

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2023

Attendance: Lynna Mitchell (chair), Greg Horn, Sandra Culler, Zadin Lawson, Brad Lawson, Donna Altizer, Eleanor Armes, Mary Lawson

I. Call to Order

The meeting convened at 5:10pm.

II. Minutes

The board approved the minutes from the 5/18/23 meeting.

III. Updates on House Refresh

- Ryan Vance from Vance Graphics installed the enlargement of the “iconic” Section House picture yesterday; bill will be submitted to the town shortly; Ryan will be posting pictures of the photo on Vance Graphics’ Facebook page.
- A picket fence enclosure was installed around the heat pump about two weeks ago, courtesy of an anonymous donor; enclosure will be painted later, after the lumber cures.
- Rod asked that Lynna share that there is a possibility, according to interim town manager Ron Holt, that the town will pay for the house to be repainted.
- Sandra Culler still wishes to share her glider and chair for the porch; Donna offered the use of a sandblaster to prepare them when we are ready to paint.

IV. Freedom Festival

- The Richlands Freedom Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, starting at 4:00 behind the Police Department building; our grounds will be open for viewing the fireworks; Rod will be providing “liberty cookies” and 300 whirligig toys for the event.

V. Don’t Stop Believing Rod Race

- The Don’t Stop Believing road race, a fundraiser for St. Jude’s, will start and finish at the Section House on the morning of July 29.

VI. Other Business

- Mary expressed her appreciation for everyone’s help with the Jefferson events this past March; she sent a packet of information about it to David Goode from Norfolk Southern, who was instrumental in helping us get the property.
- Mary also suggested a cotillion-type event for future consideration.

- Sandra asked about our policy for house use, as she would like to use the house for her Mary Kay group; Lynna said that since she is a board member, the usual fees will be waived; Sandra said she will make monthly donations to the Section House for using the facility.
- Donna announced that she has talked with a volunteer group of college students who are willing to help with house cleanup and maintenance; Lynna said it would be ok for them to go ahead with some cleanup if they wish; she would also like them to attend the next meeting to talk about it more.
- Donna also asked that we consider the possibility of purchasing picnic tables for the house grounds.

Next meeting--Tuesday, July 25 at 5:00pm at the Section House

Adjournment—5:50pm

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
June 20, 2023