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September 27, 2021

VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Town of Easton Historic District Commission
Attn: Katie Reedy, Director of Site Development
14 South Harrison Street
Easton, Maryland 21601
kreedy@eastonmd.gov

RE: Historic District Commission Hearing Application – Talbot County, Maryland

Dear Ms. Reedy:

Enclosed herewith please find for filing an original and six (6) copies of Talbot County, Maryland's Historic District Commission Hearing Application, along with a supporting narrative and one attachment. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$200.00 for the filing fee. A PDF version of the enclosed is being sent via e-mail as well.

It is the County's understanding that this matter will be placed on the Historic District Commission's agenda for October 11, 2021; however, kindly confirm.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns regarding the enclosed application. Please copy the County Attorney, Patrick Thomas, on any correspondence regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jessica Morris
Assistant County Manager

Enclosures

cc: Clay B. Stamp, County Manager (via e-mail only)
Patrick W. Thomas, Esq., County Attorney (via e-mail only)
C. Daniel Saunders, Esq. (via e-mail only)
Lance M. Young, Esq. (via e-mail only)



Town of Easton
 Engineering, Planning and Zoning
 14 South Harrison Street, Easton, MD 21601

Historic District Commission Hearing Application

Application Type

Renovation Alteration Demolition Other
 New Construction or Addition Signage Fence

Property Information

Address **Courthouse, 11 N. Washington St., Easton, MD 21601**
 Tax Map **104** Grid **000EA** Parcel **1232** Lot **N/A**

Owner

Name **Talbot County, Maryland**
 Mailing Address **11 N. Washington Street, Easton, MD 21601**
 Telephone No. **410-770-8010** Email **cbstamp@talbotcountymd.gov**

Applicant or Agent

Name **Clay B. Stamp, County Manager**
 Mailing Address **11 North Washington St., Easton, MD 21601**
 Telephone No. **410-770-8010** Email **cbstamp@talbotcountymd.gov**

Architect - Engineer - Contractor

Name **N/A** License No. Expiration Date
 Mailing Address
 Telephone No. Email

Description of Proposal (include additional sheets, as necessary)

Talbot County, Maryland is seeking a Certificate of Approval for the relocation of the Talbot Boys Statue from the County Courthouse grounds. A narrative is attached.

Specific Requirements

- The payment of fees is due at the time of application submittal. As of July 1, 2018, the fees are as follows: Commercial - \$200, Residential - \$75, Signs - \$75
- The application submitted shall include 7 hard copies plus 1 digital.
- Disclose any easements or deed restrictions pertaining to the property and any improvements including the details of said easements or restrictions.
- Disclose any tax credits and or grants being considered for the project.

The Historic District Commission (HDC) reserves the right to request reasonable additional information or design drawings that further clarify proposals. In cases where professional

design services are warranted, the HDC may require the applicant to retain a licensed design consultant. If the applicant or their designee is not present for the scheduled the scheduled agenda item.

Any modifications during review shall warrant an updated application.

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the Easton Historic District Guidelines as published correction prior to processing.

Signature of Applicant or Agent

Clay P. Stamp

Date

Printed Name of Applicant or Agent

Clay P. Stamp

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Application Date		HDC Meeting Date	
Application Number		Notice(s) Published	
Fee Paid		Property Post & Sign #	
Certificate of Approval Issued Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Revised 02-2019</i>			



Historic District Commission Application Checklist

Revised January 2019

Please complete the section that applies to your application. If a checklist item is not included or is non-applicable, please provide information supporting its omission for the Commission's consideration.

