

TOWN OF ABINGDON  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 6, 2012 - 5:15 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at 5:15P.M. The meeting was held in the Town Council Chambers.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Taylor called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman  
Mr. Byrum Geisler  
Mr. Jason Berry  
Mr. Peyton Boyd  
Mrs. Betsy White

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: None

Administrative Staff: Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager  
Director of Planning/Zoning  
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Director Planning/Zoning  
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney (Absent)  
Ms. Rebecca Moody, Intern, Planning/Zoning

Visitors: Mr. Liam Bench

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, May 2, 2012

Mrs. White made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, May 2, 2012 be approved as presented. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(3) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - David S. Saliba, Owner/SALIBA LAW P.C., R. G. Harper, for Bristol Sign Co., Inc., Representative, 100 N. Court Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of signage to be located at 100 N. Court Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 64.**

This is a request for approval of signage to be located at 100 N. Court Street. The size of the proposed sign will be 40 in. x 14 in., constructed of High Density Urethane, carved by CIC routing technique and hand painted with primer, having Antique White background, with Hunter Green raised lettering and border. The sign will be displayed on existing Black bracket and will read " SALIBA LAW P.C. 276-525-1710".

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve the signage as presented. Mr. Berry seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Boy Scouts of America, Troop 222, Eagle Project, Liam Bench, Representative,** application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of staggered picket fence materials to be used to enclose three (3) above garden areas on property located at the **Fields-Penn 1860 House Museum, 208 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 125.**

As a project to be completed by the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 222, this is a request for approval to construct a 16 ft. x 24 ft. staggered picket fence, around the three (3) existing gardens located in the rear yard of the Fields-Penn 1860 House Museum property, located at 208 West Main Street. The proposed materials to be used are as follows:

- 12 - 3 in. x 3in. x 4 ft. posts
- 20 - 2 in. x 4 in. x 8 ft. boards
- 130 - 1 in. x ½ in. x 2 ft. 7 in. pickets
- 130 - 1 in. x ½ in. x 2 ft. 8 ½ in pickets
- 520 - 1 in. nails (pickets)
- 80 - 3 in. shank nails
- 2 - gate hinges
- 1 - gate latch
- fence to be painted White

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve the picket fence and materials as presented. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) **DISCUSSION - Property Tax Abatement and Revisions of Guidelines**

The Board discussed a Property Tax Abatement which has been previously discussed and also continued to review the final draft copy of the Guidelines, making necessary corrections. This review will continue at the next regular meeting.

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There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, with unanimous approval.

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Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

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W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary

## **Proposed Old and Historic District Tax Abatement Ordinance**

To encourage maintenance, restoration, and preservation, a property tax abatement of Town taxes would be allowed for a period of six (6) months for every \$2,500 of work performed and documented on the structures located within the Old & Historic District of the Town.

Such abatement shall be non-retroactive and available up to any combination of five (5) years within a ten (10) year period. The tax abatement shall be allowed immediately following the tax year in which the work was/is? completed.

The home owner is required to receive a tax abatement per-applicant approval from the Historic Preservation Review Board (the "Board") before work begins. The board shall review all work proposed as well as the completed work for compliance.

Upon completion and final approval, the Board shall issue a final Certificate of Appropriateness, which shall be reviewed and executed by the Town Manager, or their designee, and forwarded to the Town Treasurer for processing.