oakley, Co- Chair

 Wendy Butner, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

(ATTEST)