

TOWN OF ABINGDON  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 3, 2002 - 1:45 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held on Thursday, January 3, 2002, at 1:45 P.M. This meeting was rescheduled from Tuesday, January 1, 2002, due to conflict with holiday. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Charles R. Day, Chairman.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Charles R. Day, Chairman  
Mr. Fred H. St. John, Vice-Chairman  
Mrs. Betsy White

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mrs. Lois H. Humphreys  
Mr. Andrew Hargroves

Administrative Staff: Mr. Albert C. Bradley, Director of Planning/Zoning

Visitors: Mr. Jim Ferreira  
Mr. Dean Barr

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- (2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, November 6, 2001  
Special Meeting, November 20, 2001

Motion was made by Mr. St. John, seconded by Mrs. White, and unanimously resolved to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 6, 2001 and Special Meeting, November 20, 2001.

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- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Jim & Jennifer Ferreira and Jack King**, 152 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of signage to be located inside windows, for structure/business (**Gallery @ Barr Photographics**) located at **152 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 115. TABLED FROM REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 6, 2001.**

This application was previously discussed at the Special Meeting, October 16, 2001, requesting approval of two (2) neon signs to be located at 152 East Main Street. One sign, 33 in. x 36 in., proposed to be placed inside window closest to entrance at front of structure and one sign,

28 in. x 35 in., proposed to be placed in upper window at end of porch. Each of the signs will have an open background, purple lettering and gold border.

At that time, Mr. Day stated that each sign was larger than maximum sign size normally approved and requests for neon type signs were never approved by Board in the past.

Mr. Hargroves further commented that the signs were larger than allowed and that neon signs have never been approved.

Mrs. White stated that even though the Board was in agreement to wanting to help businesses in the Historic District to do well, the Board is charged with trying to protect the integrity, as well as the aesthetics of the district. She further stated that the signs were larger than normally allowed and asked the applicant if there was an alternative sign that could be used.

Mr. Day suggested that, as a compromise, a small sign could be placed inside and behind the widow or near the door entrance.

The applicant stated that the signs had already been ordered and to cancel the order might pose a hardship.

After discussion a motion was made to table this application until such time the sign could be viewed by members of the Board.

The application request was on the agenda for the Regular Meeting, November 6, 2001, however, the applicant or representative was not present for that meeting, therefore, the request was tabled until the next regular meeting.

After further discussion and review of the proposed signs, motion was made by Mrs. White that the signs be approved subject to the following: 1) separated from street, 2) secluded by porch, 3) scale of building, 4) artful display of merchandise and service available on premise. Mr. St. John seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Sprint/United Management Company (Alan King, Representative), 174 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 46, 47. CONTINUED DISCUSSION FROM REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 4, 2001, for approval of molding and color of paint.**

This was a continued discussion from the Regular Meeting, December 4, 2001. At that time the color "light tan" was approved for use on the exterior door.

Samples of the molding and trim to be used, along with paint colors, were submitted for review. The color of paint to be used on frame around exterior door will be rust and the trim used around door will be white. There will be a trim on exterior door to portray panels.

After review and discussion, Mr. St. John made a motion that the molding and trim, and paint colors, as submitted be approved. Mrs. White seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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With there being no further business, a motion was made and duly seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

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Charles R. Day, Chairman

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Albert C. Bradley, Secretary