MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address: 1811 Brighton Dam Rd., Brookeville
Meeting Date: 8/14/2019

Resource: Master Plan Site #23/72
Report Date: 8/7/2019

Prospect Hill

Applicant: Jeffery Shirazi
Public Notice: 7/31/2019
Miche Booz, Architect

Review: HAWP
Tax Credit: Partial

Case Number: 23/72-15A REVISION
Staff: Dan Bruechert

Proposal: Building Addition

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends the HPC approve the HAWP.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Individually Listed Master Plan Site #23/72 (Prospect Hill)
STYLE: Federal
DATE: c.1783

From Places from the Past:
“Prospect Hill farm survives as a significant reminder of Montgomery County’s Revolutionary-era heritage. The main house on the property was built by 1783 by James Holland, a Revolutionary War patriot, and used by him and other local patriots as a meeting place to discuss their role in the American Revolution. The 60-acre property includes a farmhouse with its intact, Federal-period interior detailing, an English barn, a single-crib barn, and a family cemetery. Historically, the property included a woolen mill, a stone quarry, and a slave quarters[sic] none of which are extant today. The main farmhouse is a two-story, frame structure, with a distinctive double-story porch extending across the south elevation. Similar galleried porches are found on two nearby Holland Houses: Grafton Holland Farm and Landgate. The house was built in two separate phases, including a one-room, two-bay section to the east, which served as a chapel, and a three-bay, side passage section to the west.”
Figure 1: Prospect Hill is setback a significant distance from Brighton Dam Rd.

BACKGROUND

On December 16, 2015 the HPC approved, by consent, a HAWP to remove a non-historic addition and construct a more sympathetic addition in the same approximate area; and to complete repairs/rehabilitation to the historic house. The drawings submitted with that HAWP application are attached to this Staff Report.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes revise the design of the previously approved addition and expand the second floor on the north rear of the property.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

Proposed alterations to individual Master Plan Sites are reviewed under Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (Chapter 24A) and the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Rehabilitation is defined as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features, which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.
Montgomery County Code, Chapter 24A Historic Resources Preservation

(b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:

(1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or

(2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter;

Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation

2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, space and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportions, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The applicant proposes to expand the second floor of the previously approved side-projecting addition to the rear. Staff finds that this is not a significant alteration to the design and is compatible with the house and approved addition and recommends approval.

2015 Approval

In 2015, the applicant presented a proposal to remove the existing, non-historic, right side addition and construct a 33’ (thirty-three foot) wide addition to the east of the historic house and to complete a rehabilitation of the historic house. A side addition was deemed most appropriate due to the fact that the historic resource is a single pile house that sits on the bluff above the road. After a preliminary consultation and subsequent revisions, the HPC approved a two-story, one room deep addition with a gable-roofed, screened-in porch to the north (rear). The screened in porch is inset from the east wall of the addition by 1’ (one foot).
Figure 2: East elevation of the approved side-projecting rear addition.

Figure 3: South (rear) elevation of Prospect Hill with the approved addition.

Proposed Revision
The applicant proposes to expand the approved addition on the second floor by 7’ 5½” (seven feet, five-and one-half inches) to the north over the first-floor porch with an 8’ 6” × 16’ 7” (eight foot six inch by sixteen foot seven inch) second-story porch. The ridge of this rear facing gable is lower than the addition’s principal gable and the second story walls will match the 1’ (one foot) inset from the east wall plane. Materials and finishes for the proposed expansion are consistent with the previously approved work.
Staff finds that the proposed work is compatible with the historic house and the under-construction addition. This expansion will preserve the character of the historic building because it is placed away from the historic massing below the historic ridge (Standard 2). The design of the proposed work will be compatible in form with the historic construction, but is differentiated by using an open gable in the second-floor porch (Standard 9). Additionally, the addition is being constructed on an independent foundation so that it may be removed at some future date and not harm the form or integrity of the historic house (Standard 10). Staff finds that the new work will not be visible from the public right-of-way, as it is on the rear elevation of the house and the topography prevents any other view of the historic house. Staff additionally finds that while the addition does alter the massing of the addition, it does so in the location farthest from the historic massing to minimize its impact (per 24A-8(b)(1)). Staff additionally finds the size and massing of the
propose are consistent with the historic house and previous HAWP, as the expansion is occurring over the existing foundation. Additionally, the double hung windows and the shutters in the proposed expansion match those on the first floor; and the fiber cement siding will help to differentiate the new construction from the historic. Staff finds the addition to be compatible in size, scale, design, and materials with the historic house (per 24A-8(b)(2)) and are consistent with the previous approval.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission **approve** the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(1) and (2) having found that the proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible in character and the purposes of Chapter 24A;

and with the *Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation #2, #9, and #10.*

