

## **Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 2:00pm

**Present:** Dr. Wayne Allgaier (Chairman), Mr. Peter Wenner (Secretary), Mr. David McIntosh (Board Member), Mr. John Faith (Board Member), Mr. Tim Wilson (Board Member), Mr. Bruce Funk (Board Member), John Caves (City Council Liaison), Mr. Ariel Gonzalez (Guest), Ms. Mary Minnis (Guest), Mr. Jay McFarland (Guest), Ms. Gina McFarland (Guest)

The following topics were discussed:

- **Business:**
  - Making it unanimous, the March Quarterly Meeting minutes were approved by Messrs. McIntosh and Funk.
  - All issues of the Brunswick Herald (1891-1910) are now available at the History Commission on microfilm, and/or DVD. Mr. Funk motioned that we apply for a grant to have the microfilmed issues digitized. Mr. Faith seconded it, and the motion was unanimously approved.
  - Mary Minnis, from the Brunswick Public Library, has donated several old BHS yearbooks and other historical books, including Russell Baker's memoir "Growing Up" to the History Commission library.
  - Per the City, only sworn board members are allowed access to the train station library. All guests must be accompanied by a member.
- **History:**
  - Frances Axline distinguished citizen interview: Dr. Allgaier shared details.
  - Visiting from Utica, NY, the McFarlands told about buying a private Adirondack rail car located in Silver Spring.
  - George Washington's visit to the future location of Berlin on August 9, 1785: Mr., McIntosh shared details of Washington's diary from that day when he visited Captain John Smith for breakfast at his home. Washington's horses had been sent ahead and spent the night at the Smith's residence.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.