# MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT 

| Address: | 1 High Street, Brookeville | Meeting Date: | $2 / 21 / 2024$ |
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| Resource: | Primary Resource <br> (Brookeville Historic District) | Report Date: | $2 / 14 / 2024$ |
| Applicant: | Sajid Niazi <br> (Jeffrey Lees, Architect) | Public Notice: | $2 / 07 / 2024$ |
| Review: | HAWP | Tax Credit: | N/A |
|  |  | Staff: | Rebeccah Ballo |

Case Number: REV 1003919
PROPOSAL: For revisions to previously approved HAWP for removal of a brick retaining wall and grading.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the HPC approve the HAWP.
NOTE: The original HAWP and a subsequent revision were approved with conditions for the building permit that are still applicable.

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

SIGNIFICANCE: Primary Resource within the Brookeville Historic District Brookeville Post Office
DATE: 1922


Fig. 1: Subject property at the southeastern corner of High Street (Georgia Avenue) and Market Street.

## BACKGROUND:

The applicant previously appeared before the Commission for a preliminary consultation at the April 20, 2022 HPC meeting. ${ }^{1}$ The HPC held a public hearing to discuss the HAWP at the August 17, 2022 HPC meeting, and voted to leave the record open for one month to allow for additional community input. The HPC closed the record and voted to approve the HAWP with conditions at the September 21, 2022 HPC meeting. ${ }^{2}$ A subsequent revision to the HAWP was reviewed and approved with conditions at the January 11, 2023 meeting. ${ }^{3}$ Condition \#6 of that HAWP revision stated the following:
"\#6. A revised grading plan showing the removal of the brick retaining wall and the addition of any other retaining walls, if necessary, must be submitted as a revision to this HAWP\#1003919 for review and approval by the HPC prior to the issuance of any building permits."

The applicant has submitted this proposed HAWP revision to comply with Condition \#6.

## PROPOSAL:

The applicant proposes to remove approximately 30 ' linear feet of the low brick retaining wall that exists on the northeastern property line between the subject property and 212 Market Street. The portion of the wall to be removed is shown in Note \#54 on the attached Site Plan, Sheet C2.01.

## APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

When reviewing alterations and new construction within the Brookeville Historic District several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the Brookeville Historic District Master Plan Amendment (Amendment), Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A-8 (Chapter 24A-8), and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards). The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

## Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

(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 ensure 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

[^0](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; or
(3) The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located; or
(4) The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; or
(5) The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; or
(6) In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.
(a) It is not the intent of this chapter to limit new construction, alteration or repairs to any 1 period or architectural style.
(d) In the case of an application for work on an historic resource located within an historic district, the commission shall be lenient in its judgment of plans for structures of little historical or design significance or for plans involving new construction, unless such plans would seriously impair the historic or architectural value of surrounding historic resources or would impair the character of the historic district. (Ord. No. 9-4, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.)

## Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

The Secretary of the Interior defines rehabilitation 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." The applicable Standards are as follows:
2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall 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 remove approximately $30^{\prime}$ linear feet of the low brick retaining wall that exists on the northeastern property line between the subject property and 212 Market Street. The portion of the wall to be removed is shown in Note \#54 on the attached Site Plan, Sheet C2.01.


Fig.2: Excerpt of Sheet C2.01. The length of wall to be removed is shown in red.
Previous reviews of this HAWP have established that the removal of the wall is appropriate. The revised sheet shows that there will be minimal to no regrading necessary in this area once the wall is removed, and no new wall is proposed to be constructed in its place. Staff finds that the submittal of this sheet fulfills the Condition of approval \#6.

Staff finds that the applicant's revised HAWP proposal, as modified by the recommended conditions, will not remove or alter materials, features, or spaces that characterize the property, per Standard \#2.

After full and fair consideration of the applicant's submission, staff finds the proposal, as modified by the recommended conditions, consistent with the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-(b) 1, 2, and (d), having found it consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation \#2, as outlined above.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b) (1), (2), and (d), having found that the proposal, as modified by the conditions, will not
substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible in character with the purposes of Chapter 24A;
and with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation \#2;
and with the general condition that the applicant shall present an electronic set 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 Rebeccah.Ballo@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.
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## APPLICANT:

## Name:

E.mal: sajniazi@yahoo.com city: Olney zip: 20832 taxaccount No: 03331876

## AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):

Name: $\qquad$
Address: $\qquad$
Daytime Phone: $\qquad$

E-mail: $\qquad$
City: $\qquad$ Zip: $\qquad$
Contractor Registration No.: $\qquad$
1 High Street Brookville MD 20833
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LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP \# of Historic Property_ Is the Property Located within an Historic District? Y Yes/District Name BroOKVille __No/Individual Site Name $\qquad$ Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trust/Environmental Easement on the Property? If YES, include a map of the easement, and documentation from the Easement Holder supporting this application.

Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examiner Approvals /Reviews Required as part of this Application? (Conditional Use, Variance, Record Plat, etc.?) If YES, include information on these reviews as supplemental information.
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Town/City:
Brookville
street: High Street Nearest Cross Street: Market Street 58

Block: $\qquad$ 05 Parcel: $\qquad$
TYPE OF WORK PROPOSED: See the checklist on Page 4 to verify that all supporting items for proposed work are submitted with this application. Incomplete Applications will not be accepted for review. Check all that apply: $\square$ Shed/Garage/Accessory Structure

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| New Construction | $\square$ |
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| Addition | $\square$ |
| Demolition | $\square$ |
| Grading/Excavation | $\square$ |

Deck/Porch
Fence
Hardscape/Landscape Roof

Solar
Tree removal/planting Window/Door
Other:

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct and accurate and that the construction will gomply with plans reviewed and approved by all necessary agencies and hereby acknowfedge and acgept this to be a cgatition for the issuance of this permit.

| HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING <br> [Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners] |  |
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| Owner's mailing address <br> 2624 Dapple Grey Ct <br> Olney MD 20832 | Owner's Agent's mailing address |
| Adjacent and confronting Property Owners mailing addresses |  |
| 212 Market Street, Brookeville Md 20833 | 211 Market Street, Brookeville MD 20833 |
| High Street, Brookeville MD 20833 |  |

Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property:
Continuance of HAWP 1003919. Submitting the revised plan showing the removal of the small brick wall.

Description of Work Proposed: Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken:
Reference to Historic Area Work Permit \#1003919 REV: For building addition, parking lot expansion, fence installation, and site improvements Approval with seven (7) conditions. This submission is to satisfy condition nnumber 7 "A revised grading plan showing the removal of the brick retaining wall and the addition of any other retaining walls, if necessary, must be submitted as a revision to this HAWP\#1003919 for review and approval by the HPC prior to the issuance of any building permits.

Attached is the revised plan.

| Work Item 1: |  |
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| Description of Current Condition: <br> Continuance of HAWP 1003919. Submitting <br> the revised plan showing the removal of the <br> small brick wall. | Proposed Work: <br> See attached |


| Work Item 3: |  |
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| Description of Current Condition: |  |
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HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT CHECKLIST OF
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

|  | Required Attachments |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Proposed Work | I. Written Description | 2. Site Plan | 3. Plans/ Elevations | 4. Material Specifications | 5. Photographs | 6. Tree Survey | 7. Property Owner Addresses |
| New <br> Construction | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Additions/ Alterations | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Demolition | * | * | * |  | * |  | * |
| Deck/Porch | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Fence/Wall | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Driveway/ <br> Parking Area | * | * |  | * | * | * | * |
| Grading/Exc avation/Land scaing | * | * |  | * | * | * | * |
| Tree Removal | * | * |  | * | * | * | * |
| Siding/ Roof Changes | * | * | * | * | * |  | * |
| Window/ <br> Door Changes | * | * | * | * | * |  | * |
| Masonry <br> Repair/ <br> Repoint | * | * | * | * | * |  | * |
| Signs | * | * | * | * | * |  | * |





| From: | Saj Niazi |
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| To: | Michael Kyne; Ballo, Rebeccah |
| Subject: | Fw: Tonight"s Meeting |
| Date: | Saturday, January 27, 2024 1:17:11 PM |
| Attachments: | C2.01 - Site Plan.pdf <br> imaqe001.pnq <br> image002.pnd |
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## [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Exercise caution when opening attachments, clicking links, or

 responding.Hi Rebecca,

Per your comment below, my engineer has updated the cite plan. See the attached please to satisfy the condition "A revised grading plan showing the removal of the brick retaining wall and the addition of any other retaining walls, if necessary, must be submitted as a revision to this HAWP\#1003919 for review and approval by the HPC prior to the issuance of any building permits".

Thank you.

Saj Niazi Cell 410-507-1316
----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Kyle Hughes [khughes@mhgpa.com](mailto:khughes@mhgpa.com)
To: Sajniazi [sajniazi@yahoo.com](mailto:sajniazi@yahoo.com)
Cc: Stephen Crum [scrum@mhgpa.com](mailto:scrum@mhgpa.com); Jeffrey Lees [jalees@jeffreyleesarchitect.com](mailto:jalees@jeffreyleesarchitect.com)
Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 10:36:29 AM EST
Subject: RE: Tonight's Meeting

Hi Saj,

Please see attached for an updated plan that reflects removing around half of this brick wall. The other half (the half closer to the shed) is in your neighbor's property and we therefore will not be able to remove it without their permission. The historic area work permit staff will understand that we cannot do something that is not in our property so they should be agreeable to this.

