

TOWN OF ABINGDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 26, 2004 —7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, July 26, 2004, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

Mr. Fred St. John, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Fred H. St. John, Chairman
Mr. G. M. Newman
Mr. Edward B. Morgan
Mr. Richard Stevens
Mrs. Harriett DeBose
Mr. Kenneth Mathews

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent: Mrs. Doris Shuman

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

Visitors None

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- (2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, May 24, 2004
Regular Meeting, June 28, 2004

On motion of Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Morgan, it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, May 24, 2004.

On motion of Mr. Mathews, seconded by Mr. Morgan, it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, June 28, 2004.

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(3) PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Amend and reenact the Town of Abingdon Zoning Ordinance to include the following:

1. Amend Article 18-9, Section 18-9-3 Permitted Uses. (a) Unless otherwise specified herein, uses which are permitted in the underlying districts shall be permitted in the Entrance Corridor (EC) District.
2. Amend Article 18-9, Section 18-9-8 Design Standards. Proposed addition of new section (f) Temporary, mobile and modular structures. No temporary, mobile or modular structure may be placed or used in this zoning district, with the exception that temporary structures may be placed upon property within this district by contractors for this use during development and construction upon property within this district.

It was noted that the amendments, if enacted, would prohibit the use of temporary structures within the Entrance Corridor District, as defined, but mainly comprising the streets in Town which are the approaches to the Historic District. An exception to this allowed for contractor’s office trailers which are commonly used for larger construction projects for the duration of the construction period.

After discussion, Mr. Stevens made a motion that the two proposed amendments be recommended to Town Council for approval. Mrs. DeBose seconded the motion, with unanimous vote, with Mr. Mathews abstaining from voting.

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- (4) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Stephen H. Starnes & Associates, Inc. (Stephen Starnes, Representative)**, 410 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of one (1) sign to be located at **410 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 19 (1) 23.**

This Certificate of Appropriateness is requesting approval for one (1) sign to be located at 410 West Main Street. This sign has already been constructed and is in place. The size of the sign is 36 in. x 72 in. x 26 in. The sign is a lighted, metal, double faced, monument type sign with plex-inserts and green vinyl copy. The sign has an exposed metal and aluminum finish, with the following wording: “**Stephen H. Starnes & Associates Inc., General Contractors: Designers: Developers, 1-877-TO-BUILD - 276-623-0202**”.

Mr. Starnes submitted a letter to the Town Manager stating that it had been an oversight on his part in obtaining a permit and approval of the sign until one week prior to scheduled installation. The letter further stated that if there was a problem with the sign, he would move it, change it, or whatever was necessary to meet the requirements of the Planning Commission.

After discussion, Mr. Morgan made a motion that this application be approved. Mr. Mathews seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Barter Realty, Inc. (Franklin D. Brown, Jr., Representative)**, 360 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of two (2) signs to be located at **360 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 82A.**

This Certificate of Appropriateness is requesting approval for three (3) signs to be located at 360 East Main Street. The proposed signs include two (2) metal plac signs, 12 in. x 16 in. in size, to be located at rear and front doors and one (1) metal sign, 24 in. x 30 in. in size, with three inch redwood frame painted black. This sign 24 in. x 30 in. sign will be hung from a cross arm on a single redwood post secured in a concrete base, with two ground mounted lights. The signs will read, “**Barter Realty, Inc., Find you way home with Barter, (276) 676-2221, Abingdon, Virginia, www.BarterRealty.com**”.

Mr. Mathews stated that he had some concerns regarding the use of the name “Barter” being used in this realty advertisement.

After discussion, Mr. Morgan made a motion that this application be approved. Mrs. DeBose seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P. M.

Fred H. St. John, Chairman

G. M. Newman, Secretary