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New Construction / Addition

- Site plan illustrating the footprint(s) of all proposed EXISTING construction, landscaping features, walks, patios and any other 'hardscape' features. The site plan should be drawn to an appropriate scale and should include setback and neighboring structures
- Site plan illustrating the footprint(s) of all PROPOSED new construction, landscaping features, walks, patios and any other 'hardscape' features as well as all exterior architectural details. The site plan should be drawn to an appropriate scale and should include setback and neighboring structures
- Dimensioned elevations drawn to an appropriate scale illustrating all sides of the proposed structure. Drawings shall include notations outlining roof pitches, trim details and the type of windows and doors to be used for the project
- Street elevation(s) of the proposed structure(s) along with all neighboring structures located within 400' of the property in either direction. All elevations shall be accurately scaled to permit evaluation as part of the streetscape
- Photographs of all existing conditions and neighboring structures
- Elevations and photographs with overlaid sketches of the proposed project including all applicable door and window designs

- Manufacturer cut-sheets and material specifications related to all roofs, proposed doors, windows and any other manufactured product to be included in the project
- Description of all existing materials and a listing of all materials to be used for proposed project such as siding, fascia, trim, etc.
- Any available historical photographs, sketches or other documentary evidence illustrating previous conditions and configurations of the structure(s)
- Landscape plan where existing landscape features to be removed and or relocated are identified including the location and species of existing trees
- Landscape plan illustrating and detailing all new landscaping proposed
- Construction schedule
- Architect or design professional license number and date of expiration
- For new construction only, the Commission will require a three dimensional rendering, superimposed photo, silhouette or model of the proposed structure, other structure(s) located on the subject property and neighboring structures when necessary to understand the visual impact of the new construction and its compliance with the Guidelines.

Renovation

- Photographs of all existing conditions which would be affected by the proposed project
- Elevations and photographs with overlaid sketches of the proposed project including all applicable door and window designs
- Manufacturer cut-sheets and material specifications related to all roofs, proposed doors, windows and any other manufactured product to be included in the project
- Description of all existing materials and a listing of all materials to be used for proposed project such as siding, fascia, trim, etc.
- Any available historical photographs, sketches or other documentary evidence illustrating previous conditions and configurations of the building(s)
- Landscape plan where existing landscape features to be removed and or relocated are identified including the location and species of existing trees
- Landscape plan illustrating and detailing all new landscaping proposed

Signage

- Dimensioned drawings of the sign. Identify all materials to be used, color(s), lettering (including size and font style) and wording
- Photograph depicting the proposed location for the signage
- Lighting detail
- Construction and or mounting details
- Landscape plan illustrating and detailing all new landscaping proposed

Fence - Landscaping

- Site plan indicating the proposed fence location drawn to an appropriate scale including property boundary information
- Design drawings of the fence. Identify height, picket style or otherwise and any other relevant construction and or material detail
- Photograph depicting the proposed location(s)/area(s) to be fenced

Demolition

- If demolition is sought because of failing structural integrity, attach a report on the condition of the structure. The report shall be prepared by an licensed architect or engineer
- If demolition is sought because of economic hardship attach documentation proving economic hardship
- If demolition is sought for a reason not listed, attach related information
- Elevations and photographic documentation of all elevations of the structure(s) to be demolished including footprint dimensions, height dimensions and a site plan illustrating location of the structure(s) to be demolished
- Attach plans for replacement structure(s) (if proposed)
- Attach narrative fully explaining the rational for the request for demolition

The Historic District Commission (HDC) reserves the right to request a professional inspection of the structure(s). Said request may include evaluation by a historic preservation specialist.

Other

- Attach narrative fully explaining the rationale for the request for demolition
- Attach all documentation supporting request

The Historic District Commission (HDC) reserves the right to request reasonable additional information or design drawings that further clarify proposals. In cases where professional design services are warranted, the HDC may require the applicant to retain a licensed design consultant.

If the applicant or their designee is not present for the scheduled HDC meeting, the Commission may elect to refrain from discussing and voting on the scheduled agenda item.

This checklist shall be submitted along with the completed Historic District Commission Application and all additional supporting information.

