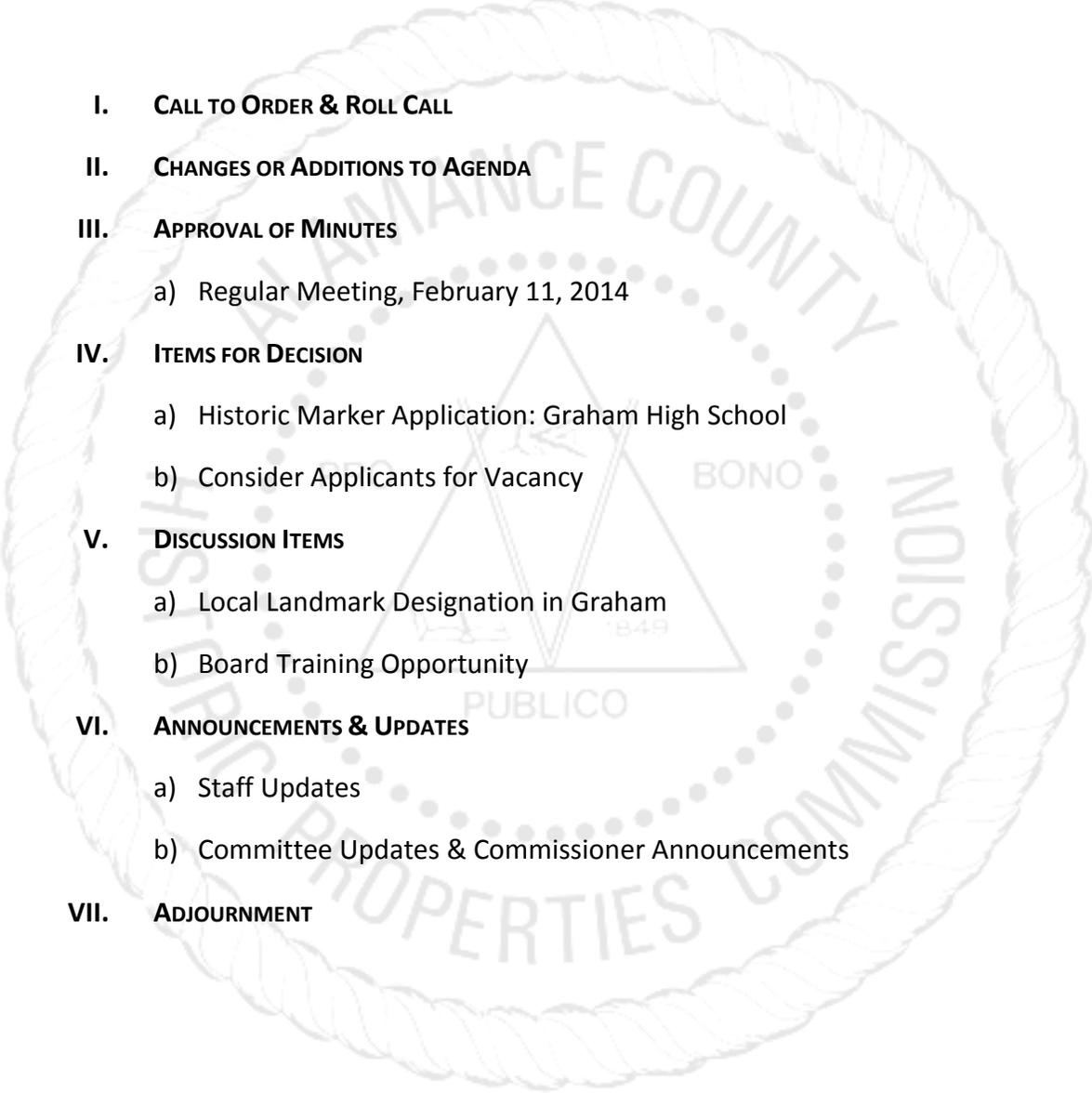


**AGENDA  
ALAMANCE COUNTY  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION**

Tuesday, March 11, 2014  
6:00 pm, Office Annex Conference Room  
217 College Street, Graham NC 27253

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- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
  - II. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**
  - III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
    - a) Regular Meeting, February 11, 2014
  - IV. ITEMS FOR DECISION**
    - a) Historic Marker Application: Graham High School
    - b) Consider Applicants for Vacancy
  - V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
    - a) Local Landmark Designation in Graham
    - b) Board Training Opportunity
  - VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES**
    - a) Staff Updates
    - b) Committee Updates & Commissioner Announcements
  - VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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**ALAMANCE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION**  
**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday February 11, 2014**  
6:00 p.m., Office Annex Conference Room

**Members Present**

John Braxton  
Rodney Cheek, *Vice Chair*  
Bryan Dalton  
Marti Friddle, *Chair*  
David Mickey  
Laurie Smith

**Members Absent**

Jimmy Ray Cobb Jr.  
Gale Pettiford  
Ida Stephens  
Jennifer Talley

**Staff Present**

Aspen Price, *Planner*

**Guests Present**

Ravi Balan  
Jane Iseley

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Marti Friddle called the February 11, 2014 meeting of the Alamance County Historic Properties Commission to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Ms. Price completed the roll call and confirmed that a quorum of members was present.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Friddle asked if there were any changes to the minutes. None were suggested.

**Motion:** Mr. Cheek made a motion to approve the January 14, 2014 minutes; it was seconded by Mr. Dalton.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

**III. New Business**

**Review Applicants for Vacancy:** Ms. Price informed the Commission that Pat Bailey's passing created a vacancy, and they had two applicants to consider tonight. Ms. Price stated that Ravi Balan was present, and that they also had an application from Jane Iseley but she had not received a confirmation from Ms. Iseley that she would be present at the meeting. Ms. Price noted that Ms. Iseley had served on the Commission in the past. Mr. Braxton stated that Ms. Iseley had first started serving on the Commission in the early 1980's and she had worked on the cemetery survey at the time. Mr. Cheek added that Ms. Iseley had just rotated off the Planning Board.

Ms. Price introduced Ravi Balan and stated that he met with her a few weeks prior to learn more about the Historic Properties Commission and what it does. She stated that he moved to this area in the past year because he had family living in Mebane, he works in Durham, and he has a great interest in doing something in the community, whether it is with the Historic Properties Commission or the Planning Board, and she added that he had submitted an application for both. Ms. Price stated that Mr. Balan has a background in hospitality and currently works in financial services.

Ms. Friddle asked Mr. Balan how long he has lived here. Mr. Balan responded he has lived here about a year. Ms. Smith asked him if he had any architectural background or in

history. Mr. Balan stated that he has always been a keen student of history, particularly American history. Ms. Friddle asked Mr. Balan if there was anything else he wanted to tell the Commission. Mr. Balan responded that he worked in hospitality for about fifteen years, and while he and his wife have wanted to move to the area for about five years now, they were finally able to make it happen this last year. Mr. Balan stated that he was very grateful for all the things that they enjoy in this community, and has felt strongly since they got here that to understand it even better that he needed to get involved, it is something that he feels very passionate about. Mr. Balan stated that he sees a tremendous opportunity in this role, that there are different ways to create awareness of the rich culture and the heritage that the county has. Ms. Friddle thanked Mr. Balan for his interest.

Ms. Price noted that Ms. Iseley had entered the room during the discussion. She stated that Ms. Iseley has lived in Alamance County for 54 years, she lives in the Morton township, she is an architectural photographer with many books published, and she served previously on the HPC. Ms. Friddle stated that she understood Ms. Iseley has a farm. Ms. Iseley affirmed that she lives on a farm in the northern end of the county that has been in her family since 1790. She added that she did serve on the Historic Properties Commission back in the 1980s when she first came back from Colonial Williamsburg, where she worked for ten years. She stated that she is currently working on her 38<sup>th</sup> architectural photography book in Charleston this winter.

Ms. Iseley stated that she had unfinished business with this Commission that she is anxious to revisit. She said that the Commission worked on a cemetery survey in the early eighties, which she spent a year working on in her area, north of the railroad track and west of Highway 62, and they found over 110 cemeteries in that area that were private cemeteries. She noted that there were several Commission members who worked on it throughout the county over the course of a year, and the materials were turned in and lost. She stated that she had been asking questions through the years and they finally found it stored back in a warehouse. She said she was not sure if the Commission had discussed it or not. Ms. Price responded that they do have the materials in their files and that the previous Planner had mapped out their locations on GIS, but noted that it is not on the interactive GIS map for the county but on a separate PDF map. Ms. Price stated that staff has gone that far but was not sure if there was more work that Ms. Iseley was interested in doing. Ms. Iseley stated that she did not realize that they had actually mapped them and asked how many did they find. Ms. Price stated that she was not sure but believed it was a couple hundred. Ms. Iseley stated that she felt it would be appropriate to go back to old minutes and see what was reported at the time and then compare that to what the Planner found. She added that she knows several have been destroyed since then, but that it really needs to be put someplace where developers will find it and graves will not be destroyed. Ms. Iseley added that when she was approached about coming back to the Commission she jumped at the opportunity because she does not like unfinished things and she is getting to that age in her life where she is not sure how many years she has to keep coming and asking if it has been done, but it is exciting that some work has been done.

