

Historic Preservation Events Subcommittee (Thursday, July 31, 2025)

Generated by Gabrielle Gleissner on Friday, August 1, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Teresa Wilson, Patricia Samford, Jocelyn Copeland, and Apryl Yates.

Staff in Attendance: Gabrielle Gleissner.

3. New Business**A. Event Logistics and Information**

The HPC members plan to attend and table at the Oyster Festival, on Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 10 a.m - 6 p.m., and Sunday, October 19, 2025 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Gabrielle Gleissner presented the members with the FY26 HPC Budget information and the quantities of branded merchandise that the Commission currently has. Jocelyn Copeland suggested that the HPC could have a table and exhibit in the schoolhouse building which is located next to the space where the pony rides, petting zoo, and the mechanical bull will be set up. She also told members she would request the dimensions of the schoolhouse and to tour the space prior to the event.

B. Relevant Historical Topic Selection

Jocelyn Copeland presented the committee with exhibit and display ideas. The ideas are to:

- Highlight a story from the Oyster Wars - Pirate Captain's wife and daughters escape the capture by the Oyster Navy and play a podcast from Kathy Harris about the Oyster Wars for eventgoers.
- Visual Display - Provide pictures of the Oyster Shucking Houses in St. Mary's County and encourage people to visit the Lore Oyster House and Museum in Calvert County.
- Exhibition of Artifacts - Ask for donations and potential loans of artifacts relating to Oystering and the Watermen lifestyle and culture to have on exhibition during the event.

C. Brochures and Event Materials

The members concluded they would like to create a trifold that highlights the Commissions' mission, how people can join, and more general information about preservation overall. The members would also like a factsheet to be created about watermen lifestyle and culture. Gabrielle Gleissner advised she could begin to work on this and members can provide any specific information or pictures they would like to see.

D. Oyster Festival Table Scheduling

Gabrielle Gleissner will create a Sign Up Genius to facilitate the tabling schedule for the event. The members suggested 2 hour shifts and that there should be at least 2 people minimum per shift and at least 1 HPC member per shift. The set-up for the Oyster Festival is on Friday, October 17, 2025.

E. Discussion**4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.