



**Town of Port Deposit
Historic Area Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2021**

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 Brant, Commissioner Wertsch, and Council Liaison Mayor Kuhs.

ABSENT: None

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting were presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brant to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wertsch. All in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brant advised the committee that the Bainbridge Development Corporation will be discussing the demolition of multiple properties and stated he believes that since the properties are within town limits, that they should be required to come before HAC. Commissioner Barchowsky stated that various studies have been completed for Bainbridge and the Tome School; the results showing that some of the properties can be saved and others cannot. Discussion ensued on the matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

File 01-2021 – 96 N. Main Street – Exterior renovations and removal of the addition off the back of the building.

Applicant Douglas Berrocal was asked by town staff to discuss his ideas for future exterior renovations with HAC as the removal of the addition off the back of the property was not required to go through HAC. Mr. Berrocal asked about removing the gray siding on the property and restoring the original wooden clapboard underneath. The committee stated that they would gladly be in favor of restoring the wooden clapboard and informed Mr. Berrocal that any in-kind renovations would not be required to go through HAC.

The committee continued to provide suggestions on the Mr. Berrocal's ideas, including the replacement of storm windows, replacement of interior windows (based on the current condition), closing off the basement entrance, and removal of a portion of the wall in-front of the house. Vice-Chair Ockuly and Chair Harbold informed Mr. Berrocal to fill out an application for the desired exterior renovations once he has more information on the project and is able to provide photographs of the current condition and they will make a case-by-case decision once presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Brant to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Barchowsky. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Historic Area Commission adjourned at 8:14 p.m. The meeting was recorded and the audio is available.

Approved:



Melissa Harbold, Chair