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present the **3 permit sets of drawings, if applicable, to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping** prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

and with the general condition that final project design details, not specifically delineated by the Commission, shall be approved by HPC staff or brought back to the Commission as a revised HAWP application at staff’s discretion;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make **any alterations** to the approved plans. Once the work is completed the applicant will contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or dan.bruechert@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
301/563-3400
APPLICATION FOR
HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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Contractor: 
Contractor Registration No.: 
Agent for Owner: MICHE BOOZ ARCHITECT
Daytime Phone No.: 301-774-6911

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE
House Number: 1811
Street: BRIGHTON DAM ROAD
Town/City: BROOKEVILLE
Nearest Cross Street: BORDLY DRIVE
Lot: 
Block: 
Subdivision: 
Lot: 
Folio: Parcel: "P115 TAX JU123"

PART ONE: TYPE OF PLANNED ACTION AND USE
1A. CHECK ALL APPLICABLE:
☐ Construct ☐ Extend ☐ Alter/Renovate
☐ Move ☐ Install ☐ Wreck/Raze
☐ Revision ☐ Repair ☐ Reversible

1B. Construction cost estimate: $ 
1C. If this is a revision of a previously approved active permit, see Permit #: HAWP 736440 #23/72A-15B

PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSIONS
2A. Type of sewage disposal: ☐ 01 ☐ WSSC ☐ 02 ☐ Septic ☐ 03 ☐ Other: 
2B. Type of water supply: ☐ 01 ☐ WSSC ☐ 03 ☐ Wall ☐ 02 ☐ Other:

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3A. Height ________ feet ________ inches
3B. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one of the following locations:
☐ On party line/property line ☐ Entirely on land of owner ☐ On public right of way/ easement

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

Signature of owner or authorized agent
Date

Approved: __________________________ For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission
Disapproved: __________________________ Signature: __________________________ Date:
Application/Permit No.: __________________________ Date Filed: __________________________ Date issued:

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS
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The project will reveal and preserve the original 18th century house to the greatest extent possible and create a new two-story addition to the east as well a new carriage-house/garage to the north of the farmhouse. The 20th-century kitchen addition will be removed and the double-story porch will be seen from the approach road as it would have originally appeared. The metal roof will be replaced with standing seam while the siding, exterior details, and windows will be restored. Rotted and otherwise damaged material will be replaced to match existing. Original interior doors and details will be restored, floors will be re-finished. The new wood-framed addition will be connected to the east end of the original house with a 'hyphen' that includes a new code-compliant stair. The addition will have a kitchen and living room on the first floor and a master bedroom suite on the second. A gabled screen porch on the north facade will face a new carriagehouse-style 2-bay garage across the parking area. The pool and poolhouse will be replaced.

1. **WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**
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   b. General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:

    Please find refer to attached description for proposed revision.

2. **SITE PLAN**
   Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plot. Your site plan must include:
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As construction has proceeded on the previously approved addition to the historic house at Prospect Hill, the owners have had a chance to experience the interior spaces first hand and would like to revise the Historic Area Work Permit to create a more functional series of spaces at the north end of the second floor of the new structure. Formally, we propose to lift the first floor roof over the Mudroom and screened porch vertically 8’-9”+/- to be approximately 1 foot below the ridge height of the main addition roof. The resultant interior space above the Mudroom would be used to allow for the Master Bedroom, Master Bathroom and Walk-In Closet to be improved and the area above the screened porch would be a second story open porch which references the historic second story porch on the south elevation which is being restored.

A condition of the previously approved design that has been aesthetically unfortunate is the location of the interior north wall of the Master Bedroom immediately adjacent to the large window in the center of the east building elevation. In addition to restricting the desired bedroom space, the proximity of it to the window leaves the interior of the room very off-center and the wall presents an unusual visual condition if viewed through the window from exterior ground level. The previous design sought to really minimize the volumetric reading of the addition so the primary program (kitchen/dining + master bedroom suite) were restrained to the 18’ x 24’ footprint of the primary volume under the main new roof. While the Kitchen functions are able to make use of adjacent space in the Mudroom, on the second floor the minimum dimensions of the Master Bathroom and Walk-In Closet (and desired window composition on the east elevation) necessitated the unfortunate wall/window condition and left all three spaces much smaller than desired.

