

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes

February 22, 2023

The Sykesville Historic District Commission (SHDC) meeting was held on February 22, 2023 in the Conference Room at the Sykesville Town House. Commissioner Bederka called the meeting to order at 6:57 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chad Bederka, Michael Johnston, and Richard McCullough. Council Member Anna Carter

STAFF: Joe Cosentini, Town Manager
Kerry Kavaloski, Town Clerk
Kevin Rubenstein, Town Planner

MINUTES:

Commissioner Johnston motioned to approve the minutes from January 25, 2023. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- # 2023-02 for a hanging business sign at 7550 Main Street
The applicant was present for this discussion. They explained that the sign cannot be hung in a way as to provide an eight foot clearance from the sidewalk. The highest they could get would be seven feet and six inches of clearance. In all other aspects, the sign complies with the guidelines. They will use a single link of chain to hang the sign to allow for the most clearance possible. Commissioners noted that this is a common issue at this location on Main Street, and other businesses have been granted a waiver from the eight foot clearance requirement.

Commissioner Johnston motioned to approve application #2023-02 for a hanging business sign at 7550 Main Street under the condition that it is hung as high as possible. The application is in compliance with the SHDC Guidelines on page 37 except for the clearance height. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- #2023-03 for a replacement deck at 7533 Main Street
The applicant was in attendance for this discussion. The deck would have the same footprint, but it would have a roof over it. The columns would be made of wood. The Commissioners noted that this building is a non-contributing building, and the deck would not be visible from Main Street.

Commissioner Johnston motioned to approve application #2023-03 for a replacement deck at 7533 Main Street with the stipulation of non-reflective materials being used for the construction. The application is in compliance with the SHDC Guidelines on page 27. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- Introduction of Brennan and Company Architects for the update to the Historic District Commission Guidelines
Rob Brennan was in attendance and introduced himself and Lilli Mudrow. They will be the two primary architects working on the SHDC Guidelines update. The update is for the Main Street Historic District Guidelines. They are hoping for the process to take about six months to complete.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner McCullough and seconded by Commissioner Johnston to adjourn at 7:13 P.M. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Kavaloski, Recording Secretary