

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 1995 - 7:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals was held Tuesday, July 11, 1995 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. James M. Cole, Chairman.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. James M. Cole, Chairman
Mr. Robert P. Connett, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Louis Shuman
Mr. Fred H. St. John
Mrs. Margaret Henderson

Members Absent: None

Administrative Staff: Mr. Albert C. Bradley, Director of Planning/Zoning

Visitors: Mr. Mark E. Root

- (2) Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting, December 13, 1994

On motion by Mr. Shuman, seconded by Mr. Connett, it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 13, 1994.

- (3) Case No. 327 - Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, Inc. (Mark E. Root, General Manager), 909 Empire Drive, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for variance from the requirements of Article 21 (Signs), Section 21-2-1, Standards: Maximum number of signs allowed and Section 21-3-6, B-2, B-3, M-1 and M-2 Districts, in the B-2 Zoning District of the Town of Abingdon Zoning Ordinance.

This application is a request for a variance from Article 21 (Signs), Section 21-2-1, Maximum number of signs allowed and Section 21-3-6, B-2, B-3, M-1 and M-2 Districts, in the B-2 Zoning District of the Town of Abingdon Zoning Ordinance.

Date of application is June 16, 1995, requesting a regular meeting scheduled for this date, July 11, 1995.

All adjoining and adjacent property owners were notified of this hearing.

The explanation of request for variance is desire for additional signage at end of driveway, to direct customers into Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, Inc. restaurant parking lot, instead of going past and turning around in Southview Subdivision, which in turn, upsets the residents of this subdivision.

Mr. Root noted that it was his intention to remove one small sign at the entrance and to add the proposed 3 feet x 4 feet sign on the street right-of-way of Empire Drive, directly across from the Cracker Barrel entrance, to identify the entrance to the public. Mr. Root then volunteered to reduce the size of the proposed identification sign from 3 feet x 4 feet to 3 feet x 2 feet.

This request is for a variance from Section 21-2-1, Maximum Number Of Signs Allowed, the ordinance requirement is (Limit) 2, amount requested by applicant is 0, a variance of 0 signs or 0 %; application also requests variance from Section 21-3-6, B-2, District, the ordinance requirement is 200 square feet, amount requested by applicant is 378 square feet, variance of 178 feet or 189 %.

After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Connett that the variance requests in Case No. 327 be granted, eliminating existing entrance sign, with additional signage not to exceed 3 ft. X 4 ft. in size, providing that one existing sign is removed, in order to make easier visibility to customers, stating that without additional signage would create a hardship to restaurant, as well as Southview Subdivision property owners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shuman, with unanimous approval.

VOTE:

Mr. Connett	Aye
Mr. Shuman	Aye
Mrs. Henderson	Aye
Mr. St. John	Aye

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Further discussion included "Open House" of the newly renovated Municipal Building scheduled, Sunday, July 23, 1995, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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Re-organization of Members of Board of Zoning Appeals

A re-organization of the Board members was held. The floor was opened for nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

Mr. Shuman nominated James Cole for re-election to office of Chairman by acclamation, seconded by Mrs. Henderson, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Shuman nominated Robert P. Connett to office of Vice-Chairman by acclamation, seconded by Mr. St. John, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Shuman nominated Margaret Henderson to office of Secretary by acclamation, seconded by Mr. St. John, with unanimous approval.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Shuman that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Connett, with unanimous approval. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

James M. Cole, Chairman

Margaret Henderson, Secretary