

*Walkertown Historical Society*  
*Minutes*  
*September 4, 2007 – 2:00 P.M.*  
*Special Called Meeting*

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Jumper. Present were Mr. Jumper, Wayne Mabe, Harold Warner, Wayne Biby, Jane Morris, and Clerk Lynn. Also present was Councilmember Sarah Welch. Mr. Warner requested permission to leave early due to a pre-arranged medical appointment.

Discussion started with the group questioning the purpose of this committee. Mr. Warner, after painstakingly researching minutes and speaking with council, felt that the group was charged only with limited objectives – to determine suitable uses for the Booe house on Sullivantown Road. Ms. Welch stated that the group needs to clarify what the “*Historical Society*” actually is and Mr. Mabe pointedly asked if this committee was a legitimate committee? Ms. Welch said the nominations for the group had been made in open session at a council meeting, but that the main discussion was an informal discussion made after the council had adjourned – so nothing was contained in any minutes about the council’s objectives for the group. She understood that the council charged the group with looking at the house and making recommendations as to its possible uses. Mr. Warner reiterated his thoughts that this committee’s only purpose was to come up with suggestions as to how the Booe house is to be used. He also said that no money will be given to the group and we cannot contact the town attorney. His thoughts were that after we turn the suggestions over to the Town Council, then we are through.

Mr. Mabe asked if we had the authority to make recommendations on the Historical Society? Mr. Biby said he got two things out of the town council meeting – (1) what to do with the house and (2) look into the need of the historical Society to take care of artifacts in Walkertown. He felt we were going down one road and not doing what we should have. We need to get back to the council with suggestions on the house and what Walkertown needs as a group to preserve artifacts.

Ms. Morris said we don’t need that house to be used as a historical building – it’s not really that “old” anyway. There are other places we can use.

Mr. Jumper said it’s up to us to suggest to the town what uses the house can be used for – we should let the people in the town speak and tell what they think. We also need to agree among ourselves that the Town of Walkertown needs a Historical Society. We should



6. Correct the water problems (leak in basement).
7. Paint the entire house.
8. Mr. Jumper, along with the consensus of the group, recommended that Walkertown start a Historical Society. In stating this, he said the Society will have no less than one and possibly up to two or more rooms for the Society's exclusive use at no charge or cost to the Society.
9. Mr. Jumper recommended that we have a Public Session at the Town Council meeting to let the public speak on their recommended uses of the Booe house – uses, of course, subject to the approval of the Town Council.
  - Ms. Morris would make up flyers to put around town. Mr. Biby wondered if flyers would be necessary. (No decision on this.)
  - Ms. Welch recommended that the Public Session be put on September's Council meeting agenda under "FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION" to alert the public that we will schedule Public Sessions for October and November.
  - Lynn would put information on town's website.

Mr. Mabe left the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Discussion continued about the recommendations for the Booe house.

Mr. Jumper also thought

10. An 8-foot privacy fence separating the Booe house from the next door neighbor would be an asset and would enhance our property.

The chain link fence, already on the property, was discussed and it was decided that the fence should remain for security reasons.

The question arose that since we had this meeting today, should we continue to hold our next regular meeting which would be on the 13<sup>th</sup>? The group decided to continue on as scheduled. This meeting was an "extra" meeting.

As per prior meeting participants' approval, Mr. Warner left the meeting at 3:24 p.m. due to medical appointment.

Mr. Jumper reiterated that committees can only make recommendations – not decisions.

More discussion ensued about various improvements that could be made to the property and no actual decision was involved.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Biby moved that the meeting adjourn at 4:00 p.m. and Ms. Morris seconded. With the vote of Biby, Morris, and Jumper, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Committee Secretary