

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, March 27, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Arthur Campbell Room, Municipal Building.

Wayne Austin, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Sean Taylor called the roll.

(1) ROLL CALL: Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner

Members Present: Wayne Austin, Chairman
Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary
Maggie Costello
Rick Humphreys
Kenneth Shuman, Vice-Chairman
Jan Reeves
Jayne Duehring

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent: None

Administrative Staff: Sean Taylor, Asst. Town Planner
Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney

Visitor: Anil Patel

(2) Approval of minutes: regular meeting, February 27, 2017.

Mr. Shuman asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that he “asked if the parties were aware of” the recommendation from the planning staff to approve the rezoning.

Mr. Kelly moved to accept the minutes, as amended, second by Mr. Shuman.

Roll call as follow:

Maggie Costello: Aye
Kenneth Shuman: Aye
Wayne Austin: Aye
Rick Humphreys: Aye
Greg Kelly: Aye
Jan Reeves: Aye
Jayne Duehring: Abstained (not a member of the Planning Commission at the March meeting)

(3) Certificate of Appropriateness: America's Best Value Inn, Anil Patel, Owner; 887 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; Leann Meadows representative; Application of Certificate of Appropriateness for Exterior Change, located at 887 East Main Street.

Assistant Town Planner Sean Taylor gave an overview of the request for COA. Anil Patel Owner of 887 East Main Street presented his proposed changes to the outside of the structures. After discussion by Planning Commission members, Mr. Shuman made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented. Second by Mr. Humphreys.

The Roll Call was as follows:

Maggie Costello: Aye
Kenneth Shuman: Aye
Wayne Austin: Aye
Rick Humphreys: Aye
Greg Kelly: Aye
Jan Reeves: Aye
Jayne Duehring: Aye

(4) Public Comment: None

(5) Updates from Staff and Planning Commission members.

(a) Mission Statement

Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney, led the Planning Commission members in a discussion of the revision of the "Mission Statement" for the Planning Commission originally introduced at the last Planning Commission meeting. Deb Icenhour read the draft mission statement to the Planning Commission members;

The Town of Abingdon, Virginia's Planning Commission is a state mandated body of seven (7) – fifteen (15) appointed or designated members per the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 15.2, Chapter 22. The mission and primary goal of the Planning Commission is to promote the orderly development of the Town by serving in an advisory capacity to the governing body. Typical functions include the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the Town Council Consideration, making recommendations of rezoning, certificate of appropriateness applications, approval of subdivision plats, and site plans per Article IV, Division 1 §2-301-§2-381.

After discussion among the planning commission members the "Mission Statement" was amended as, follow,

The Town of Abingdon, Virginia's Planning Commission is a state mandated body of seven (7) – fifteen (15) appointed or designated members per the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, §15.2, Chapter 22. The mission and primary goal of the Planning Commission is to promote the orderly development of the Town by the governing body in the interest of the health, safety, welfare and overall quality of life of its citizens.

Mr. Humphreys made a motion to approve the: Mission Statement" as amended. Second by Mrs. Costello.

Roll call as follows:

Maggie Costello: Aye
Kenneth Shuman – Aye
Wayne Austin - Aye
Rick Humphreys – Aye
Greg Kelly – Aye
Jan Reeves – Aye
Janice Duehring

(8) Adjourn

Mr. Costello made a motion to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting, seconded by Mr. Humphreys.

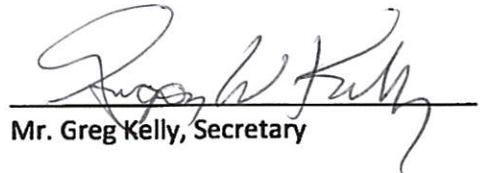
The Roll Call was as follows:

Maggie Costello: Aye
Kenneth Shuman: Aye
Wayne Austin: Aye
Rick Humphreys: Aye
Greg Kelly: Aye
Jan Reeves: Aye
Jayne Duehring: Aye

Time: 6:00 P.M.

(9) Next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 24, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Arthur Campbell Room – 1st Floor


Wayne Austin, Chairman


Mr. Greg Kelly, Secretary