TOWN OF ABINGDON
Abingdon, Virginia

The Historic Preservation Review Board welcomes you to this meeting today. This is a citizen Board, appointed by the Town Council, to interpret and uphold the Historic Preservation Ordinance, which is Article 8 of the Abingdon Zoning Ordinance, that protects the Historic District of Abingdon which has been designated the Old and Historic District. Our aim on this Board is to provide a positive bridge between the property owners of the district and the design review process, so we welcome you to today's meeting. We appreciate your interest and we encourage public participation in our meeting. Your comments are important to our decision making process. Anyone addressing the Board will approach the podium; give your ***first and last name*** *and your* ***complete physical address.***

TO: Historic Preservation Review Board Members

FROM: Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner

RE: Regular meeting
Wednesday, June 1, 2016 – 5: 15 p.m.
Abingdon Municipal Building, Colonel Arthur Campbell room

Items on the agenda:

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting, May 4, 2016

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discussion Topic: **Town of Abingdon,** P.O. Box 789, Abingdon, VA 24212, **owner; John Dew, representative;** discussion of sidewalks and curbing. **Located at East Main Street between Court Street and Tanner Street.**

4. Discussion Topic: NAPC conference.

5. Planning Department report; 411 East Valley Street waiver.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call 276-492-2130. **Please bring your agenda information to the meeting with you.** ST/jc

TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 2016 – 5:15 P.M.

The Regular meeting for the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, May 4, 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 Councilperson Jayne Duehring Mr. S. Andrew Neese Mr. Michael Weaver Comprising a quorum of the Board
Members Absent:	Mr. Jeff Johnson, Vice-chairman
Administrative Staff:	Mr. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner Mrs. Jenny Carlisle, Planning Department Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney
Visitors:	Jan Hurt Joe LeVine Donna LeVine Jessica Adkins Ryan Cook Will Hutton Jim Hutton

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(2) Approval of Minutes: **Regular meeting, April 6, 2016**

Mr. Neese moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting, April 6, 2016, as submitted. Second by Mr. Weaver. All in favor. Minutes approved.

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(3) Certificates of Appropriateness: **Sam Hurt, owner; Jan Hurt, representative;** 247 and 254 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior changes. **Located at 247 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-17 and 254 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-34.**

Not Yet Approved

Mrs. Jan Hurt presented applications for Certificates of Appropriateness for work to be performed on two homes on East Valley Street. For the property located at 247 East Valley, they would like to replace the steps with treated wood and paint the roof black, if needed.

For the property located at 254 East Valley, they would like to replace the existing roof with burnt sienna shingles and repaint the house trim and garage trim in the same "coffee" color as current. They are also requesting to rebuild the barn roof as water gets under the shingles on the semi-gambrel roof. It will be made into an A-frame. They need to rebuild the entire roof because it was built with 2x4 instead of 2x6 boards and is no longer sound. It will still have exposed beam ends and will be field cut.

At this time, Councilperson Duehring moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness to paint the metal roof on 247 East Valley Street as well as tear off and replace the front steps. She also moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness to tear off the barn roof at 254 East Valley Street, reframe it with an A-frame style and repaint the trim. Second by Mr. Neese.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

All in favor, Certificates of Appropriateness for both properties approved.

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(4) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Teresa Tilley,** 100 North Court Street, **owner; Jessica Adkins,** 15775 Porterfield Highway, **representative;** application for Certificate of Appropriateness for sign. **Located at 100 North Court Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-64.**

Jessica Adkins of Jerry's Signs presented the application to install a two sided 18 x 30 inch sign with a black background. They will use the existing bracket. It will be carved to look like redwood, and made out of HGU urethane.

Mr. Neese made a motion to approve the sign request, as submitted. Second by Councilperson Duehring.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

Certificate of Appropriateness for sign, approved.

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Not Yet Approved

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

Mr. Joe LeVine presented his application for Certificate of Appropriateness for 340 Green Spring Road. They would like to go with Peyton Boyd's suggestion and remove the bricks from the front siding and replace it with lap board siding. They would also like to wrap the new rear porch around to where the old porch used to go. They will mimic the four front columns in the screened porch. The hipped roof will be in line with the front roof. They will install a gray standing seam roof on the porch, and the porch screen will go behind the columns. The trim color they will use is Downing Sand.

Mr. Weaver moved to accept application, as presented. Second by Mr. Neese.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

Certificate of Appropriateness approved.

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(6) Will Hutton, Boy Scout, was introduced and presented with a Town pin.

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(7) Design Guideline Discussion.

