

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018 – 5:15 P.M.
ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, November 7, 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. Andrew Neese
 Mr. Jeff Johnson

Members of the Board Absent: Mr. Derek Webb

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Administrative/Town Staff: Jason Boswell, Interim Director of Planning
 Mr. Kenneth Vittum, Interim Town Manager

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Geisler, the Board approved the following minutes for:

September 5, 2018 regular meeting

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Weaver	Aye
Mr. Geisler	Aye
Mr. Neese	(Abstained, was not present at this meeting)
Mr. Johnson	Aye

The board approved the September 5, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented.

D. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – Abingdon United Methodist Church, owner, 101 East Main St., Abingdon VA, 24210. Jerry’s Signs & Awnings Inc.: representative. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to install a carved sign with two posts with brick base to match church. Located at 101 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-88)

Jerry’s Sign represented the Abingdon United Methodist Church. The sign will be 4 x 6 feet in size. The material will be a high-density urethane, which is a lifetime material that will be routed and hand painted. It will replace the existing sign. Brick will match the existing with precast concrete caps. External lighting will remain the same. Post will be made of steel. Will be painted as depicted in photos presented with COA. Mr. Johnson added a note; Color of brick should match existing and sign to be painted as depicted in photos.

Mr. Neese 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	(Abstained, Member of United Methodist)
Mr. Neese	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye

The board unanimously approved the COA request for 101 East Main Street.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness – Matthew Bundy, owner, P.O. Box 649, Abingdon, VA 24212. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to enclose parking area at rear. Located at 190 E. Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No (013-1-106)

Matt Bundy represented the property at 190 E. Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Requesting to add a carport to cover existing parking. Initial plan for the roofing was to make it into a green space to be used as a patio area if the budget would allow. Put in a

handrail with greenery to fill in the space. The slope for parking is now at 10% to 20%, which ideally should be 6% for parking. They would like to change the slope to help level it out. Back wall would be a retaining brick wall. Survey did not show any right-of-way or easements. Extend stairwell to open up the doorway. Ordinance states that they cannot plant greenery that would block access or interfere with fire protection. Under provision 27 in the guidelines, should be in proportion to the size, scale, roof pitch and rhythm of opening. The archway does match the arches on windows. Offset would look better if it lined up to the edge of the building. The new designed arches have a more modern feel.

Guidelines say that additions should be compatible to the existing building. Bigger rounder openings are so different that they are inconsistent. May be able to tie design into the existing building by using brick Mr. Bundy does not want to extend the project to the corner of the building even though some of the members feel that the building should be extended to the corner of the building in order to give it conformity.

A one-story parking garage cannot be built to scale to a four-story building, when the existing building is ornate in design. It should just be a background addition, trying not to draw attention to itself, it should be utilitarian only. Mr. Bundy said that he would rather square things up than to add 300 to 600 square feet to the project. This would make the slope more complicated. Mr. Weaver liked the offset on Court Street side of the building. The size proportions are not compatible.

Mr. Johnson asked when they expected to begin construction. Mr. Bundy said it looks like I will be back here. Mr. Johnson told him to let the staff know when he had a new design ready and they would call a special called meeting to discuss it. Whichever color of brick he prefers to use should also be used on the rear of the building as well. Brick retaining wall will be high enough so that a handrail will not be needed. Would like to use a prefab cap. Mr. Bundy to submit a brick color preference.

The board tabled the COA request for 190 E. Main Street, awaiting plans for a simpler design that will meet guidelines.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

F. DISCUSSION:

1. Dr. H. Ramey White, Jr. and Ms. Betsy White would like to address the board and do a walk-through of a property that they have purchased, Marcella, at 133 East Main Street. They are asking the board to take an early look at the property and help them sort out solutions to a couple of issues.

Ms. Betsy White represented Marcella. Mr. Boyd designed the sketches. They will be doing some painting in the spring. They are requesting an addition to make a master bedroom. The current ceiling line is too low. The parking lot side has a dormer. Would like to duplicate the dormers. They will be using the same roofing. The new master bedroom will overlook the garden. They would need to balance out the house. The addition does not touch the original house.

They also would like to paint the shed white that was installed in the 1980's. The color is a walnut stain now. They will come back before the board to have these improvements approved, to change the paint color.

G. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Johnson asked if the matter of the incorrect door being placed on Dr. Johnston's office building had been resolved. Mr. Boswell has been in contact with Dr. Johnston and she has agreed to replace the door with style # 444. Mr. Weaver asked if it was specified that the door be made of wood because the current door is metal. The board remembered that they did specify that the replacement be made of wood.

Mr. Carmack came in that day to discuss replacing the door with model # 444, because the minutes were clear on the door style.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLG four-year evaluation will be conducted during the December 2018 HPRB meeting. Aubrey Von Lindern will be the DHR representative.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Weaver	Aye
Mr. Geisler	Aye

Mr. Neese	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P. M.



Jeff Johnson, Chairman



Jason Boswell, Interim Director of Planning