



**Town of Port Deposit
Historic Area Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2024**

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

PRESENT: Chair Harbold, Vice Chair Ockuly (via Zoom), Commissioner Wertsch, Commissioner Brant, Commissioner Smith, and Council Liaison Thiele (Zoom)

Chair Harbold welcomed Commissioner Smith to the group.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes from the December 20, 2023 meeting were presented. Approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

File: 14-2024
Address: 125 Jacob Tome Memorial Highway
Zone: CCD
Owner: Orest Harasymczuk
Work: Application to install vinyl siding on new construction areas.

Mr. Harasynczuk spoke at length regarding the purchase of Silver Cross Apartments, the process of refurbishing the interior of the building so that he could rent apartments and the subsequent fire. He has hired an architect who is local to Cecil County. He understands that after receiving architectural drawings, he will need to obtain zoning permits as well as building permits. He was concerned about rebuilding the third floor and putting a roof on the structure to stabilize it.

During the ensuing discussion, Chair Harbold advised Mr. Harasynczuk that the only item the committee was concerned with at this time was his request to install vinyl siding on the new construction areas. He was advised, and he agreed, he would have to redo the stucco over clapboard on the side of the building visible to persons travelling along Main Street and Tome Highway.

Mr. Harasynczuk stated the vinyl siding he intended to use was to be white, clapboard style. He did not have a sample for the Commission to view.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brant to approve the application to permit the installation of white, clapboard vinyl siding on the new construction bump out area, and other areas of the building must be stucco to match the existing exteriors. Second by Commissioner Wertsch. All in favor and motion passed unanimously. HAC advised Mr. Harasynczuk that the Commission did expect to see a sample of the siding he intends to use. He is to bring the sample to Town Hall.

Chair Harbold made one final suggestion to Mr. Harasynczuk that he speak with Town Administrator Rinkerman regarding the possibility of obtaining a façade grant to assist with the exterior rebuilding process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved:



Melissa Harbold, Chair