Mr. Taylor presented the board with a draft of the updated design guidelines he has been working on. He suggested adjusting the definitions instead of re-doing the guidelines. He provided a copy of definitions from both Richmond and Staunton, and suggested the board go through and compare them for discussion at the next meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Sean Taylor, Secretary Mrs. Betsy White, Chairperson

Not Yet Approved

Fwd: Sidewalk Repair-Inappropriate Removal of Stone Edging

Betsy White [betsykwhite@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 12:16 PM
To: Matthew Johnson

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Betsy White** <betsykwhite@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 10, 2016 at 9:24 AM
Subject: Re: Sidewalk Repair-Inappropriate Removal of Stone Edging
To: Byrum Geisler <bgeisler63@gmail.com>
Cc: Greg Kelly <gkelly@abingdon-va.gov>

Good morning, Byrum and Greg-

After your call last night, Byrum, I looked up what I thought I had remembered about the curbing. Yes, it was at the June 1833 meeting of the Trustees of the Town of Abingdon that an Act was passed "to require the sidewalks or foot ways on the Main street of Abingdon to be paved." It was part of the macadamizing project and required "every owner of a lot on Main Street... to pave with brick the foot way in front to their lot".

It goes on the require the curb stones: "Be it further enacted ...they are required to deliver or cause to be delivered in front of their lot to John Keller, the superintendent of the Macadamizing of the said street, a sufficient quantity of curb stone to curb the side of the foot way in front of their lots, which curb stone shall be at least twenty inches in depth and twelve inches in width and not less than five nor more than seven inches thick."

This must be the description of the curb stones.

I'll be glad to talk further or help.

Thank you, Byrum.

Betsy

On Tue, May 10, 2016 at 8:32 AM, Byrum Geisler <bgeisler63@gmail.com> wrote:

> Dear Greg and Betsy,
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> I hope you are doing well. I thought I should make you aware of an issue regarding the sidewalk repair near Rain restaurant.
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> As you may know, there are large stones along the sidewalk in the older parts of the historic district.

Please see attached photos. There was an article in the Historical Society newsletter a few years ago that included minutes form a Town meeting where the Town required that property owners pay for the stone as part of an improvement of the street. I believe this occurred in the 1800s.

I spoke with the workers yesterday and they indicated they are removing the stone edging and not replacing it. The Town Code requires a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter a structure in the historic district. The Board of Architecture Review Guidelines are very specific about preserving the historic features of the district. I know from my experience on the BAR that we were very strict about not permitting property owners to tear out and discard historic features of the district, The town should not apply a lesser standard to itself.

I would appreciate your help in making sure that the stone are put back in place.

Thanks, Byrum

APPLICATION FOR
WAIVER OF
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Application is hereby made for waiver of Certificate of Appropriateness under Article 8, section 8-4-1,b of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Abingdon. Such waiver is limited to the following under the Guidelines adopted on May 5th, 2004 by the Board of Architectural Review as follows:

The Zoning Administrator of the Town may determine that certain minor actions involving buildings and structures within the Old and Historic District will have no permanent effect on the character of the District, and, by written waivers exempt the minor actions from review by the Board of Architectural Review. Such minor actions shall be limited to the following:

A. Repainting in a paint scheme that duplicates the existing paint colors. Provided, however:
- The paint used should be of high quality to provide a long lasting finish.
- Paint colors should be appropriate for the building or structure's architectural style and design, as to which the Board of Architectural Review will provide recommendations at the owner's request.
- Unpainted masonry should be left unpainted.

B. Addition or deletion of storm windows and doors, window gardens, awnings, temporary canopies, window air conditioners or similar appurtenances.

C. Addition or deletion of television or radio antennas, skylights or solar collectors in locations not visible from a public street, right of way or place.

D. Any alterations or other changes within the building or structure which are not visible from a public street, right of way or place.

E. Relocation of heating and cooling systems on the property, provided they are screened per the Design Guidelines.

E. Planting of grass, trees or shrubs and other landscape improvements, excluding, however, any landscape treatment which would substantially alter the old and historic aspects of the particular building or structure or involve construction of fences, walls, walkways, pools, fountains and like improvements which might affect the appearance of the historic site.

G. Repair of roof or guttering using materials that replicate existing material.

Name of Owner Ray Skinner
Name of Business (if applicable)
Address 411 E. Valley St. Telephone 276-608-3801
Item and number from list above that is the subject of this request: B
Tax Map Number 013-1-26A
Approved by the Zoning Administrator YES / NO
Location in Historic District (Sub-district) 11
Other comments: Addition of door in rear of home - not visible from street.

Date and Signature of Property Owner: Bob White - contractor/representative
Date and Signature of Zoning Administrator: [signature] 5/9/16

By signing this waiver request, the owner authorizes the Zoning Administrator or his/her designee to enter onto the premises during normal business hours for the purposes of investigating compliance with the waiver of Certificate of Appropriateness.

Each application for waiver should be on the form provided by the office of the Zoning Administrator and documented by appropriate drawings, plans or other depiction of the proposed addition, deletion or other alteration, together with samples of the materials and colors to be used in taking the minor actions.