

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018 – 5:25 P.M.
ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 5:25 pm in the Arthur Campbell Meeting Room in the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME by Jeff Johnson, Chair

B. ROLL CALL – Jason Boswell, Interim Director of Planning

Members of the Board Present: Mr. Jeff Johnson
 Mr. Byrum Geisler
 Ms. Cindy Patterson
 Mr. Michael Weaver

Members of the Board Absent: Mr. Andrew Neese

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Administrative/Town Staff: Jason Boswell, Interim Director of Planning
 Janice Dornon, Administrative Assistant

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Michael Weaver with alterations, seconded by Ms. Cindy Patterson, the Board approved the following minutes for:

April 4, 2018 Regular meeting as presented and corrected.

April 25, 2018 Special Called Meeting as presented.

May 7, 2018 Regular meeting as presented and corrected.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Weaver | Aye |
| Ms. Patterson | Aye |
| Mr. Geisler | Aye |
| Mr. Johnson | Aye |

D. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. Certificate of Appropriateness - Senior Services Center, Inc. owner; Community Center of Abingdon, representative; Request to install signage. To be placed at the intersection of Valley Street and Whites Mill Road. Located at 300 Senior Drive, (Parcel No 005-16-1).

Natalie Graham, Director of The Community Center stating that when she took over the center that it was about to fold. Now that the Community Center is running smoothly, she would like people to be able to find the center for increased sustainability. The facility itself is not located in the Historic District but the signage would be placed in the Public Right-Of-Way in the Historic District at the intersections of Valley Street/Whites Mill Road and one at Whites Mill Road/Summer Street. Ms. Patterson suggested that the sign be placed below the already existing Whites Mill sign. Mr. Boswell stated that this suggestion had been discussed previously with Public Works Director, Matt Bolick. The sign should be 2 X 2, similar in size to the existing Whites Mill sign. The committee will only be considering the size of the sign.

***** Interim Town Manager has authorized this sign to be placed in the public right-of-way per Section 21-11. Signs placed by public authority.**

After a brief discussion about the placement of the signs the board voted.

**Mr. Byrum Geisler made a motion to approve the request as presented.
Second by Ms. Cindy Patterson.**

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Weaver | Aye |
| Ms. Patterson | Aye |
| Mr. Geisler | Aye |
| Mr. Johnson | Aye |

Board approved the request for 300 Senior Drive signage design and specifications.

2. **Certificate of Appropriateness - Ray Skinner, owner; 411 E. Valley Street, Abingdon VA 24210: application for Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior change, addition of gable roof, replacing metal roof and new gable with driftwood asphalt shingles. Located at 411 E. Valley Street (Parcel No. 013-1-26A)**

Ray Skinner spoke to the board on his own behalf about the property located at 411 E. Valley Street. The house now has a metal roof silver in color. Mr. Skinner wishes to replace the metal roof with an asphalt shingle, driftwood color. Per section, 29, new additions should be compatible with the original building in scale, placement and material. In summary, the board suggested that the columns not be ornate, pitch on new gable and roof should match, storm door may be replaced but the wood entry door cannot, asphalt shingles for roof and new gable will be Driftwood.

After a brief discussion about how the gable design should match the style of the existing structure, the material being used for the roof and gable will be asphalt driftwood shingles, the roof pitch of the gable should match the existing roofline, column styles should not be ornate, and storm door maybe replaced.

Mr. Byrum Geisler made a motion to approve the request as presented. Second by Mr. Michael Weaver.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Weaver | Aye |
| Ms. Patterson | Aye |
| Mr. Geisler | Aye |
| Mr. Johnson | Aye |

Board approved the request for 411 E. Valley Street for the gable design, roof pitch, driftwood asphalt shingles, column style and replacement of storm door.

3. **Certificate of Appropriateness – The Nature Conservancy, owner 146 E. Main Street, Brad Kreps, Representative. Request to remove and replace aluminum storm windows and interior wood windows with double hung Legacy, energy efficient vinyl windows. Exterior wood trim will be added to the windows for visual appeal. (Parcel No. 013-1-116)**

Brad Kreps represented The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit, stated that they have been in the building since the 1990's. They had an energy audit of the building

completed last year, 2017, and the windows were found to be non-energy efficient. Their energy bills are significant. They are requesting to remove the existing windows and replace the outside aluminum storm windows and interior wood windows with double hung Legacy, energy efficient, vinyl windows. On the exterior, the wood trim would be added to the windows for visual appeal. The new vinyl windows would be white and the wood trim would be painted white. When the board asked Mr. Kreps if he knew if the windows were original to the building he stated that he was not sure. The Nature Conservancy have already purchased custom windows, which can be seen in a photo attached to the COA dated 6-5-18. Per the HPRB guidelines, section 45-A: windows that are original should be preserved in their original location, size, design, and material. 45-C: Windows should be repaired rather than replaced; an appropriate method of repair is by the use of epoxy. However, if re-placement is necessary the replacement window should match the window being replaced in both material and design. Wood windows clad in vinyl or pre-finished aluminum are acceptable where appropriate to the architectural style of the building if they are located at the rear or sides of building and are not readily in the public view. In the case that the windows cannot be repaired, it must be replaced with a window using the same material as the original wood window. The Nature Conservancy request is in conflict with guidelines.

After a detailed discussion about the material of the windows the board voted.

Mr. Michael Weaver made a motion to deny the request, stating that an Aye would be voting to deny the request as submitted. Second by Mr. Byrum Geisler.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Weaver | Aye |
| Ms. Patterson | Aye |
| Mr. Geisler | Aye |
| Mr. Johnson | Aye |

Board Denied the request for replacement vinyl windows at 146 E. Main Street. The Board stated the HPRB guidelines are similar to the covenants a subdivision would set. The Board told Mr. Kreps that he could appeal the decision through the Abingdon Town Council and the next council meeting will be on July 2, 2018. Ms. Patterson stated that they could possibly hold a Special Called meeting to hear the appeal for 146 E. Main Street.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

F. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

1. Mr. Boswell asked the board to consider a different date for the next HPRB meeting since it falls on the Fourth of July holiday. The board recommended July 11, 2018 and Ms. Patterson asked for a time change to 5:30 P.M. Mr. Jeff Johnson told the board that he would be out of town for them to make sure that Mr. Andrew Neese, Vice-Chair, could be present to oversee the July 11th meeting.

Mr. Boswell alerted the board that Ms. Jan Reeves might make a request to place an out building on her property. Her husband is not in good health and she needs to move several items from the home to the out building.

After a brief discussion, the July 4, 2018 meeting will be re-scheduled to July 11, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

Byrum Geisler made a motion to move the July 4, 2018 to July 11, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. Second by Ms. Cindy Patterson.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Weaver | Aye |
| Ms. Patterson | Aye |
| Mr. Geisler | Aye |
| Mr. Johnson | Aye |

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

H. ADJOURNMENT

On Motion by Ms. Cindy Patterson, seconded by Mr. Byrum Geisler, for the Board to adjourn the meeting.

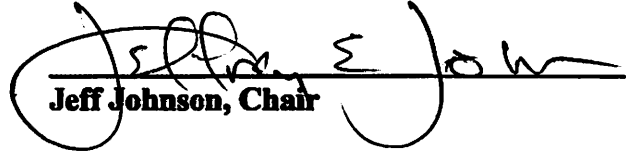
The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Mr. Weaver | Aye |
| Ms. Patterson | Aye |
| Mr. Geisler | Aye |
| Mr. Johnson | Aye |

June 6, 2018
Regular Meeting

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P. M.



Jeff Johnson, Chair



Jason Boswell, Interim Director of Planning

The next regularly scheduled Historic Preservation Review Board meeting will be July 11, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. in the Arthur Campbell Room on the 1st floor of the Town Municipal Building.