TOWN OF ABINGDON HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019 – 5:15 P.M. ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 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, Director of Planning

Members of the Board Present: Mr. Byrum Geisler

Mr. Andrew Neese Mr. Jeff Johnson Mr. Derek Webb

Members of the Board Absent: Mr. Michael Weaver

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Administrative/Town Staff: Mr. Jason Boswell, Director of Planning

Mr. Kenneth Vittum – Interim Town Manager Mrs. Janice Dornon, Administrative Assistant

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of January 2, 2019 minutes was tabled due to not having a quorum. Only two member were present at the February 6, 2019 HPRB meeting that attended the January 2, 2019 regular meeting. The January 2, 2019 minutes will be placed on the March 6, 2019 agenda for approval.

D. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – Kenneth Buer, owner, 152 Valley Street NE. Don's Landscaping: representative. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to turn gravel parking lot into residential back yard by adding grass, landscaping, pavers shrubs, a gazebo and toolshed. Located at 152 Valley Street NE, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (013-1-51)

Mr. Don Lowe represented the property located at 152 Valley Street NE. Mr. Lowe apologized for installing the brick paver without prior approval from the board. The board reviewed each item requested separately as follows:

- 1. <u>Parking Lot</u> requesting to remove pea gravel and replace it with grass. The fence would be 28 feet from the property line to Plumb Alley, which adheres to HPRB guidelines.
- 2. <u>Pavers</u>- Belgard colonial pavers will extend from the gate to the proposed gazebo. Board asked Mr. Lowe to bring in or email a photo of the pavers to staff to file with the COA.
- 3. <u>Gazebo</u>—would be wood and painted white. The gazebo was approved as presented with the exception of the roof. The board asked that they change out the roofing material to a standing seam style to match existing roof of main structure. A sample of the standing seam roof will need to be submitted for approval.
- 4. <u>Tool Shed</u> windows and door would be wood not vinyl, painted white to match fence with a red metal roof. The roof will need to be the same as suggested for the gazebo, a standing seam roof style to match existing roof of main structure.
- 5. <u>Fence</u> would be using cedar spaced French Gothic picket fence panels, painted white with a maximum height of 42 inches.

Board stated that all items listed should be installed as submitted in the design.

Mr. Neese made a motion to approve the COA request as summarized. Second by Mr. Webb

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Geisler Aye
Mr. Neese Aye
Mr. Johnson Aye
Mr. Webb Aye

The board unanimously approved the COA as summarized for 152 Valley Street NE.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness – Drew Hawkins/Kyle King, owner, 188 East Main St., Suite 2 Abingdon VA, 24210. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to add street sidewalk sign for building identification. This sign would also identify office tenants occupying the 2nd and 3rd floor of the building. Additionally, the sign will assist with locating the entrance for the 2nd and 3rd floor of our building. The sign would be perpendicular to the building, similar to other business signs along Main Street. Located at 188 East Main Street, Suite 2, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (013-1-107A)

Anna Hawkins and Kyle King represented the property located at 188 East Main Street. They are requesting that the sign be placed on the Boucher Building to identify tenants and be constructed of a polymer material. They would like to identify four tenants with the signage, which according to the HPRB guidelines would exceed the square footage allowed. They settled on having only three hanging panels instead of the initial four that were requested, by doing this, they would be in compliance with the HPRB guidelines. The sign will be green with white lettering. The sign would be attached to the building using a standard V bracket, anchored into the mortar of the structure not the masonry.

Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve the COA requested with recommended changes. Second by Mr. Neese

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Geisler	Aye
Mr. Neese	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye

The board unanimously approved the COA with changes for 188 East Main Street.

3. Certificate of Appropriateness – Robert and Donna Carneal, owner, 284 Valley Street NW, Abingdon VA 24210. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to change exterior paint color from white to grey. Located at 284 Valley Street NW, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (011-1-95)

Robert Carneal represented the property located at 284 Valley Street NW. The Carneal's are requesting to paint the exterior smoke gray, this would be a semi-gloss oil based paint. Mr. Johnson asked if the board could just modify a previous COA on this property.

Mr. Johnson also informed Mr. Carneal on the tax abatement offered by the town for restoration of historic properties. Mr. Carneal showed interest in signing up to receive tax abatement. Mr. Carneal was instructed to see town staff for a COA application in order to apply for the tax abatement.

The question was posed if a COA is transferred with the property or the owner, staff to look into this question for information.

The board made the motion to modify the original COA that was previously approved on April 4, 2018 to change the paint color from white to gray and to approve the transfer of the COA to the new owner.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Geisler	Aye
Mr. Neese	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye

The board unanimously approved the COA as presented for 284 Valley Street NW.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

H. DISCUSSION:

1. 160 E. Main Street, Renovations - Jim Bundy

Jim Bundy and Steve Hopp presented the property located at 160 E. Main Street. Mr. Hopp wishes to restore the storefront back into two separate entrance, as it was previously, one to be a butcher shop and the other a retail shop. During the life of this structure an 18-inch brick wall survived, this wall separates the two inside spaces. Mr. Hopp wanted to come before the board to see if this project was possible before he invested in the purchase of the property and before hiring Mr. Bundy to draw up plans for the project. The board confirmed that they would be open to the changes but could not approve anything further without plans. Everyone agreed that a mix of styles would be needed in order to make the façade consistent with the surrounding structures. Mr. Hopp would like to take the design back to the 1950's style. He would bring back all the necessary paperwork to the board if he were to purchase this property

2. 702 Muster Place, relocation of heating and cooling system

Jason Boswell represented the property located at 702 Muster Place. The town is in the process of upgrading the HVAC at the Muster Grounds. DHR will be approving the plans for this upgrade. The town would also like to have the approval from the HPRB board as well. A waiver has been submitted to the HPRB board for the relocation of the HVAC. The units would have shrubbery as a screen to conceal the units themselves from public view as outlined in the HPRB guidelines.

I. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

K. 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. Geisler	Aye
Mr. Neese	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P. M.

Jeff Johnson, Chairman

Jason Boswell, Director of Planning