

CARROLL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18TH, 2025

LOCATION: Uniontown Academy, 3347 Uniontown Road, at 7p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edwin Gregg, Jessica Penn, Kyohei Abe, Marissa Waskiewicz, Nathan Bell, and Alternate Commissioner Ronald Arthur.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Dixon, Counsel; Carlisle Fillat, Carroll County Comprehensive Planning Division; David Fringer, Carroll County Sheriff's Office; Mollie Stone, owner of application residence; Jenny Schnakenberg, owner of application residence; Ben Belzner, owner of application residence; Don Buhrman, resident of Uniontown; Pamela Zappardino, resident of Uniontown; Rachael Anthony, resident of Uniontown; Charles Collyn, resident of Uniontown; Carrie Meyers, resident of Uniontown; Will Meyers, resident of Uniontown; Mark Blanchette, resident of Uniontown; Catherine Blanchette, resident of Uniontown; Christine Vincent, resident of Uniontown; David Bloom, resident of Uniontown; Sam Weaver, resident of Uniontown; Teresa Weaver, resident of Uniontown; Nora Hardy, resident of Uniontown; Chris Hardy, resident of Uniontown; and Liz Arthur, resident of Uniontown.

- 1. Introduction of those present:** The Commission members all introduced themselves.
- 2. Approve the minutes from the October 14, 2025, meeting** – Mr. Arthur made a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Penn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. New Business – Application #25-11; demolition of garage and construction of new garage at 3101 Uniontown Road** – Mr. Gregg opened discussion of this application to the Commission members. Mr. Gregg asked for a motion to accept the application with the information presented in it. Ms. Penn moved to accept the application as submitted and Mr. Bell seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gregg then opened the discussion to the application. Mollie Stone, owner of residence, presented her application. Ms. Stone explained that the damage to her garage was caused by a car accident. She stated that the county advised her to demolish the garage and build a new one. Mr. Gregg gave some information about the Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, including that changes to non-contributing properties may be less restricted than those for contributing properties, but the changes should still be compatible with the historic district's character. Mr. Gregg stated that the new garage does not need to be a direct replica of the previous garage, but compatibility with the aesthetic of Uniontown will be evaluated. Ms. Penn brought up the topic of building siding that imitates wood, but is not materially made of wood. Mr. Bell stated that this would be compatible with the design guidelines. Ms. Stone stated the changes to the garage in its new design, including a central peak of the roof and farm-style garage doors.

A motion was made by Ms. Penn, seconded by Ms. Waskiewicz, and agreed to unanimously, to accept the applicant's proposal.

- 4. New Business – Application #25-12; rebuilding front and side of home to original conditions at 3410 Uniontown Road** – Mr. Gregg opened discussion of this application to the Commission members. Mr. Gregg asked for a motion to accept the application with the information presented in it. Ms. Penn moved to accept the application as submitted and Ms. Waskiewicz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gregg then opened the discussion to the application. Jennifer

Schnakenberg, owner of residence, presented her application. Ms. Schnakenberg stated that the damage to her property was the result of a car accident, and explained that the only difference in design from the original siding is the addition of high beams for reinforcement. Ms. Schnakenberg showed the paint swatches, and a discussion of exterior black paint began between Commission members and audience members. Black paint was agreed to be compatible with the historic design guidelines.

A motion was made by Ms. Penn, seconded by Mr. Bell, and agreed to unanimously, to accept the applicant's proposal.

- 5. New Business – Application #25-13; restoring weather proofing to windows at 3341 Uniontown Road-** Mr. Gregg opened discussion of this application to the Commission members. Mr. Gregg asked for a motion to accept the application with the information presented in it. Ms. Waskiewicz moved to accept the application as submitted and Mr. Abe seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gregg then opened the discussion to the application. Ben Belzner, owners of residence, presented his application. A conversation was held between Commission members about weather proofing sealants and compatibility with the historic design guidelines. Mr. Belzner confirmed that minimal aesthetic changes will occur with the weather proofing of his windows.

A motion was made by Mr. Abe, seconded by Ms. Waskiewicz, and agreed to unanimously, to accept the applicant's proposal.

- 6. Discussion on traffic conditions in Uniontown with Deputy David Fringer –** Mr. Fringer opened discussion on the state of traffic in Uniontown with regards to the increase in automobile accidents. He stated that there is a new Neighborhood Enforcement team serving the Uniontown area, which will hopefully minimize future accidents. The discussion was continued between Commission members and audience members, each describing different types of automobile accidents that have occurred in Uniontown. Different types of traffic mitigation techniques were discussed, including traffic poles, and boulders. Mr. Fringer explained that accident reporting goes to the state for evaluation. Members of the Commission board discussed the possibility of getting a grant to fund traffic safety infrastructure if the state will not install them. Possible legal actions were discussed as well as the pros and cons of various traffic safety tools on different Uniontown roads. A citizen attendee asked if someone could keep record of the history of automobile accidents in Uniontown and use this as evidence for potential legal action. Mr. Gregg said that a traffic study is being conducted in the county, and once this is complete there will be a case that can be made to create road safety improvements in Uniontown. Mr. Bell suggested looking into the traffic safety solutions that have been taken in other Maryland historic districts.
- 7. Discussion on text edits made to the Historic Preservation Commission Bylaws –** Ms. Fillat opened discussion of updating the Historic Preservation Commission Bylaws to the Commission members. Ms. Penn stated that the bylaws mention electing a secretary, but the HPC does not have a secretary. Ms. Fillat said that she would look into the requirements of the secretary role in the Historic Preservation Commission and make potential edits. No further decisions on the Bylaws were made during this meeting.
- 8. Decision on assigning Historic Preservation Commission Co-Chair –** Mr. Gregg opened the nominations for Historic Preservation Commission Co-Chair. Ms. Penn nominated herself for the position. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Abe made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Ms. Waskiewicz. A vote was held, and the Commission members unanimously voted in Ms. Penn as Historic Preservation Commission Co-Chair.

There being no further business and no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be scheduled for December 9th, 2025.

Approved by:


Edwin T. Gregg, Chair

Respectfully submitted:


Carlisle Fillat, Comprehensive Planner