We propose that the footprint of the Mudroom be extended to create second floor space with windows matching the Mudroom on the east and west elevations. On the north elevation there would be a patio door to the second story porch that matches the location of the door to the screened porch below. Adjacent to that would be a twin double-hung window centered on the interior bathing area for a freestanding tub (there is an existing twin-window on the north elevation of the historic house that is being restored). To better reference the historic exterior proportions, the lower and upper porch column spacing will be modified to be closer to the 8’ center spacing of the existing south porch. The railing of the new porch would be detailed to match the historic porch to the greatest extent possible.

While these changes slightly alter the volume of the addition, there is no direct effect on the historic house. We feel that if approved, the resultant addition will be clearly complimentary to and coherent with the valuable resource of Prospect Hill, as well as provide a useful and pleasant master bedroom suite for its caretakers.

Sincerely,
Miche Booz Architect

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07/24/2019
May 4, 2016

RE: Prospect Hill, MIHP # 23/71, 1811 Brighton Dam Road, Brookeville

To Whom It May Concern:

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission on December 16, 2015, reviewed and approved plans for the rehabilitation of the above referenced property, a site listed in the Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

Subsequently, on January 27, 2016 the Commission gave preliminary support for the construction of accessory structures and other alterations. Final approval is pending submission of a historic area work permit reflecting the comments the Commission provided on January 27, 2016.

Sincerely,

Scott Whipple, Supervision
Historic Preservation Section
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PROSPECT HILL – 1811 BRIGHTON DAM ROAD. BROOKEVILLE, MD
NARRATIVE OF PROPOSED HAWP REVISION

In the course of preparing construction documents for the building permit application we and the owner have found the existing East chimney of the farm house to be substandard and propose that it and the fireplace be replaced.

The East fireplace in the first floor Living Room is not original construction. In the MSA report the excerpt from Historic Montgomery County, Farquhar mentions that the room “had a hug fireplace in the early days”. It is clear from the construction of the existing fireplace and chimney that they are not of the same material and assembly as the original West chimney (plaster over stone built around framing). Inspection of the basement foundation reveals evidence of the original hearth extending about 18” wider than the current hearth. Furthermore a modern brick chimney that vented a furnace in the basement has been added to the North side of the older chimney, clearly visible from the exterior photographs.

The east fireplace and chimney in question are non-functional. The throat of the fireplace is undersized for the opening area and it appears the flue above is undersized as well. The chimney is only about 16” thick and the combined fireplace chimney and furnace chimney are only about 32” wide. The available opening within the chimney is not sufficient for rehabilitation and it is our belief, given that this narrow chimney is not anchored to the house, that the assembly is a hazard to the structure and the occupants.

We proposed to replace the East assembly with a new larger fireplace and chimney clad with stone mainly from the site. We would like to design the dimensions of the fireplace to be similar to regional revolutionary-era construction and emphasize the prominence of this feature in the Living Room.

The new chimney would extend in plan about 2’-10” from the East wall of the house compared to the existing 1’-4”. Our earlier design which we submitted for a preliminary HAWP on 11/16/2016 kept the existing chimney and planned the first floor Powder Room and second floor Bathroom and Laundry around those smaller dimensions. Due to the larger (and code-compliant) chimney we have had to expand the hyphen 12” to the East, 9” to the North and 9” to the South to allow accommodate the Powder Room and Bathroom. The Laundry could no longer fit on the second floor and we have relocated it to the first floor Mudroom. The Mudroom will need to be expanded 12” in the East-West dimension and 18” to the North.

These changes slightly increase the footprint dimensions that we submitted in November and we ask that these revisions be permitted as they are relatively minor and resultant from coordinating the design with a more thorough understanding of the existing conditions.

Sincerely,
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EXISTING WEST CHIMNEY TO REMAIN

EAST STONE FIREPLACE TO BE REPLACED

EAST ELEVATION OF EAST CHIMNEY SHOWING ADDED BRICK VENT TO NORTH

NORTH ELEVATION OF EAST CHIMNEY SHOWING 16 INCH WIDTH
NOTES:
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PROPOSED ADDITION

HISTORIC FARM HOUSE

EXISTING STUCCO ON STONE CHIMNEY

NEW STANDING SEAM METAL ROOF

5" HALF ROUND METAL GUTTER & ROUND DOWNSPOUT

STANDING SEAM METAL ROOF

NEW STONE CHIMNEY

FIBER CEMENT SIDING, SMOOTH WHITE MATCH EXPOSURE OF HISTORIC SIDING

WOOD LAP SIDING NO SHEATHING, REPAIRED & REPAINTED

STONE FINISH TO FOUNDATION

EXISTING STONE & CONCRETE FOUNDATION

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