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RE: Proposed Designation of the Charles Hopkins House, 13 Skyline Rd., Southern Shores, Dare County.

Dear Mr. Haskett:

Thank you for the report you submitted on behalf of the Southern Shores Historic Preservation Commission for the proposed designation of Charles Hopkins House, 13 Skyline Rd., Southern Shores, Dare County. We have reviewed the report and offer the following comments in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160D-946.

According to the report, the house is of special local significance because it is a prime example of the Flat Top style that Frank Stick brought to Dare County in the 1940s.

We have shared recommendations with staff to make some additions to the report. With these additions, we feel the report will provide the preservation commission and local governing board sufficient information to determine whether the Charles Hopkins House possesses the requisite special local significance and integrity for local historic landmark designation.

Local landmark designation means the community recognizes the property is worthy of preservation because of its special significance to the local community. Any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance of the property would be subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission. The owner may receive an annual deferral of up to fifty percent of the property taxes for as long as the property is designated and retains significance and integrity. (N.C.G.S. 105-278 *et seq.*).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the report. Please note, our comments are advisory only and therefore, non-binding. Once the governing board has received a recommendation from the Southern Shores Historic Preservation Commission, it should proceed in the same manner as would otherwise be

required for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. Once the decision has been made, please return a completed copy of the enclosed form or the ordinance to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed designation of the Charles Hopkins House, 13 Skyline Rd., Southern Shores, Dare County. Please contact me at Kristi.brantley@dncr.nc.gov or 919-814-6576 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Brantley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristi Brantley
Local Preservation Commissions/CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure