

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Commission – Julia Betz

The Planning Commission has not met since the last Mayor and Town Council meeting. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Monday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at the Town House.

Gate House Report – Stacy Link

- Valerie's got the outside grounds looking great. There were boy scouts and town's maintenance people involved and she coordinated it all.
- Yard sale sold about \$150 worth of used books and posters and a few other items.
- Organizing the storage and public space is ongoing.
- Our curators have met with Theresa Worden of the Maryland Humanities Council at the Farm Museum. The Smithsonian is putting on a traveling exhibit. It will travel to 5 sites around the state in 2017. There are 7 applicants, and there will be 5 winners. If the farm museum is one of the winners, our Gate House Museum will be part of the program which will be good for exposure.
- Curators are working with Interpretive Designs with regards to Main Street Association's two wayside exhibits to be placed at Baldwin's and at the Townhouse.
- Volunteer recruitment is now a focus.
- Digitizing the GH huge slide and photo collections. Hoping to procure the appropriate device and software to streamline this process.
- Looking to replace outdated software and procure a second computer. Attempts have been made to clean-up/ recycle existing computers. One has too much malware to use.
- We will be determining/discussing a date for the GH Museum to reopen. Whether or not we're selected to participate in the Smithsonian program will affect what we do. We'll know by the end of April. If we're selected, we'll have to come up with an exhibit that matches the theme. The theme is "The Way we Work." Nursing at Springfield over the years might fit well with that theme.