

SYKESVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF STATED MEETING

September 22, 2009

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

Pat Greenwald, Chairperson
Chad Bederka
Jim Matthews
Leslie Reed, Council Liaison
Paul Mason
Wes Westcott
Pam Graham – Vice Chairperson

GUESTS: Matthew Candland, Town Manager

Chairperson Greenwald called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Sykesville Town House. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

#09-21 Alexandria's Attic 7542 Main Street Sign

The sign application for Alexandria's Attic was presented by Chairperson Greenwald and indicated the sign is the same as the other signs, which were presented by Vince Poist. Motion to approve the application for the sign as submitted was made by Paul Mason and seconded by Chad Bederka. Everyone voted in favor.

#09-21 Francis Stojinski 7610 Main Street Sign

Frank Stojinski, owner of the building at 7610 Main Street and Connie and Joseph Liller were present to discuss the application. They indicated they want to use current sign on the building and change the name to Ne Ne and Pop Pops Consignment Shop. They will also paint it on the windows. Motion to approve the application for the signs as submitted was made by Pam Graham and seconded by Paul Mason. Everyone voted in favor.

REVIEW OF TAX CREDIT APPLICATIONS:

No applications submitted for approval

SHDC MINUTES:

Motion to approve the Minutes of August 25, 2009 as submitted was made by Pam Graham and seconded by Wes Westcott. Everyone voted in favor.

Chairperson Greenwald expressed how organized Janice Perrault is with all the minutes and other items for our meetings and wanted to commend her for all her work. A motion was made by Wes Westcott and seconded by Pam Graham to commend Janice for all her work. Everyone voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: - none

TOWN BUDGET ACCOUNTS:

No financial reports were submitted

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Gate House:

Chairperson Greenwald announced that the hours of the Gate House have been shortened and it will only be open on Wednesday and Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

School House:

Chairperson Greenwald mentioned that there were several visitors to the School House this past month and they included; Cooper Ridge, Winters Mill High School, and McDaniel College. In addition the Dorsey's had their 60th family reunion and Council Member Keenan was present and gave a proclamation to the Dorsey family on behalf of the Town.

Chairperson Greenwald also announced that the open house is scheduled for October 3, 2009.

Warfield Development:

Matthew Candland, Town Manager indicated that the Town has received a letter of interest from a Bio Company in Columbia. They are looking at the Cafeteria Building, which is one of the largest buildings in Warfield. There has been discussion on building a new building for a conference center/restaurant. Some interest has been made to have Senior housing there and also some one has expressed interest of building out the "G" building for offices.

Matthew Candland outlined that New Windsor State Bank has shown an interest in going into the house that was moved last month across the street from the post office. Currently the interior of the building has been dismantled and the exterior is in the process of getting completed. It is expected that the house will be completed by the end of October or the

beginning of November.

Town Master Plan:

Matthew Candland, Town Manager updated the Commission on the Master Plan and outlined the Planning Commission has been working on it and they should have a letter ready to go to the Mayor and Town Council by the end of the year.

BUSINESS:

Continuing/Community Education:

Matthew Candland, Town Manager was present to give some history of the Historic District Commission, how it started and the purpose of the Commission. He indicated that the Commission was developed around 1989 and the State of Maryland has recognized the Commission has a high level of Historic Preservation within the Town of Sykesville. He outlined that when the Warfield Guidelines were developed the Maryland Historical Trust decided that the Commission could approve their applications without presenting them to the County since they have a high regard for their work. He emphasized that the Commission has historically done a very good job of approving applications in accordance with the Historic District Guidelines.

Matthew Candland also brought up the topic of Demolition by Neglect. Information was given to Mr. Candland outlining what has been discussed in past Commission meetings and there was a letter dated July 2, 2003 from a prior Chairperson, to the Mayor and Town Council, outlining how the Commission would like to have standards put into place in case a homeowner has neglected their home. Mr. Candland understands and he would like to see owners take better care and pride in their homes but he outlined we cannot force people to do some of the things we would like for them to do. He did give many examples of past situations where the homeowner presented to the Commission on how they plan on redoing their house, which was not in accordance to the guidelines. The Commission did not approve the application and finally the homeowner would do the necessary work in accordance to the guidelines. Suggestions from the current Commission included phone calls, in person visit or a letter. It was decided the first action would be either a phone call or an in person visit from Matthew Candland.

Old Business: nothing to report

New Business:

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Motion** was made by Pam Graham and seconded by Paul Mason to adjourn. The **Motion** carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Perrault, Recording Secretary