

## **Kent County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Summary**

The Kent County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room at 400 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland. It was a hybrid meeting, and the following HPC members were in attendance: Elizabeth Beckley (remotely), Jeremy Rothwell, Max Ruehrmund, and Jennifer Moore. Staff in attendance were Mike Moulds, PE, Director of Public Works (remotely); William Mackey, DPHZ Director; Penelope Young-Carrasquillo, Grants Manager; and Campbell Safian, Planning Specialist.

Jeremy Rothwell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

Mr. Ruehrmund moved to accept the minutes of October 30, 2020, and November 29, 2022, without correction. Ms. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION / WORK SESSION**

Discussion of the current condition and proposed next steps for Turner's Creek Granary:

- The Department of Public Works (DPW) has installed a fence around the building.
- An application for grant funding from the National Trust for Historic Preservation Bartus Trew Providence Preservation Fund must be submitted before the deadline of June 15, 2023.
- Members of the Commission spoke in opposition to demolishing the granary building to create a memorial or pavilion in the granary's honor.
- It must be determined whether Program Open Space (POS) funding is available to support the building restoration project.
- Before the Commissioners' meeting on April 18, Ms. Beckley and Mr. Ruehrmund will go on-site and assess the current condition of the building to better understand the potential cost of restoration.
- Mr. Moulds and DPW received a cost estimate of roughly \$20,000 to stabilize the building's I-beams.
- The Commission recommends asking Gary Gredell, P.E, Principle of Gredell & Associates, for a cost estimate to update the 2009 Structural Condition Assessment.
- Members of the Commission would like to schedule a phone call with Gail Owings, Executive Director of the Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area, to discuss the National Park Service Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants.
- Potential uses for the granary building, post-restoration, will continue to be explored.
- Mr. Ruehrmund requested a copy of a site plan of the entire property.
- The HPC will present their findings to the County Commissioners at the meeting on April 18 at 6pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ruehrmund seconded. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

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Elizabeth Beckley, Chair

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Campbell Safian, Planning Specialist

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