

**City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 9, 2014—7:30 AM**  
**City Training Room**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Ernie Bacon, David Eagan, Thomas Flagel, Sam Gant, Mike Grainger, Robert Huff, Sam Huffman, Eric Jacobson, Pam Lewis, Mary Pearce, Jay Sheridan, Mike Skinner, J.T. Thompson, Deborah Warnick (arrived at 7:57), Sam Whitson

**Staff Present:** Amanda Hall, Deanna Scheffel, Susan Coleman

Chair Sheridan called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m.

**Minutes December 12, 2013.**

Mr. Skinner moved to approve the minutes as submitted for December 12, 2013 meeting. Mr. Whitson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (12-0).

**Election of 2013 Chair & Vice Chair.**

Mr. Skinner moved to nominate Mr. Jay Sheridan to be Chair for the 2014 year. Mr. Whitson seconded the motion.

Mr. Gant moved to close the nominations. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion, and motion passed (12-0).

With Mr. Skinner having nominated Mr. Sheridan and having the nomination seconded by Mr. Whitson, the motion passed unanimously (12-0).

Ms. Lewis moved to nominate Mr. Whitson as Vice-Chair for the 2013 year. Mr. Skinner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (12-0).

Mr. Gant moved to close the nominations. Mr. Skinner seconded the motion, and motion passed (12-0).

With Ms. Lewis having nominated Mr. Sheridan and having the nomination seconded by Mr. Skinner, the motion passed unanimously (12-0).

**Discussion Regarding Federal Line Markers.**

Chair Sheridan stated that Mr. Gant sent out a prototype of a line marker, and Ms. Hall passed out pictures. Mr. Sheridan requested to know the material type.

Mr. Gant stated he would think it is some type of resin material that would go over a post.

Mr. Huffman explained that it is a light material that is basically a styrofoam with a slick finish. Mr. Huffman explained that weed-eaters will tear them up and suggested a concrete base be considered as well.

Ms. Pearce stated she is personally a little afraid of them and would like to see one first. Ms. Pearce suggested ordering one.

Mr. Whitson suggested a simple wood post stenciled on both sides. Mr. Whitson showed a picture of a post and a cannon stencil design.

Ms. Pearce stated the signs that they [the Heritage Foundation] do are done by Ricky Smith and maybe someone should ask him for suggestions.

Chair Sheridan requested to know the total number needed.

Ms. Pearce stated 22 are needed and suggested square metal with finials on top. Ms. Pearce stated she did not know the cost but that it would not hurt to check with Ricky Smith.

Mr. Skinner and Mr. Whitson stated there could be a state road block. Mr. Skinner stated the posts need to be easily replaceable due to the accidents, etc. Mr. Skinner stated he would discuss with legal any issues that could arise after identifying the locations to be used.

Discussion ensued on colors, post size, etc.

Ms. Pearce suggested the next step be a mock-up of the post for everyone to look at.

Ms. Lewis suggested going to look at an example somewhere that has this in place already to help expedite the process.

Mr. Jacobson stated he did not get all the research done he had wanted to because he did not like the map he had.

Mr. Huffman suggested 6 x 6 posts be used.

Ms. Pearce suggested the processes that will need to be gone through to get this approved should be started.

Ms. Hall stated she would need the names of the main roads to present for approval.

Mr. Jacobson stated they are Lewisburg Avenue, Adams Street, Columbia Avenue, W. Main Street, 96 West, Hillsboro Road, and Natchez Street.

Chair Sheridan requested to know from where they should seek funding.

Ms. Hall stated this commission request funding from BOMA.

Ms. Lewis stated she would find the funding and take care of it.

## **Announcements and Other Business.**

- **Commissioner Terms/Appointments**

Ms. Hall stated that next week is the BOMA meeting and every commissioner with an expired term will be reappointed. Ms. Hall stated Dianne Christian will be newly appointed to this commission.

Discussion on the by-laws ensued pertaining to member removal, term limits, and organizational groups.

Ms. Hall explained that changes to the ordinance must go before BOMA and that she would talk to Legal for direction on how to proceed.

Mr. Skinner moved to have Ms. Hall look into how the by-laws could be changed concerning term limits organizational groups. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (13-0).

- **Individual Commissioner Announcements**

Ms. Warnick stated visitor guides were being printed using the new logo and that this will be the first official use of the logo.

Ms. Hall stated she was working on a grant application for a Ground Penetration Survey of the historic cemeteries and that it would help if each organization from this commission would write a letter in favor of this.

Mr. Grainger stated the Civil War Trust has put out a press release and that the Dominos site was included in the release.

Ms. Pearce stated the Cotton Gin house is in process to be moved, and when it is moved, Fred Prouty [of the Tennessee Wars Commission] will do a dig.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

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Acting Secretary