Ms. Friddle asked if there were any questions for Ms. Iseley. Mr. Cheek asked how many seats they were filling. Ms. Price responded that there was one seat at this time.

Ms. Iseley thanked the Commission for their time and left the meeting. Ms. Friddle thanked Mr. Balan for coming, and stated that the way this works is if an applicant is not chosen for a vacancy, the application stays on file and the next time there is a vacancy that applicant is called up again. Ms. Price confirmed this and stated that applications stay on file for one year. Ms. Friddle asked Mr. Balan to step out of the room while the board discussed the applicants.

Ms. Smith stated that she liked Mr. Balan's interest and that he is excited about the idea but Ms. Iseley is more qualified. Mr. Mickey added that Ms. Iseley has a work in process.

**Motion:** Mr. Dalton made a motion to recommend to the County Commissioners that Jane Iseley be appointed to the Commission; it was seconded by Mr. Mickey.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

Resolution of Support for the Extension of the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Tax Credits: Ms. Friddle asked what the procedure was for the resolution. Ms. Price reminded the Commission that Ms. Friddle had suggested that the Commission recommend that the County Commissioners adopt a resolution in support of extending the historic tax credits that are expiring. Ms. Price stated that Mr. Martin, Planning Manager, suggested that the Commission adopt a resolution first, and then send it to the County Commissioners for their adoption as well. Mr. Mickey asked for some background on why the tax credits sunset this year. Ms. Price stated that her understanding was that when they were created there was a set time period given, and that time period is up. She clarified that she did not think the state was withdrawing them, but instead that they were expiring. Mr. Mickey asked so it would not be a controversial thing to have the bill introduced. Ms. Price stated that she did not know if there would be any controversy or not; she added that she knows a lot of groups around the state are showing their support for the extension of the tax credits because of the economic development that they have incentivized. Ms. Price provided the number of tax credit dollars spent to date in Alamance County on residential and commercial properties.

**Motion:** Mr. Cheek made a motion to adopt the Resolution of Support for the Extension of the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Tax Credits; it was seconded by Ms. Smith.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

Comments on Draft Architectural Inventory: Ms. Price stated that the draft inventory, which the Commissioners had been sent ahead of time, was complete with the exception of an introduction or preface. In addition, she stated that Jessica Hill, the previous Planner, had looked at the draft and suggested that a short history of each township be included in the township introductions. Ms. Friddle stated that it would be nice to have a paragraph or two on each, and added that she knows a lot about southern Alamance because she lives there, but she does not know a lot about Morton, or Patterson, or some of the other townships. The Commission discussed different community members who would be qualified to write these pieces. Mr. Cheek stated that it was his opinion that it would be the right thing to do to have more community involvement with the inventory. The

Commission members agreed to contact a few different writers to see if they would be interested in writing some or all of these pieces.

Ms. Price provided an update that she has been working with the GIS department and they have figured out how to link from a historic site survey point on the county GIS website to a specific page in the inventory document, so that when this document was done she could create those links and update the GIS layer online and users could easily go back and forth between the two.

The Commission provided several specific edits to the text of the inventory.

Discuss 2014 Work Plan: Ms. Price stated that in looking through old Commission minutes she saw that they were very active back in the day; they were very self-led and had a lot of committees doing a lot of different things. She stated that she felt the committee structure might work very well; such as having two or three folks working on local landmarks, two or three working on markers, that might be a good way to have those committees working in between meetings and bring back reports and work for the entire Commission at the monthly meeting. The Commission discussed local landmarks, potential markers, and holding an event for the release of the Architectural Inventory.

Mr. Braxton had to leave the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Ms. Friddle asked if there were any other items that needed a vote before he left. Ms. Price responded that there were none.

The Commission continued their work plan discussion. Ms. Friddle suggested that Woods Chapel School might be a good candidate for local landmark designation. Mr. Mickey stated that he had been approached about putting up a marker for the Woody Ferry. The Commission members signed up for committees that interested them.

Review 2014 Budget: Ms. Price passed around the previous year's budget and the Commission discussed the possibility of moving the current per diem and mileage reimbursement budget into the training budget. The Commission agreed to decide on this at a later date, as they no longer had a quorum.

#### **IV. Old Business**

Pat Bailey Memorial: Ms. Friddle updated the Commission that the Boy Scouts will put up a new sign at Bethel School Park and they would be able to put the memorial plaque on that sign. She stated that the Boy Scouts planned to have it done by July and suggested that the Commission bring this item back for discussion in May.

