

TOWN OF ABINGDON  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 7, 2002 - 1:45 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2002, at 1:45 P.M. In light of the Town General Elections, which were taking place in the customary meeting place, this meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Town Council Meeting Room.

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Charles R. Day, Chairman  
Mrs. Betsy White  
Mr. Andrew Hargroves  
  
Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mrs. Lois H. Humphreys

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

Visitors: Mr. Frank Canter  
Mrs. Pearl Hayter  
Mr. Robert Reid  
Mrs. Suzanne Reid  
Ms. Ellie Pickrell  
Mrs. Jan Hurt  
Ms. Lora Firebaugh

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- (2) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Henry Wayne and Pearl Hayter**, 122 Church Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness to replace roof that is currently metal on existing house located at **122 Church Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 103.**

Mrs. Pearl Hayter presented a sample of green, standing rib metal roofing material from another roofing replacement project and stated that this material, as well as the same contractor was chosen. After discussion of the merits of this type of material with the Board of Architectural Review, and other factors, Mrs. Hayter decided to investigate roofing materials further.

Following the discussion, Mr. Hargroves made a motion that the style of roofing should be approved, as submitted and that the Board of Architectural Review would review substitute materials with the owners at a later date. Mrs. White seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Timothy R. and Mary C. Thompson**, 171 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness to remove existing tile roof and replace with architectural shingle roof. Held at the April meeting for study of roofing options.

Mr. Day reported that after some discussions with the owners regarding the roof to be replaced on this structure and, having found some alternative sources for materials and labor, further investigation was necessary and that this matter should be held.

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- (4) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Hazel Ramos-Cano and Richard Cano**, 210 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness to repaint structure, changing from white with dark green trim to aqua tint as the main color and "spring pine" for the window frames with the roof painted "deep evergreen". **Tax Map No. 13 (1) 38.**

After review of the paint samples presented, the Board had many questions about which elements of the house, such as porch columns, railings, soffits, etc. would be painted in which colors, but that the color selected were considered appropriate for the Historic District.

Mr. Hargroves made a motion that the matter should be tabled for clarification of details as noted above. Mrs. White seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Hortensine Land Company/John Hortensine**, 239 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness to erect sign 18" x 30" (3.75 sq. ft.) for use as Abingdon Celtic Cottage, L.L. C. **Tax Map No. 13 (1) 67.**

It was noted that the size and colors of the proposed sign met the guidelines and Mrs. White moved to approve the sign. Mr. Hargroves seconded the motion and the application by Abingdon Celtic Cottage was approved unanimously.

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- (6) Certificate of Appropriateness - **First Residential Mortgage Company, (Barbara Hall, Representative)** 185 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness to erect a separate sign 16.25" (1.35') x 21.5" (1.8') or 2.4 sq. ft. at that location. The sign is as previously approved, except that the sign will be mounted separately, rather than jointly as previously approved. **Tax Map No. 13 (1) 4A.**

Ms. Lora Firebaugh, representing Ms. Hall, the applicant, stated that the proposed sign was the same as the one previously approved, but would be located separately, in front of the house, rather than jointly on the post at the street with Mr. White's sign. Mr. Hargroves made a motion that the relocated sign be give approval. Mrs. White seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (7) Certificate of Appropriateness – **Suzanne and Robert Reid**, 106 West Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness to 1) modify front porch for access by handicapped persons, 2) add 6 feet in length to room on west side of structure, 3) parking area between Plumb Alley and rear deck and 4) convert garage at Plumb Alley into living space by enclosing garage door and adding windows. **Tax Map No. 12 (1) 52.**

The Board of Architectural Review considered the separate items in the application by the Reids individually.

- 1) This was discussed and approved although the Board of Architectural Review suggested that the Reids consider a more normal 6” step, rather than a 3” step at the front, as the 6” was a more normal arrangement on motion of Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Hargroves and unanimously adopted.
- 2) Use of similar siding and roofing materials were approved on motion of Mr. Hargroves, seconded by Mrs. White and unanimously adopted.
- 3) The parking area was to have a brown pea gravel surface and kept as short and narrow as possible, with the option of the applicants to extend this to the deck area and convert the deck into a carport at some later date without return to the Board of Architectural Review, approved on motion of Mr. Hargroves , seconded by Mrs. White and unanimously adopted.
- 4) Minimal changes to the garage were foreseen according to drawings presented. Mainly, changes included conversion of the garage door facing Plumb Alley with raised windows and additional windows(s) on the sides. Part #4 was approved upon motion of Mr. Hargroves, seconded by Mrs. White and unanimously adopted.

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- (8) Certificate of Appropriateness – **Washington County Board of Supervisors**, 205 Academy Drive, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness to erect a 30’ tall radio communications antenna at the 234 Valley Street location. **Tax Map No. 11 (1) 88.**

Mr. Day began this discussion by stating that when storage tanks at the rear of this structure were discussed and approved previously by the Board of Architectural Review, Mr. Canter had delivered photographs of the screened tanks to his office and Mr. Day handed the photos to Mr. Bradley. As to the present matter, Mr. Canter explained to the Board of Architectural Review that the County was using this building for its communications center and that an antenna for ham radio operations (currently located at the “Elliott Building” next to the courthouse) was needed at this location. The tower would be 30’ in height, attached to the center, rear of the building and mounted to a 3’ x 3’ base of concrete. The Board of Architectural Review noted that this structure was not considered a contributing structure within the Historic District. On motion of Mr. Hargroves, seconded by Mrs. White, it was unanimously resolved to approve the application as requested.

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- (9) Certificate of Appropriateness – **Tilitha D. Henegar**, 158 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness to remove concrete deck and steps and replace with deck and steps of treated wood. **Tax Map No. 13 (1) 114.**

Mrs. White raised a question about leaving the wooden elements unpainted, but it was noted that this structure was also not considered a contributing structure within the Historic District. Mr. Hargroves made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Mrs. White and unanimously adopted.

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- (10) Certificate of Appropriateness – **Katherine Galloway, Jim Bundy, Representative**, 120 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of appropriateness to enlarge rear porch to increase the size of a bedroom. **Tax Map No. 12 (1) 46.**

Mr. Bradley noted here that his description may have been misleading in that the addition was more than just an extension of the porch. As was evident from the floor plan included, the room addition extended beyond the porch, perhaps to the end of the existing deck off of the porch. In their review of the plans, Mr. Hargroves noted that there was no detail shown of how the new roof would be connected to the existing roof. This was felt to be important enough to warrant definition prior to approval. On motion of Mr. Hargroves, seconded by Mrs. White, it was resolved to table this application for further information.

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Mrs. Jan Hurt asked if the Board of Architectural Review would consider changing to nighttime meetings. Mr. Day explained that the actual meeting days and times have varied over the years but were set up during the day in order to accommodate owners who wished their contractors to accompany them to the meetings.

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Mrs. White asked about some proposed amendments to the Historic Zoning District, specifically changing the requirements for membership of the Board of Architectural Review and addressing the Certified Local Government issue, which were presented by Councilman Phillips at the January 7, 2002 meeting of the Town Council. Mr. Bradley stated that Mr. Phillips had subsequently requested that this be withheld and, so, the matter had not been brought to the Board of Architectural Review.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Charles R. Day, Chairman

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Albert C. Bradley, Secretary