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**Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission**

<b>Meeting Minutes - Final</b>
<b>Date: 06/11/2018</b>
<b>Location: Conference Room #1 - Department of Planning and Zoning – 215 Bay Street, Easton, MD</b>

<b>HPC Members</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Ronald Mitchell	+	
Marsha Kacher	+	
Dorothy Fenwick	+	
Victor MacSorley	+	
Robert Mueller		
Cynthia Schmidt		
Janice Pifer	+	

<b>Staff and Guests</b>
Talbot County Department of Planning and Zoning; Miguel Salinas, Martin Sokolich, Doug Reedy Guest; Holly Baldwin, Historical Archaeologist

<b>Agenda and Notes</b>
<b>Call to order – 3:01 p.m.</b>
<b>I. Roll Call</b>
<b>A. Attendance</b> Cindy Schmidt and Bob Mueller were unable to attend. Holly Baldwin, Historical Archaeology, attended.
<b>B. Review minutes from June 11,2018 meeting</b> Motion of approval by Dorothy, seconded by Janice. Approved by all present.
<b>II. Old Business</b>
<b>A. Site Visit Report, The Anchorage</b> Board members observed the estate seemed to be in a state of destruction by neglect. Though the chapel and the barns are not within the Historic District as it was approved, the estate has a greater historical value than the main house alone. The house was

recently painted and some repairs were made. With the estate in flux there is little recourse for the HPC to intervene. No incentive programs are in place for such cases.

- B. Miguel's inquiries about Historic District powers in Maryland revealed a variety of approaches. Frederick for example may bring forward district nominations directly, while applications in Talbot are made by the County Council with research by the Historic Commission or other consultants (e.g. the Millers House). Frederick's district nomination process by their preservation commission has never been challenged.

Required maintenance and demolition by neglect are basically property maintenance unless there is willful neglect. The remedy may be demolition. Talbot could expand on the property maintenance section in the County zoning ordinance. There may be avenues to work with County Code Enforcement. Some language on why it is necessary for the HPC to be directly involved is needed.

This topic will be drafted in a letter for consideration by the County Council, as the Council finalizes the draft Zoning Ordinance update. It would be ideal to have the Historic Commission to submit draft language to Council in July.

- C. **Powerpoint for HPC**

Draft presentation in progress and should be ready for HPC review at the next meeting.

- III. **New Business**

- A. **Nominations for 2019 Chair**

Robert Mueller was nominated and voted Vice Chair.

Ron Mitchell was nominated and voted Chair.

Ron is seeking comments for upcoming year accomplishments. Ron is also asking for any thoughts on budget requests and use of the Commission's existing allocation.

- IV. **Open Floor**

- A. **Nominations for New Commissioners**

Dorothy announced her retirement from the Commission as her term ends. She is taking on a variety of other duties. Her participation will be missed.

- B. **Focus Group meetings for a working waterfront overlay district.**

The WWOD is being drafted to support historic waterfront Village development.

Tilghman and Bellevue have concerns about retaining historic character.

- C. **Commented on the Waterfront village survey work**

Marsha read through and appreciated the work but, found that the Part 1 study could use some introductory material.

- D. **Grant Receipt for Sea Level Rise Awareness Material**

Doug Reedy reported on the Story Map project, which will focus on local conditions in detail. The project is a tool to publicize and build on Hazard Mitigation work and will build a public knowledge base on climate awareness featuring historic resources.

- V. **Adjourn**

Motion to close the meeting at 4:10 p.m. by Marsha, seconded by Victor.