#### **V. Announcements & Updates**

Staff Updates: Ms. Price asked Commission members to mark their calendars for an upcoming CLG workshop in Cornelius on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30-3:30.

Ms. Price stated that the Graham Historic District Commission would be discussing their jurisdiction issue at their next meeting, she planned to attend to answer any questions they had, and hoped to bring a resolution on that issue to the next HPC meeting.

Ms. Price noted that several people have mentioned properties that they would like to add to the historic inventory; she informed the Commission that properties need to be surveyed officially by a consultant to add them to the inventory. She stated that since it has been over ten years since the last survey, the Commission could request a CLG grant for an inventory update next year.

Ms. Price passed out updated marker inventory sheets for the board notebooks and a catalog of the historic resources available in the HPC library for members to check out. Ms. Price passed around an informational sheet about an Emancipation Proclamation Traveling Exhibit in Caswell County.

Commissioner Announcements: There were none.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aspen Price".

Aspen Price  
Clerk to Alamance County Historic Properties Commission

## Alamance County Historic Marker Application

### Marker Information

**Marker Name/Subject:** Graham High School

**Address of Proposed Location:** 320 Gilbreath Street, Graham, North Carolina 27253

**Distance and direction from the proposed location to the site to be marked (e.g., 100 yards S.E.):** Corner of Gilbreath and Ray Streets

**On a separate sheet, please provide the proposed marker text.**

### Applicant Information

**Applicant Name:** Dr. Nettie N. Baldwin

**Mailing Address:** 817 Golf House Road West, Stoney Creek, North Carolina 27377

**Phone Number:** 336-447-4273/240-350-5981      **Email:** nnbassoc@verizon.net

### Property Owner Information (if different from Applicant)

**Property Owner Name:** Alamance-Burlington School System

**Mailing Address:** 1712 Vaughn Road, Burlington, North Carolina 27217

**Phone Number:** 336-570-6060      **Email:** lillie\_cox@abss.k12.nc.us

I, the property owner, am supportive of this historic marker application and agree to provide an easement on my property to the Alamance County Historic Properties Commission for the installation of this historic marker.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Property Owner's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

#### **HPC Staff Use Only**

Date of Receipt: 2/28/2014      Parcel PIN#: 146466  
Date Placed on HPC Agenda: 3/11/2014      HPC Action: Approve      Deny

To: Ms Aspen Price  
From: Dr. Nettie N. Baldwin  
Email: nnbassoc@verizon.net Cell: 240-350-5981

### Alamance County Historic Marker Program

The Alamance County Historic Properties Commission's Historic Marker Program recognizes historic resources, persons and events that are significant in the areas of architecture, archaeology, county history and traditional culture. The purpose of the program is to increase public awareness of the rich cultural heritage of the county, to encourage historic preservation and to augment the enjoyment of local historic sites.

#### Criteria

The applicant must be the property owner or provide a written agreement and easement from the property owner for the placement of the marker. The Historic Marker shall be approved by the Historic Properties Commission prior to installation.

#### Marker Size and Appearance

- ✧ Cast aluminum material with green-colored background and raised relief cream-colored embossed letters
- ✧ Alamance County Seal in the top crest
- ✧ Size to be approximately 30" high by 42" wide
- ✧ Set on a seven (7) foot extruded aluminum pole

*contacted Sewah Studios Inc.  
Estimated cost \$1960.00 - 2490.00*

*Gold*

#### Guidelines for text

- ✧ Title text shall be all capitalized
- ✧ The first sentence of the marker text shall state what the marker is commemorating
- ✧ If a person is mentioned in the text, include the county historical significance of the person and the years of birth and death.
- ✧ Use full names.
- ✧ If a war or battle is mentioned in the text, include the dates
- ✧ Check with the Library of Congress for universal use of terms and subject headings
- ✧ Use a small letter c for circa.
- ✧ List dates in chronological order
- ✧ Keep text at a 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading level

#### Placement

- ✧ Must be placed on private property outside of any public road right-of-way  
*Contact Alamance - Burlington School Supt. office.  
Ms Vicky Stafford has assured me that she will advise  
of process and contact person for acquiring approval for  
placement of marker*

#### For more information, contact:

Alamance County  
Historic Properties Commission  
217 College Street  
Graham, North Carolina 27253  
Tel. (336) 570-4054

*Enclosures*

*9 pages  
① application  
② Text for Marker*

*③ documentation name of High School  
④ " " " "  
⑤ " " " "  
⑥-⑧ List + names of schools in Alamance county*

