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Town of Beaufort Historic Preservation Regular Meeting
6:00 PM Tuesday, October 7th, 2025 - Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort, NC 28516
Minutes

Call to Order

Acting Chair Hedrick called the October 7th, 2025 Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Bradley Hedrick, Vice-Chair; Bradley Cummins, Kris Davis, Marissa Morris, Tyler Tennant

Members Absent: Joyce McCune, Chair; Jessica Sabiston

A quorum was declared with five members present.

Staff Present: Mr. Kyle Garner, Planning Director; Mr. Brad Fockler, Code Enforcement Officer; Ms. Jill Quattlebaum, Town Attorney; Ms. Laurel Anderson, Board Secretary

Agenda Approval

Member Cummins made the motion to approve the Agenda as presented and Member Tennant made the second. Acting Chair Hedrick took a vote that was unanimously approved.

Voting yea: Acting Chair Hedrick, Bradley Cummins, Kris Davis, Marissa Morris, Tyler Tennant

Minutes Approval

Member Cummins made the motion to approve the Minutes as presented and Member Morris made the second. Acting Chair Hedrick took a vote that was unanimously approved.

Voting yea: Acting Chair Hedrick, Bradley Cummins, Kris Davis, Marissa Morris, Tyler Tennant

Items of Consent

1. Approval of the Order for 122 Front Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

Member Davis made the motion to approve the Order as presented and Member Morris made the second. Acting Chair Hedrick took a vote that was unanimously approved.

Voting yea: Acting Chair Hedrick, Bradley Cummins, Kris Davis, Marissa Morris, Tyler Tennant

Presentations

Landmark Designation Request – 229 Front Street – Jacob Henry House

Acting Chair Hedrick introduced the landmark designation request for the Jacob Henry House at 229 Front St. Mr. Garner noted that the house is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has a State Historic Marker as well but it is not a local landmark. He explained that the applicant is requesting the Commission consider endorsement of the application to the State Historic Preservation Office and gave an overview of the 5-step process for requesting a local landmark.

The Commission considered whether the Jacob Henry House met the criteria for designation, which requires a property to be "of special significance in terms of its historical, prehistorical, architectural, or cultural importance and to possess integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, feeling, and or association."

Mr. Redhage spoke about the historical and cultural significance of the house especially pertaining to Mr. Jacob Henry's speech in 1809 in the North Carolina legislature defending religious freedom.

It was noted during the discussion that the Jacob Henry House has both a state number and a national register number (number 277), confirming its existing recognition at state and national levels.

Member Cummins made the motion to endorse the application for Local Landmark status and Member Morris made the second. Acting Chair Hedrick took a vote that was unanimously approved.

Voting yea: Acting Chair Hedrick, Bradley Cummins, Kris Davis, Marissa Morris, Tyler Tennant

Commission / Board Comments

Acting Chair Hedrick asked about the new banisters on the porch at 301 Front St and the metal roof. Mr. Fockler explained that the new banisters were not identical to the approved Like-for-Like application and were in the process of being made to match the originals. Staff would research to see if the roof had been updated.

Staff Comments

Mr. Garner noted that the State Preservation Historic Office had suggested Historic Commission members introduce themselves at the beginning of meetings. He also informed the members that the Baptist parking lot at the corner of Ann and Turner St would be available for free public parking for November and December 2025 since Turner St is closed for road construction. The driveway on Ann Street will be widened to allow for two-way in and out.

Adjourn

Member Cummins made the motion to adjourn and Member Morris made the second. Acting Chair Hedrick took a vote that was unanimously approved.

Voting yea: Acting Chair Hedrick, Bradley Cummins, Kris Davis, Marissa Morris, Tyler Tennant

Acting Chair Hedrick declared the October 7th, 2025 meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Acting Chair, Bradley Hedrick

Board Secretary, Laurel Anderson