

TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2016 – 5:15 P.M.

The Regular meeting for the Historic Preservation Review Board was held Wednesday, August 3, 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. Betty White, Chairperson
Mr. Jeff Johnson, Vice-chairman
Mrs. Cindy Patterson, Councilperson
Mr. Michael Weaver

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mr. Andrew Neese

Administrative Staff: Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner
Mrs. Debbie Icenhour

Visitors: Mr. Mark Goodman
Mr. Preston Edmondson
Mr. Robert Neeb
Dee Hopkins
Jan Hurt
Joyce Ferratt
Polly Mallory

(2) Approval of Minutes: **Regular meeting, June 1, 2016**

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting, June 1, 2016, as submitted. Mr. M. Weaver and Mrs. Cindy Patterson were not present at that meeting. Per Robert’s Rules of Order the minutes are able to stand approved, as submitted, without a vote.

Minutes stand approved as submitted.

- (3) **Old Business: Notice of Waivers, 229 E. Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210, owner; Rich Buddington, Owner; Planning Staff report on issuance of Waiver; Staff; Sean Taylor.**

Mr. Sean Taylor reported on the Planning staff issuance of Design Review Waiver to Mr. Rich Buddington owner of 229 E. Valley Street. Mr. Buddington requested and received a Design Review Waiver for the replacement of the existing cedar shingle roof on his residence. Replacement Shingle will be of the same material as existing and be replaced in a matter that replicates the existing roof.

- (4) **Tax Credit request: Sam F. Hurt, 247 E. Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210, Owner; Jan Hurt, representative; request for local historic tax credits in the amount of \$12,500 for work completed at 247 E. Valley St.**

After review of the materials provided for the Tax Credit review, Mr. Michael Weaver made a motion to approve the request as submitter. Second by Mr. Johnson.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

All in favor. Tax Credit request approved.

- (5) **Tax Credit request: Same F. Hunt, 254 E. Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210, Owner; Jan Hurt, representative; request for local historic tax credits in the amount of \$32,525 for work completed at 254 E. Valley St.**

Mr. Taylor reported to members of the HPRB that the amount requested exceeds the \$25,000 maximum allowed by the Town of Abingdon, Code of Ordinances. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Tax Credit request, amending the amount request to reflect the \$25,000 maximum threshold. Second by Councilperson Patterson.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

All in favor. Tax Credit request approved.

- (6) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Joyce Ferratt, owner**; 254 Whites Mill Rd. Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness to replace shingles, repair and replace shutters, and repair/replace gutters. **Located at 254 Whites Mill Rd.**

Mrs. Ferratt addressed the board with a request to replace the shingles, gutters and shutters on her home and detached garage. Mrs. Ferratt requested also requested that her improvements be considered for local tax credits. Mr. Taylor informed Mrs. Ferratt that she needs to complete the Tax Credit application and provide all receipts to the HPRB upon completion of the work performed. After a brief discussion, Mr. Weaver made the motion to approve the application as presented. Second by Mr. Johnson.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. White – Aye
Councilperson Patterson – Aye
Mr. J. Johnson – Aye
Mr. Neese – Aye

- (7) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Carol and Polly Mallory, owners**; 112 East Main St., Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition of detached concrete block Garage. **Located at 111 East Main St.**

Mrs. Mallory presented to the HPRB her application to demolish the detached garage located immediately behind her residence at 112 East Main. Mr. Johnson spoke that he had examined the structure and that in his determination the structure was of no historical significance and does not meet the requirements of the design review guidelines. Mr. Robert Neeb, an adjacent neighbor to the Mallory's discussed his concerns for the lack of maintenance to the Mallory's main structure and the need for improvements to the structure not in the Mallory's current application. Mr. Johnson made the motion to approve the application as presented. Second by Mr. Weaver.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. White – Aye
Councilperson Patterson – Aye
Mr. J. Johnson – Aye
Mr. Neese – Aye

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

Mr. Robert Neeb addressed the board with a request to construct a fence along the border of his property and that of his neighbor. Mr. Neeb and Mrs. Hopkins presented designs and layouts of the fences that they

would like to construct. Mr. Neeb and Mrs. Hopkins are requesting the fence due to their concerns of the lack of maintenance on their neighbors' structure. Mr. Johnson asked Mrs. Polly Mallory if she or Carl Mallory had agreed to the construction of a fence on the shared boundary line of the two properties. Mrs. Mallory stated that she and Carl Mallory had not agreed to with Mrs. Dee Hopkins on the construction of a fence on the boundary line. Mr. Neeb that state that he wished to construct the fence 6 inches off of the current boundary line. Mr. Taylor in consultation with Debbie Icenhour Town Attorney, that town staff need time to research any and all relevant State of Virginia Ordinances concerning the construction of fences in residential areas. Mr. Johnson requested that the HPRB go into execution session with the Town Attorney to discuss the legalities of the matter.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Weaver, the HPRB went into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the board will convene in a closed session for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the advice of counsel.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Weaver, the HPRB reconvened in regular session.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. White – Aye
 Councilperson Patterson – Aye
 Mr. J. Johnson – Aye
 Mr. Neese – Aye

Upon Further discussion, Mr. Johnson made a motion to table the certificate of appropriateness until the regular stated HPRB meeting to be held on September 7, 2016. Mrs. Hopkins is requested to amend the original COA application to reflect change of placement of the proposed fence off of the shared boundary line. Second by Mrs. Patterson.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. White – Aye
 Councilperson Patterson – Aye
 Mr. J. Johnson – Aye
 Mr. Neese – Aye

- (9) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Mark Hurt, owners**; 159 West Main St., Abingdon, VA 24210, **Owner; Preston Edmonson, representative**; request for COA to preform exterior maintenance including re-point mortar, repair and paint shutters same color, repair and paint balcony same color, repair and repaint all doors same color, repair copper gutters.

Mr. Preston Edmondson representative for Mr. Mark Hurt presented to the HPRB for tax credit application purposes areas of exterior maintenance that need to occur to the structure located at 159 West Main Street. Mr. Edmondson stated that a lime-based mortar would be used in re-pointing deteriorated

masonry joints. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the application as presented. Second by Mr. Weaver.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. White – Aye

Councilperson Patterson – Aye

Mr. J. Johnson – Aye

Mr. Neese – Aye

- (10) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Matthew Johnson**, 152 E. Valley St., Abingdon, VA 24210, owner; **Sean Taylor**, representative; request for 18” x 30” sign as attached.

Mr. Taylor presented to the board and application the placement of non-commercial signage on the existing pole located at 152 E. Valley Street. Members of the HPRB discussed the material the sign would be constructed of. Mr. Taylor stated that the sign would be constructed of the same material as used on signs previously approved by the HPRB. Mrs. Patterson made the motion to approve the sign as presented. Second by Mr. Johnson.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. White – Aye

Councilperson Patterson – Aye

Mr. J. Johnson – Aye

Mr. Neese – Aye

- (11) Certificate of Appropriateness (Renewal): **Betsy White**, 125 W. Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210, owner; **Betsy White**, representative; request for renewal of previously approved COA from Aug. 5, 2015, HPRB meeting for porch maintenance.

Mr. Taylor presented to the board Mrs. Whites request to renew the now expired COA originally approved at the Aug. 5th 2015 HPRB meeting. Mrs. White explained that she and her husband have had difficulty in finding reliable contractor to perform the previously approved work. Mr. Weaver made the motion to renew the COA as originally presented. Second by Mrs. Patterson.

Roll Call vote as follows:

Mrs. White – Aye

Councilperson Patterson – Aye

Mr. J. Johnson – Aye


Mr. Neese – Aye


- (12) Reports from Staff and Commissioners

- a. Update from Michael Weaver, Andrew Neese and Sean Taylor.

Mr. Taylor stated the update on the attendance to Michael Weaver, Andrew Neese and Sean Taylor to the NAPC conference be moved to the next regular stated meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Sean Taylor 
Sean Taylor, Secretary

Betsy White 
Mrs. Betsy White, Chairperson