

TOWN OF ABINGDON  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 25, 2005 - 7:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, July 25, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Richard Stevens, Vice-Chairman.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:                   Mr. Richard A. Stevens, Vice-Chairman  
  Mr. G. M. Newman  
  Mr. Edward B. Morgan  
  Dr. Ramsey White  
  Mr. Kenneth Mathews

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent:                   Mrs. Doris Shuman, Chairman  
  Mrs. Harriett DeBose

Administrative Staff:             Mr. Albert C. Bradley, Director of Planning/Zoning  
  Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Town Planner

Visitors:                           None

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- (2)    Approval of Minutes:   Regular Meeting, May 23, 2005  
  Regular Meeting, June 27, 2005

Dr. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, May 23, 2005. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morgan made a motion, seconded by Dr. White to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, June 27, 2005.

VOTE:           Mr. Morgan   Aye  
                  Dr. White    Aye  
                  Mr. Newman  Aye  
                  Mr. Stevens  Aye  
                  Mr. Mathews  Abstained

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(3) DISCUSSION - STONEMILL TECHNOLOGY PARK - Design Review Revisit: Dr. Lacyoni Moraes, M.D. and Dr. Mark Handy, M.D. **Tax Map No. 104 (10) 8, 9.**

Mr. Morgan, speaking on behalf of Dr. Moraes, M. D. and Dr. Mark Handy, M. D., stated that approval was given for the basic design and concept for a structure to accommodate a group of four (4) physicians and one nurse practitioner to be located in the Stonemill Technology Park. Since that approval the group has downsized to two (2) physicians and they no longer need a building as large as the building previously approved. The owners were unable able to get modified architectural drawings due to the architect being out of town, however, the plan is to use the same design and restructure which is basically ready for construction to begin.

Mr. Morgan stated that the lots were sold to physicians with the understanding that the use would be for physician’s offices and that he was recommending that Mr. Newman and staff be authorized to review final architectural drawings and if consistent with previous drawings, they be allowed to give final authorization of the structure.

Dr. White asked if there would be room for expansion in the future. Mr. Morgan replied, “yes” if downsized to begin with.

Mr. Newman stated that the lots were sold for \$184,750, the Town needs the money, and if there is no basic change in design he is in agreement with the requested change. He further expressed his concerns in too many changes having been made with this project.

Mr. Mathews stated that he felt the applicants should be present for this meeting. Mr. Morgan replied that he had indicated to the applicants that he felt it un-necessary for them to be present and that was the reason they were not attending the meeting.

After discussion, Mr. Newman made a motion that the requested change in size for the structure be approved. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion.

VOTE:	Mr. Newman	Aye
	Mr. Morgan	Aye
	Dr. White	Aye
	Mr. Stevens	Aye
	Mr. Mathews	Nay

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(4) DISCUSSION - 2005 REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Morgan stated that in the year 2005, it is necessary to have a review of the Comprehensive Plan. After discussion, Mr. Newman made a motion that it be recommended to Town Council to proceed with the employment of a consultant to oversee the review of the Comprehensive Plan for 2005. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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There was a brief discussion regarding improved signage for the Town, including Historic District signs and proposed Town flags.

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Mr. Morgan thanked Mr. Bradley for his dedicated service to the Town for the many years that he served as Director of Planning and Zoning. The Board as a whole wished him well on his retirement.

Mr. Newman introduced Mr. Garrett Jackson as the new Director of Planning/Zoning, effective August 1, 2005.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Richard A. Stevens, Vice-Chairman

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G. M. Newman, Secretary