Below is the wall that is being requested to be removed:


Thank you,

Kyle Hughes, PE, MBA
Project Manager


9220 Wightman Road, Suite 120
Montgomery Village, MD 20886
Mobile: 240.732.3046 (preferred)
Office: 301.670.0840
Email: Khughes@MHGPA.com
www.mhgpa.com

From: Sajniazi [sajniazi@yahoo.com](mailto:sajniazi@yahoo.com)

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 

Marc Elrich<br>County Executive

Robert Sutton<br>Chairman

Date: October 31, 2023

## MEMORANDUM

| TO: | Rabbiah Sabbakhan <br> Department of Permitting Services <br> Michael Kyne |
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| FROM: | Historic Preservation Section |
| SUBJECT: | Maryland-National Capital Park \& Planning Commission <br> Historic Area Work Permit \#1045881: Tree removals and replanting plans. |

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). This application was Approved at the October 25, 2023 HPC meeting.

The HPC staff has reviewed and stamped the attached construction drawings.
THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE ISSUED CONDITIONAL UPON ADHERENCE TO THE ABOVE APPROVED HAWP CONDITIONS AND MAY REQUIRE APPROVAL BY DPS OR ANOTHER LOCAL OFFICE BEFORE WORK CAN BEGIN.

Applicant: $\quad$ Sajid Niazi (Jeffrey Lees, Architect)
Address: 1 High Street, Brookeville
This HAWP approval is subject to the general condition that the applicant will obtain all other applicable Montgomery County or local government agency permits. After the issuance of these permits, the applicant must contact this Historic Preservation Office if any changes to the approved plan are made. Once work is complete the applicant will contact Michael Kyne at 301.563 .3403 or michael.kyne@ montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.


APPLICATION FOR
HAWP\# 1045881
DATE ASSIGNED $\qquad$

## APPLICANT:

> Name:
> Sajid Nazi

> Address: 2624 Dapple Grey Ct 410-507-1316
> Daytime Phone:

## AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):

Name: $\qquad$ Email: $\qquad$
Address: $\qquad$ City: $\qquad$ Zip:
E-mail: sajniazi@yahoo.com
city: Olney zip: 20832

Tax Account No.: 03331876

Daytime Phone: $\qquad$
LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP \# of Historic P

Yes,

## REVIEWED

By Michael Kyne at 1:20 pm, Oct 31, 2023

Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examiner Approvals /R (Conditional Use Varia ne, Record Plat, etc?) If YES, include (Conditional Use, Variance, Record Plat, etc.?) If YES, include Information on these reviews as supplemental information.

Building Number: 1 $\qquad$
Town/City:
street: High Street Nearest Cross Street:

## Market Street

Lot: 58
Block: $\qquad$ Subdivision: $\qquad$ Parcel: $\qquad$

TYPE OF WORK PROPOSED: See the checklist on Page 4 to verify that all supporting items for proposed work are submitted with this application. Incomplete Applications will not be accepted for review. Check all that apply:

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| New Construction | $\square$ |
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| Addition | $\square$ |
| Demolition | $\square$ |
| Grading/ Excavation | $\square$ |

Deck/Porch
Fence
Hardscape/Landscape
Roof
 Shed/Garage/Accessory Structure Solar Tree removal/ planting Window/Door Other: $\qquad$
I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct and accurate and that the construction will comply with plans reviewed and approved by all necessary agencies and hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.



Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property:
Continuance of HAWP 1003919. Tree removal is required on the East side of the property. Proposed site and landscape plans are attached.

APPROVED
Montgomery County
Historic Preservation Commission
REVIEWED
By Michael Kyne at 1:20 pm, Oct 31, 2023

Description of Work Proposed: Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken:
Removal of trees
see attached Pictures

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Picture 2 - trees along the wooden fence

- trees circled - Total trees

| Work Item 1: Tree Removal |  |
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| lescription of Current Condition: <br> Remove trees | Proposed Work: <br> Continuance of HAWP 1003919. See landscape <br> plan |
| Work Item 2: |  |
| Pescription of Current Condition: |  |
| REVIEWED |  |
| By Michael Kyne at 1:20 pm, Oct 31, 2023 |  |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Link to April 20, 2022 preliminary consultation staff report: https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/II.A-1-High-Street-Brookeville-Preliminary-Consultation.pdf
    Link to April 20, 2022 HPC meeting audio/video transcript:
    http://mncppc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish id=55685b4d-c1a8-11ec-a5da-0050569183fa
    ${ }^{2}$ Link to September 21, 2022 staff report with updated memo: https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/II.B-1-High-Street-Brookeville-1003919.for_web.pdf. Link to Meeting audio/video is available here, item starts at 1:48:00: https://mncppc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view id=7\&clip id=2663
    ${ }^{3}$ Link to the January 11, 2023 staff report: https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/I.J-1-High-Street-Brookeville-1003919-REVISION.pdf

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    Description of Current Condition:
    Proposed Work:

