

SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 14, 2023 – 9:00AM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Carol Mason, Robert Highsmith, M.C. Taylor, Elyse Harney, Tom Callahan and Heidi Hoeller (Alternate). T. Callahan, Acting Chair, seated H. Hoeller as a Voting Member.
2. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by E. Harney, seconded by H. Hoeller and unanimously **Approved.**
3. **Continuation of Public Hearing / 9 Academy Street (Holt House) / Cassidy / Signage and Exterior Lighting**
Commissioner Comments: R. Highsmith asked for the dimensions of the proposed sign on the building and the street sign; E. Harney indicated the size of the hanging street sign would be 18"x24". Mr. Cassidy indicated that the 2 signs are different sizes; the one on the building would be 26"x40". He added that the sign on the building will have a white background with dark lettering and provided a rendering of the proposed sign on the porch wall. **A Motion to Close the Public Hearing** was made by E. Harney, seconded by M.C. Taylor and unanimously **Approved.** **A Motion to Approve COA Application 2023-003, 9 Academy Street (Holt House), Signage and Exterior Lighting,** was made by H. Hoeller, seconded by E. Harney and unanimously **Approved.**
4. COA Application 2023-005 / 63 Millerton Road (Landowska House) / Morrison/ Construction of 30'x60' Play Surface and Retaining Wall
Blake Morrison described the proposed sports court as having a Pickleball surface. T. Callahan asked what the retaining wall would look like. Mr. Morrison described it as a sheer straight black wall 6" thick that would be visible on the face, with a planted buffer. He added that it would reduce the severe sloping and act as stormwater management. E. Harney asked about drainage pipes; Mr. Morrison answered that they will be concealed, not visible. T. Callahan asked for the height of the wall; Mr. Morrison indicated it would be 5' high, but not all visible. T. Callahan asked if any street or driveway lighting was planned and noted that a separate COA would be required for that; Mr. Morrison responded that nothing is planned now. He added that he is looking at LED lighting for the Pickleball court. C. Mason asked how the wall would look without plantings; Mr. Morrison answered it would be a black horizontal stack timber wall. E. Harney asked why paint it black instead of having natural wood; Mr. Morrison described the dark element as fading away better. T. Callahan pointed out that the wall is a big feature and wants a better idea of the scale at the public hearing. H. Hoeller asked why a wall is needed; Mr. Morrison answered that they need to reduce the grade so the sports court won't be undermined and to improve drainage. R. Highsmith questioned why the wall needs to be

painted; Mr. Morrison replied that they have to use pressure-treated wood and it is unevenly colored. E. Harney questioned the use of pressure-treated wood. C. Mason noted that the wall is the visible part of this COA. Mr. Morrison added that they would be removing an old fence. A **Motion to Accept COA Application 2023-005 and Schedule for Public Hearing on May 2, 2023**, was made by R. Highsmith, seconded by H. Hoeller and unanimously **Approved**. The Legal Notice will appear in the Lakeville Journal. All additional requested visuals should be sent to C. Mason.

5. **Adjournment. So Moved** by E. Harney, seconded by H. Hoeller and unanimously **Approved**.