

MINUTES

Easton Historic District Commission Easton, Maryland

April 13, 2015

Members Present: Kurt Herrmann, Chairman, Kevin Gibson, George Koste, and Robert Arnouts.

Members Absent: Bill Wieland and Adam Theeke.

Mr. Herrmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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 and 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.

The agenda for the April 13, 2015 meeting was approved.

The Commission voted 6-0 to approve the March 23rd minutes as prepared.

NEW BUSINESS:

17-2015 **309 Melfield Avenue** **William Thompson.**

Mr. Thompson is before the Commission with a request to install a 10' wide, 16 foot long and 9 foot high portable garden shed, salt box style approximately 16 feet south of and in line with the rear setback of an existing garage. The Commission asked that the shutters appear to be operable.

Upon motion of Mr. Koste seconded by Mr. Gibson the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the request as submitted.

16-2015 **30 S. Washington Street** **Patrick Rogan with the Historical Society and Chuck Callahan, Contractor.**

Mr. Rogan and Mr. Callahan are before the Commission with a request to construct a new handi-cap accessibility ramp. Mr. Rogan explained the Talbot Historical Society is proposing a handicap accessible ramp and steps to provide ADA compliant access to main building entrance. The ramp will consist of brick masonry base and wood hand rail structure that includes a decorative wood post cap, painted white to support a metal interior handrail (painted 20% light gray). Proposed brick would be Belden Modular Belcrest 530 Paver A as provided by the applicant. The Commission asked instead of a sloping wooden rail, comply with sketch as drawn in the application labeled "Talbot Historical Society Ramp Structure".

Upon motion of Mr. Koste, seconded by Mr. Arnouts the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the application as amended and as stated above.

15-2015 **206 S. Harrison Street** **Andy Beaven, Contractor.**

Mr. Beaven is before the Commission with a request to...

- 1.) Replace existing front sidewalk and front steps with Glen Gary 52 DD modular brick. This will retain existing footprint using brick identical to neighboring house/walkway. Mortar color to match existing porch.
 - 2.) Connect existing garage to house. Exterior wall covering to be 8" beveled cedar to match rear wing of house. Roof to be architectural asphalt to match existing house/garage roof.
 - 3.) Remove existing porch floor (blue stone) and re-install existing blue stone on block foundation and 4" concrete slab.
 - 4.) Screen in existing open side porch using clear western red cedar panels and charcoal fiberglass screen (to be painted white).
 - 5.) Install new blue stone patio between existing sunroom and existing open porch (dimensions 37' 10 ½" x 9' 6").
- Applicant is to match mortar color of existing front porch and walkway
 - Blue stone is to be used for new patio to match blue stone in screened porch
 - Connector from garage to house will be stepped. Revised plans that show this will be submitted to the Historic District Commission.

Upon motion of Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Koste the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the application as amended and as stated above.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by motion of Mr. Herrmann and seconded by Mr. Gibson.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie S. Rice
Planning Secretary