

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