

**CARROLL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF
TUESDAY MAY 14, 2024**

LOCATION: Uniontown Academy, Uniontown, MD

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edwin Gregg, Melvin Brennan, Jessica Penn.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Kyohei Abe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Dixon, Counsel; Captain Mark DeBord, Carroll County Sheriff's Office; Catherine Virtz, Carroll County Bureau of Roads Operations; William Runser, Carroll County Bureau of Roads Operations; Hannah Weber, Carroll County Bureau of Comprehensive Planning; Rachael and Erik Anthony, owner of application residence; Shaun Levasseur, owner of application residence; Ronald Arthur, resident of Uniontown; Liz Arthur, resident of Uniontown; Sam Weaver, resident of Uniontown; Teresa Weaver, resident of Uniontown; Will Meyers, resident of Uniontown; Pamela Zappardino, resident of Uniontown; Chris Rhode, resident of Uniontown; Matt Rhode, resident of Uniontown; Henry Woe, resident of Uniontown; Chris Hardy, resident of Uniontown; Nate Bell, resident of Uniontown; Paige Schmidt, resident of Uniontown.

- 1. Introduction of those present:** The Commission members all introduced themselves.
- 2. Approve the minutes from March 12, 2024 meeting.** Ms. Penn made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 3. New Business – Application 24-02; installation of a fence at 3348 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. Brennan seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gregg then opened the discussion to the applicant. Mr. Erik Anthony, applicant, explained his application. Mr. Anthony and his wife are expecting a child and would like an enclosed back yard for their child and dog to play in. Ms. Anthony explained the fence is not that visible from Uniontown Road but wanted to submit an application anyway. Mr. Gregg advised the HPC does not have many guidelines for fences but since a portion of the fence is visible from Uniontown Road, it is good that an application was submitted. Mr. Gregg opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Ron Arthur, resident of Uniontown, asked if the fence would be vinyl. The applicants explained the portion of the fence visible from Uniontown Road would be a white picket fence which they provided pictures of. Mr. Brennan motioned to approve the application and Ms. Penn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. New Business – Application 24-03; replacement of portion of the roof at 3520 Middleburg 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. Brennan seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gregg then opened the discussion to the

applicant, Ms. Levasseur. Ms. Levasseur explained a portion of her roof is leaking and needs replacing, specifically the front portion of the roof. Mr. Brennan asked the materials to be used in replacing the roof. The applicant explained the roof will be replaced with like materials to be consistent with what is there currently. The roof will be replaced with a gray metal which is what is there now and seen around Uniontown. Mr. Gregg opened the discussion for public comment which there was none. Ms. Penn made a motion to approve the application, Mr. Brennan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discussion with County Bureau of Roads Operations** – Ms. Cathy Vartz and Mr. Hank Runser from the County Roads Operations were in attendance to answer questions regarding tree trimming. Ms. Vartz explained that trimming the trees along Uniontown is necessary due to power lines and the large farm equipment that frequently travel on Uniontown Road. Ms. Vartz handed out a flyer from her Bureau which details when and who to contact when a tree trimming is going to take place in their area. Mr. Arthur asked when a resident is going to replace a tree, does the County have a specific recommendation of type of tree. Mr. Runser specified to replace with native trees and ginkgo trees are good for fall foliage and canopy. Mr. Brennan explained that canopy is very important to keep in mind when tree trimming because it can change the feel of the village if too much is taken off. Multiple residents agreed with Mr. Brennan and explained bad experiences with Potomac Edison who trimmed trees in the area irresponsibly. Mr. Runser explained he understands the historic nature of Uniontown and makes sure to communicate that to his roads crew when they're trimming in the area.
6. **Discussion with County Sherriff** – Captain Mark DeBord from the Carroll County Sherriff's Office was in attendance to answer questions regarding speed along Uniontown Road. Captain DeBord explained the speed monitor as you enter Uniontown seems to be working in reducing high speed through the village and states the monitor is continuously working and receiving data. Captain DeBord says Uniontown Road is heavily traveled with an average speed of 33mph. Multiple residents complained that they hear load trucks overnight which travel at high speeds, particularly between 2-3am. Captain DeBord hears those complaints and says with his limited staff, he will have to be more selective on when to send people out to speed traps. Mr. Arthur asked if any road engineering can be done to slow traffic like installation of crosswalks, road narrowing, or painting white lines on the side of road. Captain DeBord and Ms. Vartz do not like speed bumps and would not like to see those installed. Ms. Weber said she will follow up regarding painting white lines on side of the roads and crosswalk. Multiple citizens asked if another speed monitor could be placed at the opposite end of Uniontown, entering the other way. Captain DeBord explained we have to be selective where we place the limited number of monitors, but he will follow up. Citizens also complained about the dangerous turn onto Uniontown Road from Clear Ridge and the yield sign should be a full stop. Captain DeBord explained that it is a state road so we don't have authority, but a calming circle could be a good idea there.
7. **Closing of meeting** – Mr. Gregg asked for any other public comment which there was none. Mr. Gregg said more meetings like tonight should be held and having them in Uniontown makes them even better. Mr. Gregg said to plan on having another in-person meeting in Uniontown in the fall.

There being no further business and no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

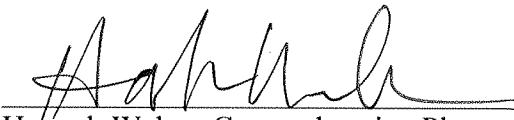
The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2024.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted:



Edwin T. Gregg, Chair



Hannah Weber, Comprehensive Planner
Bureau of Comprehensive Planning

6/11/2024

Date