TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2016 – 5:15 P.M.

The Regular meeting for the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Colonel Arthur Campbell room.

Mrs. White, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Mr. Taylor called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Mrs. Betsy White, Chairperson Mrs. Jayne Duehring Mr. Jeff Johnson Mr. S. Andrew Neese Comprising a quorum of the Board
Members Arriving Late:	Mr. Michael Weaver
Administrative Staff:	Mr. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner Mrs. Jenny Carlisle, Administrative Assistant, Planning Department
Visitors:	Mr. C. Mike and Barbara Owens Mr. Joe and Donna LeVine Mr. Kevin Worley, Parks and Recreation Director David McLeish Appalachian Sustainable Development

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(2) Approval of Minutes: **Regular meeting, September 2, 2015**
Regular meeting, October 7, 2015
Regular meeting, November 4, 2015
Regular meeting, December 2, 2015

Councilperson Duehring moved to approve the four sets of minutes listed above, as submitted. Second by Mr. J. Johnson. All in favor. Minutes approved.

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(3) Reorganization: Election of Vice-Chairman.

Councilperson Duehring nominated Mr. J. Johnson to serve as Vice-Chairman. Second by Mr. Neese. All in favor with Mr. J. Johnson abstaining. Approved.

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(4) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Town of Abingdon, owner;** P.O. Box 789, Abingdon, VA 24212; **Kevin Worley, representative;** application for Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior change. **Located at 100 Remsburg Drive. Tax Map No. 012-1-125A.**

Kevin Worley, Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Abingdon introduced the application to install canvas curtains at the Abingdon Farmers Market to serve as a sun and wind block, to be used during inclement weather, and to protect the vendors and their produce.

Mr. Worley stated that after researching different options, they decided to go with canvas. They will be installed with grommets and hang down. They will attach above the horizontal plate on the Farmers Market frame and affix to the structure. They will be operated manually and will be installed on the insides of the two wings of the V-shaped market. There is potential for phase two, which would install them on the outsides as well (the railroad side and the Cummings Street side). Currently there are black mesh screens which were installed at the construction of the market and do not work well.

Conversation ensued with questions regarding the size of the window and UV coating as well as the color of the canvas.

Mr. Worley stated that they should last 10 - 15 years, the canvas is 14 gauge and the window is 16 gauge, and they will procure color samples for greens, gray, and beige.

Because canvas curtains do not fall within the Board's guidelines, Mrs. White called for a motion to step away from the guidelines, if desired, by the Board. Per this allowance, Mr. J. Johnson made a motion to step outside the guidelines and discuss this application. Second by Mr. Neese.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. White- Aye
Mr. Neese- Aye
Councilperson Duehring- Aye
Mr. J. Johnson- Aye
Mr. Weaver- Aye

All in favor. Motion to step outside Board guidelines approved.

Conversation continued and it was requested that more specific information as well as product samples be brought before the Board at the next meeting.

Mrs. White called for a motion. Mr. Neese moved to postpone a vote on this item until the next meeting, providing Mr. Worley time to procure samples and information to bring back, allowing the Board to make an informed decision. Second by Mr. Weaver.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. White- Aye
Mr. Neese- Aye

Councilperson Duehring- Aye
Mr. J. Johnson- Aye
Mr. Weaver- Aye

All in favor. Motion to postpone approved.

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(5) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Joe and Donna LeVine, owners;** P.O. Box 1836, Abingdon, VA 24212; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior change. **Located at 340 Green Spring Road. Tax Map No. 013-1-177.**

Mr. Joe LeVine addressed his application to replace the 23 vinyl replacement windows of his home at 340 Green Spring Road with Anderson 400 series windows with simulated true divided light and raised muntons. They will use either 4 over 1 or 3 over 1 and resize them to the original window frame sizes, and replacing the wood framing if needed. They would also like to fix the discolored brick on one side of the home which may involve repointing, repaint the wood trim white, and raise the front door 6 inches for water reasons. It was suggested that they add a transom above the door making the top line of the windows and door match. Mr. LeVine stated that they will do that.

At this time, Mr. Neese moved to approve the application, as stated. Second by Mr. Weaver.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. White- Aye
Mr. Neese- Aye
Councilperson Duehring- Aye
Mr. J. Johnson- Aye
Mr. Weaver- Aye

All in favor. Motion approved.

In addition to the above, they would like to remove the white shed attached to the rear of the home. It is not original and they would eventually like to put a porch in its place.

Mr. J. Johnson moved to permit the removal of the shed. Second by Mr. Neese.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. White- Aye
Mr. Neese- Aye
Councilperson Duehring- Aye
Mr. J. Johnson- Aye
Mr. Weaver- Aye

All in favor. Motion approved.

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(6) Certificate of Appropriateness: **K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc., owner;** P.O. Box 1158, Abingdon, VA 24212; **Charles Mike Owens, representative;** 236 Barter Drive, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior change and porch. **Located at 222 North Court Street. Tax Map No. 013-3-1.**

Dr. C. Mike Owens presented an application for Certificate of Appropriateness for the home at 222 North Court Street that he is purchasing. They would like to remove the aluminum siding and repair the original wood siding, using hardi plank where necessary. They also plan to take off the porch railing and replace the non-original decking with hardwood plank.

They would like to replicate the front door on the side of the home, making the "door to nowhere" usable, as well as add a small porch, similar to the one in front; replace the synthetic shutters with workable wooden shutters, painted black; replace the OGEE gutters with half rounds; and replace the porch light with either two sconces or one pendant light; replace the storm door on the back with full glass and install a full glass storm door on the new side door.

They would like to receive tax credits for work performed on this property. Per Mr. M. Johnson, tax credits likely follow the tax map number, not owners, allowing credits to remain through home sales, but this must be verified with the Town Attorney.

Councilman Duehring moved to approve the application, as presented. Second by Mr. J. Johnson.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. White- Aye
Mr. Neese- Aye
Councilperson Duehring- Aye
Mr. J. Johnson- Aye
Mr. Weaver- Aye

All in favor. Motion approved.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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Mrs. Betsy White, Chairperson

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Sean Taylor, Secretary