## **GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL**

**1931 – 1961**

**SITE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE CITY OF GRAHAM. SITE PURCHASED APRIL 25, 1921, ADJOINING THE LOT OF THE “COLORED GRADED SCHOOL”. GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLED CHILDREN FROM ALL TOWNSHIPS OF ALAMANCE COUNTY EXCEPT THOSE CHILDREN ASSIGNED TO SCHOOLS FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE PLEASANT GROVE TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF BURLINGTON. THE ORIGINAL BUILDING HOUSED GRAHAM COLORED HIGH AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FROM 1931-1951, GRADUATING THE FIRST CLASS IN 1938. IN 1951 GRAHAM “NEGRO” HIGH SCHOOL EXPANDED INTO A NEW BUILDING ON SITE AND IN 1961 MOVED TO TROLLINGER ROAD AS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.**

**THE ORIGINAL BUILDING REMAINED AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNTIL 1970 AND WAS LATER DEMOLISHED. THE 1951 BUILDING SERVED AS THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES BEFORE CONSOLIDATION OF THE SCHOOLS AND CONTINUES TO BE USED AS RAY STREET COMMUNITY CENTER AND RAY STREET SCHOOL.**



**X** Graham High School Historic Marker Proposed Location

Map generated by Alamance County Planning Department 3/3/2014  
(336) 570-4053 [planning@alamance-nc.com](mailto:planning@alamance-nc.com)

1 inch = 150 feet



**Alamance County Public Schools (1930s decade)**

White Schools

Alexander Wilson School

Altamahaw-Ossipee School

Bethany School

Bethel School

Climax School

Eli Whitney School

Elmira School

Elon School

Eureka School

Fairground School

Glencoe School

Glen Raven School

Glenhope School

Graham School

Haw River School

Hawfields School

Hickory Grove School

E.M. Holt School

Iseley School

Jeffreys School

Meadow Creek School

**Alamance County Public Libraries  
342 S. Spring Street  
Burlington, North Carolina 27215**

Mebane School

Midway School

Oakdale School

Pleasant Grove School

Pleasant Hill School

Saxapahaw School

Shady Grove School

Stoney Creek School

Swepsonville School

Sylvan School

Negro Schools

Arches Grove School

Bowden School

Burnett's Chapel School

Byrd's School

Cedar Cliff School

Crawford School

Ellington School

Elon School

Fogleman School

Graham School

Gravelly Hill School

Green Level School

Halls School

Haw River School

Loy's School

McCray School

Mebane School

Morrow's Grove School

North Mebane School

Oaks School

Ossipee School

Patillo School

Pleasant Grove School

Rock Creek School

Shady Grove School

Springdale School

Swepsonville School

Thompson School

Unity School

Union Ridge School

Woods Chapel School

Source: Lists of county schools published in Burlington Times-News March 30, 1931, September 6, 1935 and September 13, 1939

# Alamance County High Schools

Graham Colored



High School

This Certifies That

## Mary Ann Baldwin

has completed the Course of Study prescribed by the County Board of Education for the High School Department and is entitled to this

# Diploma

Given at Graham, North Carolina, this thirteenth day of May, A. D.,  
One thousand nine hundred and forty.

*[Signature]*  
Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of Local Board



*[Signature]*  
Superintendent

*[Signature]*  
Chairman, Board of Education

The Senior Class  
of the  
Graham Colored High School  
requests your presence  
at the  
Graduating Exercises  
Thursday evening, May thirty-first  
Nineteen hundred and forty-five  
eight-fifteen o'clock  
School Auditorium

# Alamance County High Schools

Graham



High School

## Wesley Delano Baldwin

having completed in a satisfactory manner the regular Course of Study as prescribed for the High School Department is entitled to receive this

## Diploma

by order of The Board of Education

May 26, 1954

  
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CHAIRMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE



HARCOURT, LOUISVILLE

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SUPERINTENDENT  
\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINCIPAL

# Alamance County High Schools

Graham



High School

## Nettie Nevolia Baldwin

having completed in a satisfactory manner the regular Course of Study as prescribed for the High School Department is entitled to receive this

## Diploma

by order of The Board of Education

May 31, 1957



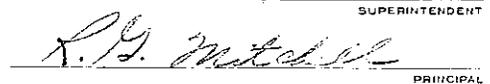
CHAIRMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION



CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE



HARCOURT, LOUISVILLE



SUPERINTENDENT

PRINCIPAL

*The Senior Class*

*of*

*Graham High School*

*announces its*

*Commencement Exercises*

*Friday evening, May thirty-first*

*eight o'clock*

*School Auditorium*

