Historic Preservation Commission - Oct 22 2026 Minutes

Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Patuxent Building, Office of Land Use & Growth Management 23150 Leonard Hall Dr. Leonardtown, MD 20650

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Eve Love, Teri Wilson, Jocelyn Copeland, Chris McKay, Matthew Riedel, and Jeremy Hanson.

Staff in Attendance: Gabrielle Gleissner.

3. Approval of the Agenda

A. Approval of the Agenda

I move to approve the October 22 meeting agenda.

Moved by: Jocelyn Copeland; seconded by: Matthew Riedel

Motion Carries

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. Approval and Review of the September 24 Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of the September 24 meeting.

Moved by: Mary McKay; seconded by: Teresa Wilson

Motion Carries

5. New Business

A. 2027 HPC Meeting Schedule

Staff shared the draft HPC meeting schedule for 2027 with members.

I move to approve the 2027 HPC Meeting Schedule.

Moved by: Eve Love; seconded by: Jeremy Hanson

Motion Carries

B. Discussion

Staff discussed four items with members:

- Staff followed up with members on whether residents report structures that have collapsed due to extenuating circumstances (e.g., weather, fire, age, neglect, etc.) to LUGM for documentation purposes. After consulting with the County Building Official, staff determined that these incidents are not typically reported. Members asked if staff could explore establishing a process to encourage residents to report such incidents. Staff agreed to research the matter and follow up with members.
- Staff prepared a "Thank You" card for Mr. Nicholas Redding, who was a featured speaker for a Historic Preservation Lecture earlier this year. Members signed the card and requested that it be sent to him
- Staff shared that the St. Mary's County Historical Society inquired about obtaining a historic marker placed at the St. Joseph Parish Housing Project located in Morganza. The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) administer a historic road marker program, however the program is not currently accepting new applications. The Historical Society is exploring alternative funding sources and resources. Members suggested that staff to share information about the recent historic marker installation at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church and recommend that the Historical Society contact them for guidance.
- Staff informed members that this is Jocelyn Copeland's last HPC meeting, as she has resigned due to taking on a new position. Members thanked her for her outstanding efforts in developing the very successful Oyster Festival Exhibit. Jocelyn shared that she is willing to help out the HPC in any way she can as a volunteer.

6. REPORTS

A. MH26-1902 17625 Three Notch Rd., Dameron

B. RESACC26-2003 43000 Peaceful Farm Ln., Hollywood

During the staff report, members asked whether the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) is notified when an inventoried structure is demolished or is no longer standing. Staff advised that, based on previous discussions with MHT, its review is generally limited to projects involving state or federal funding. Staff will notify MHT of inventoried structures are found to be no longer standing during project reviews.

C. DEMO26-2005 20610 Point Lookout Rd., Callaway

7. Announcements

A. HPC's next meeting is on November 12 at 4:00 p.m.

8. Adjourn

A. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the October 22 meeting at 4:21 p.m.

Moved by: Teresa Wilson; seconded by: Jocelyn Copeland

Motion Carries