

The Town of Washington Grove Historic Preservation Commission
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MINUTES of the MEETING of the Commission

June 15, 2021

Present. Members Bob Booher, Gail Littlefield, Wendy Harris, Mimi Styles, David Stopak, and Council Liaison Darrell Anderson were present. The meeting began at 7:40 pm by Zoom.

Approval of Agenda and Adoption of Minutes. The agenda was approved with modifications. There was discussion of whether a recorded meeting could serve as the minutes. This idea was rejected as requiring too much storage and taking too long to listen to.

Building permit. Eva Poston's application for permit for a shed was not considered because its size was under 100 sq feet.

TC report. There was discussion of Darrell's report, regarding the upcoming special Town Council meeting process to address the bike path petition.

Committee monitoring. Mimi reported on attending the Forestry and Beautification meeting. Audrey Maskery is now co-chair with Georgette.

PC Meeting report. Mimi attended the PC meeting. The Moyer BP application was rejected for lack of detail. The Lankford PW&P application to asphalt the existing driveway was approved. The separate Lankford PW&P application to construct a concrete walk from the Chestnut Avenue entrance of the home to the stormwater swale would involve paving a portion of Chestnut Avenue. While the homeowner expressed an openness to using slate pavers rather than poured concrete (as the HPC review had suggested), the PC cannot approve construction on town land. The application would need to be considered by Town Council. Gail raised the issue of no presentation of survey information on the boundary between the Lankford and Town properties. Tammy Morgan, for her father Dick Chapman, 108 Ridge, advocated for allowing Cherry Avenue to continue to be used for vehicular access to the home. Per the town's agreement with Tammy's parents, the accommodation is set to expire upon transfer to a new owner. Tammy feels that condition will limit the home's marketability, as fewer parking spaces could be accommodated without Cherry Avenue access.

Border Committee. The Border Committee plans to erect split rail fence units and new traditional style street signs at Grove Ave and Railroad, across from the Lake (Hickory Park), Chestnut Ave and Washington Grove Lane, a path at 4th Ave. and Washington Grove Lane, and 6th Ave and Boundary St. Bob will discuss with Peter the division of labor on creating the signs.

Bulletin. Anne Phillips has prepared a piece on local indigenous peoples to include in the bulletin.

Bike path petition. There was a discussion of the Bike Path petition, led by David and Wendy. Outstanding issues were the upcoming TC meeting, the action on dismissal of the HPC resolution, lack of final MCDOT consultant planning studies, possible additional studies including of safety and impacts to the Town, and lack of resolution of whether the path terminus will be at the Town or at Gaithersburg,

It was agreed that HPC would resubmit its resolution with an updated cover letter.

PWPP. Gail will prepare a draft list of Town properties subject to PWPP review and criteria for planning and project review. Linking this to Jeff's map would be desirable.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 pm.

Signed:

 /s/ 7/28/21
Gail Littlefield Date
HPC