

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

The Regular meeting for the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, October 5, 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
Mr. Jeff Johnson, Vice-chairman
Mrs. Cindy Patterson, Councilperson
Mr. Michael Weaver – arrived late

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mr. Andrew Neese

Administrative Staff: Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner
Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney
Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning

Visitors: Thomas Deene
Brian Ely
Polly Mallory
Dee Hopkins
Robert Neeb
Doug Ellis
Lorie Ellis
Jim Bundy
Stephen Jett

(2) Approval of Minutes: **Regular meeting, September 7, 2016**

A motion to table the approval of the minutes until the October 5, 2016, regular meeting was made by Mr. Jeff Johnson. Second by Mr. Michael Weaver. All in favor. Minutes tabled until Oct. 5th meeting.

(3) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Dee Hopkins, 116 E. Main St., Abingdon, VA 24210, owner; Bryan Ely, representative;** request for COA to install fences – one in front of property and one in rear.

Mr. Ely, attorney for Ms. Hopkins, presented the request for a fence and associated landscaping. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Jeff Johnson moved to approve the request as submitted – with the clarification that the picket fence would be from the back of the sidewalk to the retaining wall (same design as already on the property); that the privacy fence in the rear must not exceed a maximum of 6 ft. total height and match current design of privacy fence on property; and must be wholly on Ms. Hopkins' property.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Patterson:

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. White- Aye
Mrs. Patterson- Aye
Mr. J. Johnson- Aye
Mr. Weaver - Aye

(4) COA request; **Douglas & Lorie Ellis**, 301 E. Valley St., Abingdon, VA 24210, owner; **Douglas Ellis, representative**; request for COA for exterior changes, porches, fencing, and driveway improvements.

Mr. Ellis presented his proposal to the board. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Weaver to allow Mr. Ellis to remove pavement; return the porch to its previous condition (remove ramp); reinstall the original front door; and construct a surround around the cellar door to disguise it. The board requested Mr. Ellis bring examples of his proposed French door design to the November meeting and did not approve that component at this time.

On motion of Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. J. Johnson:

Roll call vote as follows:


Mrs. White- Aye
Mrs. Patterson- Aye
Mr. J. Johnson- Aye
Mr. Weaver - Aye

(5) DISCUSSION ITEM: Vacant lot on E. Valley with existing garage, known as the "Cosby Garage"; potential site for new construction project; **Jim Bundy, representative**.

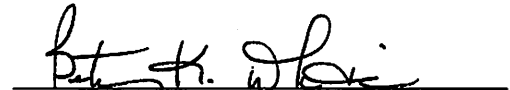
Mr. Bundy presented his idea of using this lot for new residential construction and asked the Board what their disposition would be concerning the existing garage. The Board felt that it would be prudent to move the current garage and reincorporate it into the design of the new construction. Mr. Bundy agreed to bring a design to the Board at a future date.

(6) Ms. White, noticing Mr. Stephen Jett in the audience, asked if Mr. Jett would like to address the Board. Mr. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning, reminded the Board that in order to add any business not on the agenda, a vote of the majority of the Board would have to be completed. On a motion by Mrs. Patterson and seconded by Mr. J. Johnson, Mrs. White called for the vote and it was unanimous in favor of allowing Mr. Jett to speak. Mr. Jett presented his "Statement of Stephen C. Jett".

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.



Sean Taylor, Secretary



Mrs. Betsy White, Chairperson