

Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 2:00pm

Present: Dr. Wayne Allgaier (Chairman), Mr. Peter Wenner (Secretary), Mr. David McIntosh (Board Member), Ms. Jackie Ebersole (Board Member), Mr. John Faith (Board Member), Mr. Tim Wilson (Board Member), John Caves (City Council Liaison), Mr. Don Peterson (Guest), Mr. Ariel Gonzalez (Guest), Ms. Eleanor Kerr (Guest), Ms. JoEllen Fisher (Guest), Amy Grimm (Guest)

The following topics were discussed:

- Business:
 - Dr. Allgaier confirmed that among all sources, a complete archive of Brunswick Citizen newspapers now exists.
 - All books donated by the library are now on the shelves at the train station.
- History:
 - Native Americans on the river.
 - German Settlement in Northern Virginia, now Lovettsville.
 - Mr. McIntosh displayed a map showing the demarcation between Merry Peep O Day and the Merryland Tract.
 - Timeline updates:
 - 1785 Potomac Canal Company chartered with the support of George Washington to make the Potomac River navigable.
 - Barry Post Office established in 1834.
 - B&O Railroad and C&O Canal were operating as far as Berlin by 1834.
 - Wenner store established in 1841; was it initially W.W. Wenner and Joseph Waltman? C.F. Wenner was 16 at the time. Ms. Fisher to research further.
 - 1st Methodist Church established in 1851, according to Hood sisters.
 - Covered bridge completed by 1857 or 1858? More research necessary.
 - Civil War activity in Berlin 1861-1862.
 - Wenner Mill becomes a flouring mill in 1870.
 - Olive School Road black school. Mr. Wenner to investigate if residence still exists.
 - Boarding houses in Brunswick.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.