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**Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission**

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>Date: 07/09/2018</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	+	
Victor MacSorley		
Robert Mueller	+	
Cindy Schmidt		
Janice Pifer		
Holly Baldwin	+	

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

<p><b>Agenda and Notes</b></p> <p><b>Call to order – 3:00 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>I. Roll Call</b></p> <p><b>A. Attendance</b> Cindy Schmidt and Janice Pifer were unable to attend.</p> <p><b>B. Review minutes from June 11, 2018 meetin</b> Motion to approve make by Marsha, seconded by Bob, approved by all present.</p> <p><b>II. Old Business</b></p> <p><b>A. Site Visit Report</b> No visit for June.</p>
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**B. Introduction for Holly Baldwin**

Holly's historic Preservation experience includes 5 years as a historic archeologist in Maryland and New Jersey, as well as cultural resource management.

**C. HPC Responsibilities and Powers**

A letter to the Talbot County Council was drafted and will be presented at an upcoming Council meeting. Two Council Members have been briefed on the proposal by Chair Mitchell regarding the requests in the letter.

**D. Grantmaker Powerpoint Preservation**

A new group photo will be taken for the PowerPoint presentation package.

**III. New Business**

**A. Upcoming site visit**

The next site visit will be Judith's Garden.

**B. Presentation on Civil War Statue by Rich Merrill**

Mr. Merrill relocated to Talbot County several years before the recent public disagreement to the Talbot Boys statue on the County Courthouse grounds emerged. Mr. Merrill considered public a memorial for an Easton statue honoring all soldiers. He has made an acquaintance with a concept for a replacement featuring a Union and Confederate soldier of equal size, on a shorter base and with a simple inscription. He has been attempting to build local support for his concept.

**C. What would the HPC wish to accomplish in the coming year**

Items included progress on increasing the HPC's authority and duties, including the addition of demolition by neglect provisions (which is in force for income-producing properties in Town historic districts) in the County's zoning ordinance. Other items included installing Bellevue interpretive signage at the landing and improvements to the park site and addressing the historic status and use of the County-owned 925 Port Street in Easton Point.

The HPC considered additional items, including:

- Organizing and displaying HPC documents on past projects (possibly with the assistance of interns)
- Creating an HPC web archive
- Maintaining County owned access to historic sites
- Expanding and continuing surveys of villages and other rural historic properties
- Assisting easement holders to obtain funds for property preservation
- Assisting independent organizations with their preservation projects
- Conducting outreach and funding for grant projects and follow-up to the research conducted on historic properties and villages (such as Tilghman)
- Cooperate with other CLGs
- Developing a five-year plan to address a variety of goals
- Organizing informal gatherings with other municipal HPCs and related groups

**IV. Adjourn**

Motion to close the meeting at 4:20 p.m.