

# HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2026

The Historic Resources Commission (HRC) met on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. at the “Hewett House”, 1164 Macedonia Road. The Commission was invited to conduct a site visit of the property under consideration for Historic Landmark designation.

### ATTENDEES

Cheryl Harbin, Property Owner  
Reid Barwick, Vice Chair  
Anne Bryan Hanson  
Michael Arrowood  
Knox Crowell  
Bob D. Johnson  
Bob Davy  
Lee Stevens (Staff)  
Carlos Martinez (Staff)

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting commenced at 2:05 P.M.

### SITE VISIT

- Carlos instructed the Commission that they may only consider the exterior of the home when determining landmark status.
- Cheryl Harbin provided an updated floor plan from the one shown on the Property Record card.
- Cheryl confirmed that the well house is still on-site, closer to the home than the Commission expected. The pump functions, but it only provides soiled water.
- Cheryl and her late husband, Oscar Harbin, were handed off a wealth of documentation on the home when they purchased it. They conducted additional research through the years, especially Oscar. Some of the documents included:
  - Photos of the home at the time of purchase
  - Magazines and newspapers featuring the home
    - A commission member asked about a magazine from the 80s in the archived documents, and the homeowner said that an article about the house was in it.
  - Original letters of the inhabitants of the home



- The porch is original, even though in some previous conversations it was said to be an addition
- Oscar had transcribed many of the documents, including Eliza's letters.
- The thick-walled doorframe from the front room (near the original front entrance) into the first-floor side bedroom indicates that maybe it was an exterior wall at some point.
- Helene damage: water came in down the chimneys during Helene, and the upstairs main bedroom was damaged and is undergoing renovation now. No damage to the exterior of the chimneys.
- The house was set up to use acetylene gas, which was common then. Oscar has documentation related to that. The acetylene chandelier is original to the house.
- Brian Sweet is the local carpenter who has done a lot of the renovation work on the house, including the built-ins and fireplace in the library. The original fireplace from that library was moved into the upstairs bedroom.
- A commission member asked if the homeowner had redone the floors
  - Yes, they've been stripped and refinished
- The addition to the home starts in the kitchen and includes the den and laundry room area.
- The old water pipes upstairs in the closet go all the way down to the basement and are all original to the house.
- The Commission members explored and documented the exterior of the house, which Carlos again reminded them would be the basis of the decision of whether to designate the landmark.
- Carlos asked about a name preference, and the owner said she would need to think about it, but maybe "the Top," like the Hewett family called it, or "High Gables."

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 3:27