NARRATIVE IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Talbot County, Maryland (the “County”) submits this Historic District Commission Hearing Application seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Town of Easton Historic District Commission (the “HDC”) for the relocation of the Talbot Boys Statue (the “Statue”) from the County Courthouse grounds located at 11 N. Washington Street, Easton, Maryland (the “County Courthouse”). Pursuant to an Administrative Resolution of the County Council of Talbot County (the “County Council”) adopted and effective September 14, 2021, a majority of the County Council authorized and approved relocation of the Statue from the County Courthouse grounds to the Cross Keys Battlefield in Harrisonburg, Virginia, a private park, under the custody, care, and control of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation (the “Foundation”). (Attachment 1, Administrative Resolution).

The Easton Historic District Guidelines (p. 13) provide that the HDC may approve the moving of historic resources if it finds “that it is not in the best interests of the Town or a majority of its citizens to withhold approval.” For profound reasons, it is not in the best interests of the Town of Easton (the “Town”) or a presumed majority of its citizens to withhold approval of the County’s’ removal of the Statue from the County Courthouse grounds.

The Statue, dedicated in 1916, is a Confederate monument on the County Courthouse grounds that commemorates individuals from Talbot County who served in the Confederacy during the Civil War. As is well known and highly publicized, the Statue’s presence on the County Courthouse grounds has generated significant controversy and division among many citizens of the County, including citizens of the Town. By way of example, the County is currently defending litigation in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland filed by certain individuals, governmental agencies, and entities who seek to have the Statue removed. Thus, the County Council seeks to relocate the Statue from the County Courthouse grounds.

While not necessarily material to a determination of whether a COA should be granted in the instant case, it is the intent of the County for the Foundation to take possession of the Statue where it can be displayed on the Cross Keys Battlefield on the ridge where Maryland troops fought, including troops from Talbot County. The Statue can then be repurposed as a monument to all Maryland troops engaged at the battle of Cross Keys with additional interpretation added. The Cross Keys Battlefield is private property; however, it is open to the public year round. Thus, the Statue can be preserved and viewed in a better historical context along with other monuments

commemorating the Civil War.

The effect of moving the Statue to another location outside the Town's Historic District will not change the general character of the County Courthouse or the Town's Historic District as a whole. The historic character of the County Courthouse will remain intact, and the Statue's relocation does not affect any other historic sites, buildings, or other structures in the Town's Historic District.



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**ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY
AUTHORIZING THE RELOCATION OF THE TALBOT BOYS STATUE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Administrative Resolution adopted and effective on March 16, 2004, the County Council of Talbot County (the "County Council") established policies and procedures regarding the use of public lands in Talbot County, Maryland (the "County") for the remembrance of persons and events of historical significance; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists on the Talbot County Courthouse grounds a statue commonly known and referred to as the Talbot Boys Statue (the "Statue"); and

WHEREAS, the County Council is desirous of causing the Statue to be relocated from the Talbot County Courthouse grounds to the Cross Keys Battlefield in Harrisonburg, Virginia, a private park, under the custody, care, and control of Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, with all costs associated therewith to be paid from private funds and at no cost or expense to the County or its taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Council of Talbot County hereby authorizes and approves the relocation of the Talbot Boys Statue from the Talbot County Courthouse grounds to the Cross Keys Battlefield in Harrisonburg, Virginia, a private park, under the custody, care, and control of Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, as soon as is practicable, with all costs associated therewith to be paid from private funds and at no cost or expense to Talbot County, Maryland or its taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate County officials and staff be and are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and take any other appropriate action necessary to effectuate the relocation of the Talbot Boys Statue in accordance with this Administrative Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above recitals are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Administrative Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

INTRODUCED by the County Council, at a Regular Meeting on September 14, 2021, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

ADOPTED by the County Council, at a Regular Meeting on September 14, 2021, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND THE GREAT SEAL OF TALBOT COUNTY, THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-ONE.

ADOPTED:

By the Council September 14, 2021

Certified Susan Moran
Susan Moran, Secretary

NAY

Chuck F. Callahan, President

Pete Leshner
Pete Leshner, Vice President

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