

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
September 28, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Mainster Hanna, Chair
Paul Edmeades
Peg Lucas

IN ATTENDANCE: Robert Fisher, Planning Department
Kathi Santora, Recording Secretary
Kurt Sudbrink, Town Resident

ABSENT: Timothy Coale
Scott Farley
Brendan Hopkins, Town Commissioner
Brian Payne

Commission President Jennifer Mainster Hanna called the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 39 N. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland 21014

I. Administrative Matters:

A. Approval of minutes of August 17, 2017

The commission members reviewed the minutes from August 17, 2017.

On page 2, 6th paragraph, 2nd and 3rd sentence should read: “She also notes that all windows will be repaired as to be operable, though they will not be opened. This is consistent with County policy for window replacement and updating.

Mr. Edmeades referred the Commission to page 3, paragraph 3, which should read: “Ms. Lucas also inquired about the sub-contractor. They were previously pre-qualified to work for Harford County Government and have completed other contract **work** for the County.”

Page 4, 2nd paragraph should read: “Mr. Edmeades inquired about the existence of broken glass in some Courthouse windows, though this is not noted in **the** drawings. Ms. Creighton stated that this was discussed and **there is a revised drawing.**”

Page 4, 4th paragraph 4th sentence should read: “Mr. Edmeades noted that there is also an interlocking weather stripping that is typical **on the meeting rail**, but, again, not indicated on drawings.”

Ms. Lucas moved that minutes be approved, as amended. Mr. Edmeades seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

II. New Business

A. HA Review –Kurt & Jane Sudbrink, 325 Franklin Street

Ms. Hanna invited Mr. Sudbrink to present any information that he wanted to share about the proposed roof repair.

He stated that the house was originally built with slate roof shingles. They were replaced many years ago with a flat shingle. The Sudbrinks are trying to add a little more dimension in the new roofing materials. This is an attempt to more closely match the original slate roof.

Ms. Lucas noted that his comments addressed a question that she had. The proposal referred to a one-layer shingle. She knew it was slate at one time.

Mr. Edmeades inquired about the color. Mr. Sudbrink noted that they will be black, similar to a slate shingle. Currently, the roof has a brown/green hue.

Mr. Edmeades referred to the submitted photos and asked about the front of the roof, above the triple window. He inquired if there was a vent in that location. Mr. Sudbrink confirmed that it is a vent.

Mr. Sudbrink stated that the house is of Tudor Revival Style.

Mr. Edmeades moved that the request submitted by Kurt and Jane Sudbrink to replace the roof on their house located at 325 Franklin Street, be approved by the Bel Air Historic Preservation Commission. This approval is based on the following findings

of fact: The new roof will improve the overall appearance of the property; the new roof is compatible with the exterior design, scale, proportion, arrangement and materials of the existing structure. The roof is compatible with the Town of Bel Air design guidelines for rehabilitation, maintenance and new construction.

Ms. Lucas seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All in favor.
Motion carried.

B. Tax credit request.

Ms. Hanna called for motion regarding tax credits for this request. The total estimate for work is \$14,903.

Ms Lucas moved that the Commission approve the 10% tax credit for repairs to the property at 325 Franklin Street. Mr. Edmeades seconded. No additional comments. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

III. Other

A. Selection of 2017 Christmas ornament

Ms. Hanna opened the discussion about the 2017 Christmas ornament. Mr. Fisher stated that the Commission had previously discussed the possible selection of the MA & PA Bel Air Station as an ornament. The decision should be made tonight in order to stay on timeline with the manufacturer. The Commission members agreed the station would be the subject of this year's ornament.

The Commission is aware that several photographs of the station exist and they have been published in local history books. There was discussion about the fact that the Historical Society of Harford County (HSHC) would have the original photos.

Kathi Santora suggested that Walt Holloway, a volunteer at the HSHC, would be able to locate any photos that exist. He is the photo expert at the HSHC and also has

personal/family connections with the station.

Mr. Fisher noted that some people refer to the station as the “Bel Air Station.” However, he suggested that it would be more accurate to refer to it as the “MA & PA Station.”

Commission members suggested, “MA & PA Bel Air Station.”

Kathi Santora offered to make an e-mail introduction with Walt Holloway and Bob Fisher.

Ms. Lucas and Mr. Edmeades both have childhood memories of the MA & PA Railroad..

Ms. Lucas requested that Mr. Fisher share the proposed design with the committee when this step is completed.

Mr. Lucas and Ms. Hanna suggested that a train be included in the design, if possible.

It is thought that many people who use the MA & PA Trail would be potential buyers. Preston’s has sold the ornaments in the past. The Mill might be willing to sell them as well. Many local customers have a history with the railroad.

With no other discussion, Ms. Hanna moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Edmeades seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.