



**Town of Port Deposit  
Historic Area Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Harbold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Vice Chair Ryan Ockuly, Commissioner Christine Wertsch, Commissioner Joseph Brant and Councilwoman Randa Thiele.

**ABSENT:** Chair Melissa Harbold, Commissioner David Smith, Town Administrator Vicky Rinkerman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The meeting minutes of July 23, 2025, were presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brant, seconded by Commissioner Wertsch, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

File: 25-2025  
Address: 216 North Main Street  
Applicant: Michael and Amy Lipka, Sr.  
Work: Replace railing on front porch with white trex railing and wrought iron posts.

Vice Chair Ockuly invited the applicants to speak regarding the intent of the application. Mr. Lipka, Sr., explained that the existing wooden railing has deteriorated and requires frequent maintenance, and that the proposed replacement would maintain the current configuration while using more durable materials.

The Commission discussed the application and noted that the existing railing is not original to the house. The Commission further found that the proposed installation would be reversible and would not adversely affect the historic character of the property.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wertsch, seconded by Commissioner Brant, to approve the application as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion made by Commissioner Brant, seconded by Commissioner Wertsch at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

  
Mary Culver, Administrative Assistant

  
Ryan Ockuly, HAC Vice Chair