

## Salisbury Historic District Commission

### *May 27, 2026*

The Salisbury Historic District Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, **May 27, 2026**. The meeting took place at 125 N Division St, Room 301, with attendance as follows:

#### COMMISSIONERS

Brenden Frederick – Chairman – *Virtual*  
Matt Auchey – Vice Chairman – *Present*  
Margaret Lawson – Commissioner – *Virtual*  
Lisa Gingrich – Commissioner – *Present*  
Brad Phillips – Commissioner – *Present*  
Harvey Evans – Commissioner – *Present*

Luis DaSilva – Commissioner – *Present*

#### CITY OFFICIALS

Laura Ryan – City Attorney – *Present*  
Henry Pearson – Associate Planner – *Present*  
Scarlett Liberto – Associate Planner – *Present*

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Matt Auchey called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Each member of the Commission introduced themselves for the record. The Vice Chairman explained the meeting procedure to all applicants and administered the oath en masse to all persons intending to testify.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – **None.**
4. **PUBLIC INPUT** – Members of the public are welcome to comment, subject to a time allotment of two (2) minutes per person.
5. **CONSENT DOCKET** – **None.**
6. **OLD BUSINESS** – **None.**
7. **NEW BUSINESS** –

#### **Case #26-05 – 309 Park Avenue – Alterations – Fire Escape Replacement**

The applicant approached the table. Mr. Henry Pearson read the staff report. Mr. Auchey read through the contributing/non-contributing checklist. The commission came to a consensus that while there are many original features have been covered with metal, they believe the building to still hold strong significance in proportion, scale and layout. It was also discussed that this is one of two apartment buildings within this historic district and shows how the neighborhood has changed throughout the years, proving its historical significance. Mrs. Gingrich moved to determine the structure **contributing**, seconded by Mr. Phillips.

#### **Motion and Vote:**

*Motion:* **Brad Phillips**

*Second:* **Lisa Gingrich**

*Vote:* **6-0 in favor.**

The applicant explained that he replaced the fire escape as the original was rotting and it bad shape. The original fire escape was unpainted wood. Ms. Gingrich asked the applicant how they would feel staining or painting the wood. The applicant responded stating they would prefer staining it over painting, as it would last longer. Ms. Gingrich made a motion to **approve** the application as submitted with an amendment to stain the wood fire escape.

**Public Comment: None**

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion:* **Lisa Gingrich**

*Second:* **Brad Phillips**

*Vote:* **6-0 in favor.**

**Case #26-15 – 501C W Main Street – Sign**

The applicant approached the table and Ms. Liberto read the staff report. The applicant explained that the sign would be located above the far-left door and made of aluminum. Ms. Gingrich expresses that she feels as if this sign does not fit in with the historic nature of the building. Mr. Auchey commissioners agree, that most buildings within the historic district are a majority informational text. The applicant, who is representing the business owner, stated that he would talk with his client about different options based off the commissioner's feedback. The applicant agreed to continue the application to next month and will provide the staff with new signs within the next week.

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion:* **Lisa Gingrich**

*Second:* **Brad Phillips**

*Vote:* **6-0 in favor.**

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, **Mr. Evans** moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by **Ms. Gingrich**, which was brought to a vote and approved unanimously.

This is a summary of the proceedings of this meeting. Detailed information is in the permanent files of each case as presented and filed in the City of Salisbury Department of Infrastructure and Development.

  
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Matt Auchey, Acting Chairman

  
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Scarlett Liberto, Associate Planner

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