



Historic District Commission MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 11, 2021 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, Easton Town Office
14 S Harrison Street

Call to Order

Opening statement given by the Chairman.

The Commission operates under the authority granted to it by section 701 of the Town of Easton Zoning Ordinance. And, I hereby open the record of the public hearing on cases heard this evening and, in accordance with our legal responsibilities, I enter into the record the following items: notice of the public hearing, adopted design guidelines, resumes of commission members and any consultants used by the Commission, records of any previous meetings, and any letters to the Commission on a case.

The decisions of the HDC may be appealed within 30 days of approval.

General Order of the hearing of Applications

- Introduction of the application by the presiding officer
- Presentation by the applicant or his agent
- Questions by members of the Commission
- Public Comment
- Petitioner Rebuttal
- Discussion/Consideration by the Commission
- Decision motion and statement of Basis for Decision

The applicant may withdraw the application at any time up to when the vote is taken. A Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse upon the expiration of the corresponding Building Permit. For applications that require a building permit but for which none is issued, this Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse six (6) months after its issuance. In the event a building permit is not required, the Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse six (6) months from its issuance if substantial work is not underway. For good cause shown, this period may be extended by the Commission.

I will now entertain a motion to accept the agenda for this evening.

At 05:59 PM, Chair Pezor called the meeting to order.

Comission Members Present:

Chair Kelly Pezor
Vice Chair Grant Mayhew
Mr. Kevin Bateman
Mr. Ernie Demby
Mr. Bruce Harrington
Mr. Kevin Gibson
Mr. James Sebastian

Staff Present:

Casey Ortiz
Katie Reedy
Joe Mayer
Sharon Van Emburgh

5:00 PM Closed Session in Town of Easton Conference Room

General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(4) - To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Discussed procedure to Review Applications for the 10/11/2021 Meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Sebastian seconded by Mr. Bateman and carried 7-0, **agenda for the October 11,2021 meeting were approved as written.**

6:00 PM Old Business

None.

New Business

Application Number: 2021-00566
Location: 114 S Washington Street
Applicant: Rick Rider
Request: Wall Signs and Door Sign

Rick Rider was present on behalf of the Wall Signs and Door Sign for 114 S Washington St, a **contributing** building in the Historic District.

It was discussed that two door signs and two wall signs would be installed.

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson second by Mr. Sebastian and carried 7-0 following a roll call vote, **2021-00566 was approved as submitted.**

Historic District Guideline References:
Wall Signs- PG 67, R2
Display Window & Door Signs PG 69, R1

Application Number: 2021-00568
Location: 212 South Street
Applicant: Dennis Skaggs
Request: Installation of 4' Picket Fence

Dennis Skaggs was present on behalf of the installation of 4' Picket Fence at 212 South Street, a **contributing** building in the Historic District.

It was discussed that a site plan would need to be provided to bring some clarity to the location of the fence.

Upon motion by second by and carried 7-0 following a roll call vote, **2021-00568 was tabled.**

Historic District Guideline References:
N/A

Application Number: 2021-00571
Location: 14&16 W Dover Street
Applicant: Thomas Benson
Request: second floor windows, door replacement, new exit stairs

Thomas Benson was present on behalf of the second floor windows, door replacement, new exit stairs for 14&16 W Dover Street, a **contributing** building in the Historic District.

It was discussed two windows would be added to the second floor, relocating an existing door to align with the floor, and placing a second door in the rear, and adding a staircase to the rear. The applicant brought in samples of railings and decking. Composite Marvin Elevate windows will be used for the rear. The applicant will cover up the current windows and will add in two new windows. The electrical pole would be cleared to make room for landing.

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson second by Mr. Mayhew and carried 6-0 with Mr. Harrington recusing himself, **2021-00571 was approved with modifications of supplying cutsheets of railing material, windows that would be Marvin SDL, and providing the railing details.**

Historic District Guideline References:
Windows- PG 52, R1

Doors- PG 48, R2
Roof- PG 55, R1

Application Number: 2021-00569
Location: 11 N Washington Street
Applicant: Clay Stamp
Request: Statue Removal

Dan Saunders was present on behalf of the Statue Removal for 11 N Washington Street, a **contributing** building in the Historic District.

The narrative provided to the town described the removal of the statue and the base from the Historic District. Once the statue is removed, the landscaping afterward will be mulch and grass. Mr. Saunders discussed the documentation of the statue's removal to have the statue and base removed.

Lynn Melke from Easton was present to discuss the removal of the statue and provided feedback about the need for the statue to remain.

Clive Ewing from Talbot County was present to discuss the removal of the statue and pointed out feedback about exactly what has to be removed. Mr. Ewing discussed the uniqueness of Talbot County history and the significance of the Talbot Boys Statue.

David Montgomery from Easton was present to discuss the removal of the statue and the alternatives of where else to move the statue. Mr. Montgomery discussed the significance of the article that was provided in his email. Mr. Montgomery discussed the early history of Talbot County.

Mr. Saunders discussed the validity of the removal of the county's decision to remove the statue.

Exhibit H from the staff report cites the National Historic Trust's position on the removal of confederate statues. "While many were erected more than a century ago the National Trust supports the removal from public spaces when they continue to serve the purposes for which many were built- to glorify, promote, and reinforce white supremacy overtly or implicitly. While some have suggested that removal may result in erasing of history, we believe that removal may be necessary to achieve a greater good ensuring racial justice and equality. And their history needs not end with their removal: we support relocation of these monuments to museums, or other places where they may be preserved so that their history as elements of Jim Crow and racial injustice can be recognized and interpreted".

Upon motion by Mr. Mayhew second by Mr. Bateman and carried 7-0 following a roll call vote, **2021-00569 was approved as submitted consistent with the National Historic Trust.**

Historic District Guideline References:
Meets the National Historic Trust Guidance on Confederate Monuments being relocated.

Discussion Item

None.

Approval of Minutes.

Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2021

Upon motion by Mr. Mayhew seconded by Mr. Bateman and carried 6-0 following a roll call vote with Mr. Gibson abstaining, **minutes of the September 27, 2021 meeting were approved as written.**

Administrative Approval

Application Number: 2021-00567
Location: 216 S Washington St

Applicant:	Leo Kuneman
Request:	In-Kind Asphalt Shingle Replacement

Application Number:	2021-00570
Location:	212 E Dover
Applicant:	Chris Jordan
Request:	In-Kind Asphalt Shingle Replacement

Consent Docket

None.

Adjournment

At 7:24 PM, upon motion by Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Sebastian and carried 7-0, Chair Pezor adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

Please Note. The commission will only be able to accept comments through in person sign up or email