



**Town of Port Deposit
Historic Area Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Harbold called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. as it was recessed at the January 18, 2023 meeting and January 21, 2023 off-site meeting.

PRESENT: VIA ZOOM - Chair Harbold, Commissioner Wertsch, Commissioner Brant, and Vice Chair Ockuly.

ABSENT: Commissioner Barchowsky

OLD BUSINESS:

File: 02-2023 – 75 N. Main Street – Application for demolition of addition on the back half of the house. Stones and foundation to stay on site.

The Commission met off-site at 75 N. Main Street on January 21, 2023 to view the outside of the property from North Main Street. They were unable to see significant damage of the structure from the outside so Town Hall requested the applicant to provide interior photos.

The Commission reviewed the photos of the 1st floor, discussing the rot and damaged structure. Additionally, they compared photos taken in 2014 to the ones provided and determined everything looks significantly worse and would not be feasible to fix due to the leaning and damage/rot from the flood and neglect of the property.


Commissioner Brant stated that the 1st floor looks more than 60% deteriorated and that there is not much worth salvaging other than the granite stone and foundation.

Motion was made by Vice-Chair Ockuly to approve the application as submitted, contingent upon leaving the granite stone foundation materials on site, and ensuring that it is only the rear wooden half of the house. Seconded by Commissioner Brant. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the meeting at 7:49PM. Seconded by Commissioner Wertsch. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was recorded and audio is available upon request.

Approved:



Melissa Harbold, Chair
Ryan Ockuly, Vice Chair