



**CENTRAL WHIDBEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM
COUPEVILLE, WA
May 14, 2026
9:00am**

A recording of this meeting can be found on Coupeville's website: www.townofcoupeville.org. Timestamps (*hr. m. s.*) for the beginning of each item and motion are designated in the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Baxter called the meeting to order at 9:15am

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- ✓ Chair **Katherine Baxter**
- ✓ Commissioner **Sheila Saul**
- ✓ Commissioner **Eve Parrish**
- ✓ Commissioner **Meg Olson**

STAFF PRESENT

- ✓ Island County Current Use Planner **Yumi Shridhar**
- ✓ Town of Coupeville Assistant Planner **Lisa Walsh**
- ✓ Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve Preservationist **Jason Benson**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: A motion was made by Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, to approve the agenda of the May 14, 2026 meeting as submitted. *The motion passed unanimously.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: A motion was made by Commissioner Saul, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2026 meeting as submitted. *The motion passed unanimously.*

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Baxter provided a description of the role of the Commission, its legal basis and process, and the standards and guidelines on which its decisions are based. She asked commissioners to declare any conflicts of interest or bias regarding the applications on the agenda and to disclose any ex parte communication or site visits.

- Commissioner **Saul** visited the site
- Commissioner **Parrish** visited the site

No public challenge to the participation of a commissioner was raised.

EBY-26-014 (5m. 42s.) – Construction of new single family residence

Island County Current Use Planner, Yumi Shridhar, presented on the new single family residence. Elements of the presentation included the size and use of the building, proposed materials, applicable guidelines, and location within the Reserve.

DISCUSSION

Chair Baxter opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Olson brought up the importance of protecting the view shed from across the Cove, and not just from the adjacent roads.

Questions were asked about whether changes were made between the first time the project was brought before the Commission and now.

The applicants, Stig Carlson and Lynn Pockett, addressed the Commission to answer and clarify questions asked by Commissioners.

MOTION (38m. 45s.)

Action: A motion was made by Commissioner Saul, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, based on the record developed to date, including application materials, staff report, evidence presented, and comments made at the public meeting, and finding application EBY-26-014 consistent with the Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve Design Guidelines, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. *The motion passed unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52am.

Respectfully submitted,

Community Planning Director



Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly



Josh Pitts