



**Town of Port Deposit
Historic Area Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2020**

This meeting was held via videoconferencing and by audio. The public was invited to call into the meeting via videoconferencing or audio by phone.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Harbold called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Harbold, Vice-Chair Ockuly, Commissioner Barchowsky, Commissioner Wertsch, Council Liaison Deputy Mayor Kuhs, and Town Administrator Rinkerman.

ABSENT: Commissioner Brant

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Minutes from the August 19, 2020 and September 16, 2020 meeting were presented.

Motion was made by Vice-Chair Ockuly to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wertsch. All in favor. Motion carried.

The September 16, 2020 minutes were tabled due to not enough Commission members present who were at the meeting in order to vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

File 21-2020 – 43 N. Main Street – Rice Tot Lot Dog Park Project – Installation of 4' tall black chain link fence to separate the existing playground equipment from the dog park.

Town Administrator Rinkerman presented the application and described the Dog Park Project which the town received a grant for from the Department of Natural Resources to complete. Details regarding the proposed fencing was discussed.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Ockuly to approve the application as submitted with black galvanized 6' fencing along the sides and 4' fencing in the front. Seconded by Commissioner Barchowsky. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Administrator Rinkerman asked to discuss a topic not included on the agenda regarding the vacant property at 41 N. Main Street. She informed the Commission of the property's flood damages and vacant status since 2011 and discussed potential demolition.

Council Liaison Deputy Mayor Kuhs expressed that even if the property was potentially restored, a major concern would be the extreme cost of flood insurance and requirements to meet floodplain regulations, which would not be economically feasible.

Vice-Chair Ockuly discussed a possible need for verification of flooding for the property. Chair Harbold was able

to provide photographs of the property during the flood which the Commission decided would be sufficient.

Town Administrator Rinkerman will formally submit an application for demolition of 41 N. Main Street for the next meeting and the Commission will discuss the application further at that time.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Ockuly to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wertsch. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Historic Area Commission adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The meeting was recorded and the audio is available.

Approved:



Melissa Harbold, Chair