CARROLL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF TUESDAY AUGUST 24, 2021 MEETING

LOCATION: Reagan Room, County Office Building

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edwin Gregg, Kyohei Abe, Craig Saunders, Christopher Tomlinson.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Dixon, Counsel; Hannah Weber, Planning Liaison; Ron Arthur, President of Historic Uniontown Association; Matthew Rohde, applicant; and Teresa and Sam Weaver, residents of Uniontown.

New Business

- 1. Introduction of those present: The Commission members all introduced themselves.
 - 2. Approve the minutes from July 14, 2021 meeting. Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Tomlinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - 3. New Business Application 21-07 Application for replacement of wooden spindles on the porches of the house at 795 Trevanion Road, by Matthew Rohde and Christine Reshitnyk. Mr. Gregg asked the Commission if there was enough information on the application for them to proceed. Mr. Saunders made a motion to proceed, and Mr. Abe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At that time Mr. Rohde explained that in the process of readying to paint the exterior of the house, they realized that the old porch spindles had rotted and didn't fit well. They are aiming to replace the spindles with something more appropriate to the original construction. There is a single story porch on the old part of their home and a two story porch on the newer construction. After investigating they decided on a 2" X 2" spindle for aesthetic reasons and the cost factor. They will be spaced approximately 3 ½" from each other. They are delivered ready for painting and they will be painted the same color as the trim. After further discussion Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the application as presented. Mr. Tomlinson seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
 - 4. Old Business Ms. Weber shared some ideas for further outreach to the Uniontown community. The first was to send a survey to all of the residents to get more information from them. The second is to do a mapping of all the applications that would be available online for research and information. The third idea was to look into mini-grant applications with the goal of getting the residents involved. Mr. Gregg felt these were excellent ideas. He suggested finding out from the residents what contractors had been used for various projects. This would not be a referral service, but simply a source of information for the residents. There followed discussion about resources for various

replacement items. Mr. Saunders suggested that each contractor on any list should acknowledge or affirm to the Commission that they would adhere to the design guidelines and permit requirements of the Commission. Ms. Weaver agreed that it would be good to have a list of contractors and what their specialties are. Mr. Weaver asked Ms. Weber about more information on the mini-grants. He wondered if there were grants that would give monies for something like the Town of Hampstead did to get everyone on Main Street to repaint their structures. Ms. Weber said she would look into what Hampstead did, but that it might not work since Uniontown is not an incorporated municipality. Mr. Gregg also said City of Westminster does some tax abatement for historic properties. Mr. Gregg then asked that Mr. Tomlinson look into the possibilities of grants and what could be done. He asked Mr. Saunders and Mr. Abe to think about survey questions that would be good. Mr. Weaver suggested that a database for Uniontown might be able to build on the existing permit database. It was also suggested that the application for the Commission be made available to complete online. Mr. Dixon then told the Commission that beginning in September that everything for the Commission would be handled by the Planning Department. He also informed them that they have funds previously raised of just over \$5,000 available to them. Mr. Gregg mentioned that he would like enough monies to join the Association of Historic Commissions so that the Commissioners could attend some of the seminars.

There being no further business and no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:34 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Saunders and seconded by Mr. Abe and voted on unanimously.

The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for September 14, 2021.

Approved by:

Date

Edwin T. Gregg, Chair

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Respectfully submitted:

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