

**LAYTONSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 16, 2014**

**Roll Call:**

A meeting of the Laytonsville Historic District Commission (HDC) was called to order by Chair Sheree Wenger at 7:32 p.m. Commission Members Jill Ruspi, Joanne Howes, Charles Hendricks, and Michele Shortley and alternate Lisa Simonetti were present.

**Attendance:**

Andreas and Kathy Drouliskos and Jim Ruspi were present.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the meeting of May 19, 2014 were presented and accepted.

**Preliminary Statement by Chair:**

The preliminary statement was read.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Chair Wenger opened the hearing for HDC-01-14 to review the application submitted by Andreas and Kathy Drouliskos of 7321 Brink Road. The application requests a patio and a deck at their residence. A concept drawing of the patio and sample of the proposed pavers was presented to the Commission.

The proposed deck is to be constructed with Trex material with white PVC handrails and posts. The deck would sit 2 feet above the ground. The Commission suggested using lattice around the base of the deck.

The Commission members reviewed the drawing of the proposed patio. It would be constructed with PA pavers, and is to have a two foot knee wall and 3 foot pillars set in concrete around it. Chair Wenger suggested that the town could provide a list of suggested plantings to be added for privacy.

The Rolling Ridge subdivision does not have an architectural review board in place at this time. Alternate Member Simonetti had consulted with Mike Bingley of Elm Street and Mr. Beraq Azeem, HOA Board Member, and neither had any issues with the application.

Chair Wenger closed the record. Member Ruspi made a motion to accept application HDC 01-14 with the stipulations that lattice be added around the bottom of the deck and any landscaping exceeding \$2500 is to be reviewed by the HDC. Member Hendricks seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Chair Wenger stated that the gas station at the corner of Rt. 108 and Brink/Sundown Road had been sold. She had talked to the new owners earlier in the day and given them a copy of the zoning ordinance and zoning map. She planned to meet with them again on June 17, 2014. She noted that they had been cleaning and painting the property.

**Old Business:**

Member Shortley inquired about the lighting for Town Hall. Chair Wenger commented that Council Member Pomeroy was continuing to work on the plan and that she noted that the most recently suggested lights were very ornate. Town Council member Jim Ruspi of 7111 Brink Road stated that he had attended an ADA meeting at the recent Maryland Municipal League conference. It was that stated at that meeting that new regulations were coming out regarding lighting and parking lots. He stated that specific information on this could be found at [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov). HDC Member Jill Ruspi stated that she had concern that there is an attempt to do this project without advice from landscape architects.

Chair Wenger stated that she had sent a letter, which was delivered on June 14, 2014, to the owner of the Rolling Ridge house, regarding the condition of the property. Currently there is high grass, fallen tree limbs, and a compromised fence, and no evidence of ongoing restoration work. The letter requests that the owner make a written response within 15 days that provides a plan to secure and clean up the property and a timeline for the restoration of the historic house.

The commission also briefly discussed the outdoor lighting and brick work used in the expansion of the fire house.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Member Shortley made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Member Hendricks. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Charlene Dillingham

Clerk, Town of Laytonsville