



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Amanda Whitmore, Historic Preservation Planner
DATE: May 21, 2025
RE: Update of Administrative Approvals

Issue:

Staff have reviewed and approved administratively one Certificate of Approval application for the Hamilton Shafer Farm (CR #21-07).

Background and Discussion:

Per the Frederick County Historic Preservation Commission Rules of Procedure, Section 13.4C, staff will provide an update of administrative approvals to the Commission at its monthly meeting. Exhibit 1, *Classification of Approvals by Scope of Work*, in the Rules of Procedure outlines the areas of work where administrative approval may be granted.

Under Section I.g.i., Other Building Alterations, it states that the “repair or in-kind replacement of missing or deteriorated architectural details...that is more than 25% of routine maintenance” may be administratively approved. The Hamilton Shafer Farm administrative Certificate of Approval application was filed and deemed complete April 28, 2025, to do an in-kind second floor/ceiling replacement on the rear porch to stabilize the floor. Bead board planks will be installed to finish under the ceiling to match what previously existed.

Staff found that the proposed work will not destroy historic materials that characterize the property, is in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, is minimal in nature, and will not affect historic, archaeological, or architectural significance. Staff approved the Hamilton Shafer Farm application on April 28, 2025 (A-COA #25-08) (Attachment 1).

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Hamilton Shafer Farm Certificate of Approval Letter