# Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes August 25, 2020

## **DRAFT**

The Sykesville Historic District Commission (SHDC) meeting was held on August 25, 2020 via Zoom teleconference. Commissioner Fogg called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Norman Fogg, Chad Bederka, and Michael Johnston. Council Member Anna Carter

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Richard McCullough

**STAFF:** Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk

#### **MINUTES:**

Commissioner Fogg motioned to approve the minutes from June 23, 2020. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Commissioner Fogg motioned to approve the minutes from July 28, 3030. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:**

• # 2020-07 Repairs and Alterations
The applicant was present to discuss the application. He explained that his father bought
the property and has experience with fixing up houses. The SHDC decided to motion to
approve each item individually so they could discuss each portion.

The applicant explained that the second floor was previously used as an apartment, and exterior stairs were added for access. The stairs are falling apart and are no longer needed. He would like to remove the stairs and replace the upstairs door with a matching window.

Council Member Carter motioned to approve the removal of the exterior stairs and the replacement of the exterior second floor door with a window that will be approved by the SHDC. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The applicant explained that they would be repainting the siding. Commissioner Bederka explained that any replacement siding must be with the same material that is on the house currently. If more than a section is being replaced, the applicant will have to return to the SHDC for approval.

Commissioner Bederka motioned to approve a non-gloss, low sheen paint for the base and a semi-gloss or less reflective sheen for the trim. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The applicant explained that there is a second chimney on the house that was not original. It was placed for the oil burner in the basement. The SHDC explained that normally the guidelines would recommend retention of the chimney. The chimney is not visible from the street, and replacement chimneys would not look historic.

Commissioner Johnston motioned to approve the removal of the central, oil burner chimney that is not visible from the street. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The applicant explained that all of the windows are in need of replacement. The replacement windows in the application are vinyl. The SHDC noted that the windows on the dormers are most likely originals, and the four over four lights should be used on the replacement windows throughout the house. The applicant would also like to replace the windows in the kitchen with a shorter but longer single window rather than two separate windows. He explained that there is about two feet from the floor to the sill of the window, which would make counters in that location impossible.

Commissioner Bederka motioned to replace the windows in the kitchen with the same configuration of two double hung windows at the same head height but with the sill height raised. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The SHDC did not approve the replacement windows as presented in the application, as they are vinyl windows and not in conformation with the guidelines. The applicant will email Town Clerk Kerry Chaney with a different replacement window option. The SHDC will hold a special meeting to discuss the windows.

The applicant also proposed using K-style gutters on the house. The SHDC is unsure of what gutters are used on other houses in the area. They will review and will discuss the style of gutters at the special meeting.

All of the decisions for application #2020-07 for 7323 Springfield Avenue were made based on the SHDC Guidelines, pages 18, 21-23, 25-27, and 49.

• #2020-08 Roof Repair

The applicants were present to discuss the application. They currently have a metal roof on their house. They would like to replace it with either a new metal roof or asphalt shingles. The roofers who gave them quotes found asphalt shingles under the current metal roof. There is also a section of the roof that is currently asphalt shingles that is leaking. They would replace their gutters during the process as well with half-round

gutters.

Commissioner Bederka motioned to approve application #2020-08 for 706 Church Avenue with either a standing seam metal roof or architectural shingles, and a matte finish half-round gutter system in a standard color. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **BUSINESS:**

- Commissioner Fogg gave an update on the Master Plan update process.
- Town Clerk Kerry Chaney announced that Lennar is working on mockups of the townhome sticks in the color schemes approved by the Commission.
- Ms. Chaney also announced that the Town is working to get a complete application from Sykesville Station for any exterior work that occurred during their transition.
- There was a question regarding the trash between the two DunnRite buildings. Code Enforcement will be alerted.
- There will be a special SHDC meeting to discuss the windows and gutters at 7323 Springfield Avenue. The date will be determined once the applicant resubmits window options.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Fogg and seconded by Commissioner Bederka to adjourn at 8:12 P.M. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Kerry Chaney, Recording Secretary