

**MINUTES
BUSINESS MEETING
NEW CASTLE COUNTY HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE – NEW CASTLE ROOM
87 READS WAY, NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE
January 6, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

The Business Meeting of the Historic Review Board of New Castle County was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the New Castle Room, Department of Land Use and via Zoom meetings.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis, at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members:

The following Board members were present:

John Davis
Barbara Silber
Perry Patel
Karen Anderson
Jean Hershner
Robert Duke
Keith Jackson
Connor Munzert
Lauralee Rappleye

The following Board members were absent:

none

Historic Review Board, Department of Law

Iran Garcia-Domenech

The following Department of Land Use employees were present at the meeting:

Kevin Barni
Shane Bailey
Christopher Jackson

RULES OF ORDER

Mr. Barni read the rules of order into the record.

MEETING MINUTES

November 4th, 2025 Business Meeting Minutes

Mr. Davis

On a motion made by Ms. Herschner and seconded by Mr Jackson, the Historic Review Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of November 4, 2025. [In Favor: Silber, Patel, Anderson, Hershner, Duke, Jackson, Davis; In Opposition: None; Abstention: None; Absent: Patel]

HISTORIC MARKER PROGRAM

None

NEW BUSINESS

[App. 2025-0712-H](#): *0 River Road*. (TP 10-049.00-073 and 12-002.00-025). South corner of River Road and Hamburg Road. Major Land Development Plan for "Project Washington" (Application 2025-0347) at the former site of the G.Z. Tybout Farm "Bellevue" (N05088). New Castle Hundred. S and HI Zoning. CD 12.

At a meeting held on January 6, 2026, the Historic Review Board considered the proposed application, public testimony provided at the December 16, 2025, public hearing, and the Department of Land Use Recommendation.

On a motion made by and seconded by the Historic Review Board voted to **TABLE** application 2025-0712-H until after the submission of the Phase IB survey report.

The motion was **ADOPTED** by a vote of 9-0-0-0 [In Favor: Davis, Silber, Patel, Anderson, Hershner, Duke, Jackson, Munzert, and Rappleye; In Opposition: None; Abstention: None; Absent: None]

Discussion preceding the vote included the following:

Ms. Silber provided a correction to page 8 of the recommendation in the "12/16/2025 public hearing minutes" section and requested that "load sensing" be changed to "remote sensing". Mr. Barni noted this request and said he would make the change.

Mr. Barni read the Department of Land Use recommendation into the record.

Ms. Rappleye asked if the board would still be able to review the Phase IB report if the application was tabled, and if public comment would be accepted. Mr. Barni explained that they would get to review the report and that the Historic Review Board record remains open indefinitely for all projects.

Ms. Silber asked how the process would look moving forward. Mr. Barni explained that the applicant would submit a copy of the report for review, and then be scheduled on an upcoming business meeting where the board could discuss the findings of the report and any mitigation or preservation requirements for the project.

There was no further discussion.

REPORT OF THE PRESERVATION PLANNER

Mr. Barni announced the next public hearing would be on January 20, 2026.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Davis had no report.

Ms. Anderson asked if the Board would discuss the edits to the bylaws. Mr. Barni responded that he had not received them. Mr. Garcia-Domenech affirmed that he had also not received them. No discussion was held on this topic. Mr. Garcia-Domenech said he would review the edits and asked that it be added to the February Business meeting as an agenda item.

Mr. Garcia-Domenech added that he will not be at the January 20, 2026 Public Hearing, but the Department of Law will be sending council for the board.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Ms. Hershner, the Historic Review Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Business Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm