TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 – 5:15 P.M.
ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 5:15 pm in the Arthur Campbell Meeting Room in the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME by Jeff Johnson - Chairman

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

Members of the Board Present:	Mr. Michael Weaver Mr. Byrum Geisler Mr. Jeff Johnson Mr. Derek Webb
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. Geisler, seconded by Mr. Weaver, the Board approved the following minutes for:

July 11, 2018 Regular meeting as presented with correction.
August 1, 2018 Regular meeting as presented.
August 8, 2018 Special Called Meeting as presented with correction.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Weaver	**Aye**
Mr. Geisler	**Aye**
Mr. Johnson	**Aye**
Mr. Webb	**Aye**

D. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – Anne Johnston, owner, 160 E. Valley St., Abingdon VA 24210. William D. Carmack: representative. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to replace a solid metal door with a wooden door with a window. **Located at 160 E. Valley St. Parcel No. (013-1-50)**

Mr. Carmack was not present at the allotted time for his presentation so the board proceeded on with the next COA on the agenda coming back to Mr. Carmack who arrived late. Mr. Carmack represented Dr. Anne Johnston. Dr. Johnston is painting and cleaning up around the property at 160 E. Valley St. The existing entry door is metal and dates back to the 1980's. The existing door is structurally sound. Dr. Johnston would like to replace the entrance door to give natural light into her lobby. She would like to replace it with a round glass door. Door style proposed, #605 is not an appropriate door for a front entrance. The board recommended style # 444 CL with eight glass panel lights and painted white. Per the HPRB guidelines, a new door should be made of wood and glass.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Weaver	**Aye**
Mr. Geisler	**Aye**
Mr. Johnson	**Aye**
Mr. Webb	**Aye**

The board unanimously approved the COA request for 160 E. Valley Street.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness – Brad Dorris & Greg Lilly owner; 244 Valley Street NE, Abingdon VA 24210: application for Certificate of Appropriateness to replace existing, deteriorating shed in back yard with a new

shed. Make several minor landscaping improvements. **Located at 244 Valley Street NE. (Parcel No. 013-1-36)**

Mr. Lilly represented the property at 244 Valley Street NE. Property owner would like to change out the existing shed for one that they designed. They have tried to stabilize the existing shed to no avail. The new shed will be placed in the same footprint, painted dark cream. Plumb Alley sits to the rear of the property, town park sits at the right. The previous owners put in ceramic tile on the steps five to seven years earlier; they would like to replace it with Pennsylvania Blue natural stone. He is not sure what is underneath the existing ceramic tile. They would like to make the steps and front porch uniform in design by extending the natural stone out toward the road. Visitor are walking through their mulch beds to come to the front of the property. They would like to build up the stacked stone wall to contain the mulch and minimize runoff. They would also like to put in natural stone steps off of Plumb Alley. Mr. Boswell noted that this is unique situation whereas the stone wall is already in place. They were made aware that the town has the right to remove the wall if it is necessary. They will need to get an Encroachment permit in order to build the wall on Plumb Alley. Retaining wall could be built out of stacked stone.

Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve the COA request as presented. Second by Mr. Webb.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Weaver	**Aye**
Mr. Geisler	**Aye**
Mr. Johnson	**Aye**
Mr. Webb	**Aye**

The board unanimously approved the COA request for 244 Valley Street NE.

3. Certificate of Appropriateness - Alice E. Wade, 335 Gibson Street, Abingdon VA 24210; **Owner.** Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to extend the back porch so that it meets the back right corner of the house. Stairs relocated to come out from the rear of the house and porch rather that running alongside of the back. The existing steps are only two years old. **Located at 335 Gibson Street. (Parcel No. 013-10-1)**

Ms. Wade represented the property at 335 Gibson Street. Ms. Wade would like to extend her back porch and steps. The present deck is 5' X 9'10". She enters the home through the back entrance. She would like to have enough room for a grill, plants and a small table with two chairs. She plans to extend the deck out to make it 7' X 6'. The porch was

original to the home in 1988 when Mr. Geisler resided there. The railing is to remain simple and the same style as it is now. The roof will not be extended and will remain as is. Mr. Weaver suggested that she would probably have 7" risers and 11" treads on the steps. She will be using 4 X 4 post for the porch supports. If she changes the post or design, she will have to come back before the board to have the design approved. The railing is to be painted white to match the existing railing. The deck floor is to be painted grey to match existing floor. The handrail style is to be duplicated for the new extension.

Mr. Webb made a motion to approve the COA request as presented. Second by Mr. Geisler.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Weaver	**Aye**
Mr. Geisler	**Aye**
Mr. Johnson	**Aye**
Mr. Webb	**Aye**

The board unanimously approved the COA request for 335 Gibson Street.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

F. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

H. ADJOURNMENT

On Motion by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Geisler, for the Board to adjourn the meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Weaver	**Aye**
Mr. Geisler	**Aye**
Mr. Johnson	**Aye**
Mr. Webb	**Aye**

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 P. M.

Jeff Johnson, Chairman

Jason Boswell, Interim Director of Planning