

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2002 - 1:45 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2002, at 1:45 P.M. 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. Thomas C. Phillips, Jr.
Mrs. Betsy White
Mrs. Doris Shuman

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mr. Andrew Hargroves

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

Visitors: Mr. Rick Humphreys
Mrs. Susan Humphreys
Mr. James R. Harris
Mr. Robert Howard

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- (2) Certificate of Appropriateness - **James R. Harris**, 155 Valley Street, N.W., Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of replacement of retaining wall located at **155 Valley Street, N.W. Tax Map No. 12 (6) 9, 10.**

This is a request for approval to replace existing retaining wall located at 155 Valley Street, N.W.

The existing wall, constructed of old railroad cross-ties, will be replaced with a 67 ft., Allen Block retainer wall, 5 ft. in height. The proposed wall will be constructed of full size #75 blocks, gray in color. The wall will be back-filled with crushed stone and constructed to manufacturer's specifications. There will be minimal visibility from street.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the request be approved. Mrs. White seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness – **Susan and Rick Humphreys, (Water Street Properties, LLC)**, 119 Park Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to rehabilitate original 1840’s front structure/demolish late, rear addition/rebuild rear addition of structure located at **119 Park Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 107.**

This is a request for approval to renovate original 1840’s front structure and demolish late, rear addition and rebuild rear addition of structure located at 119 Park Street.

The proposed plans were not firm at this time. However, the synthetic siding and metal roof will be removed. Colors to be used are undecided, however, white and gray will be possibilities, as existing, with limestone to blend.

The applicants will update board with progress, as necessary, or at a mid-point, for further discussion.

After discussion, Mrs. White made a motion that the application be approved. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Highlands Union Bank (Robert M. Howard, Representative)**, 250 West Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to remove wooden fence on west, rear property located at **250 West Valley Street**, to allow installation of sewer line. **Tax Map No. 11 (1) 91.**

This is a request for approval to remove existing fence on west, rear property located at 250 West Valley Street. The wooden fence, 20 – 25 feet in length, was in place at the time Highlands Union Bank purchased the property and is located between two properties owned by the bank and visible from Plumb Alley. The purpose of this request is to allow installation of a sewer line replacement.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the application be approved. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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Discussion - Proposed Revision of Historic District Ordinance

There was a continued discussion of the proposed revision of the Historic District Ordinance.

At the previous meeting held June 4, 2002, Mr. Phillips stated that in January, the Town Council was asked to approve the submission for approval of recommendation of revision of the Historic District Ordinance. In order to apply for status of Certified Local Government with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the Town already has an ordinance and review process in place, and by becoming Certified Local Government the Board of Architectural

Review would assume a greater role in identification and nomination of historic properties to the national register.

Much of the survey work for acceptance by the National Register of Historic Places, as eligible properties, has been completed, with survey files located in the office of the Washington County Historical Society.

Several steps required:

- revise ordinance
- review ordinance with Board of Architectural Review and Planning Commission, and then go back to the Town Council

Mr. Sam Hurt has been corresponding with Ann Address, State Grants Administrator and he has suggested that Ms. Address and Paige Weiss, Coordinator for Certified Local Programs, be invited to Abingdon for discussion on this proposal.

After further discussion, Mr. Phillips made a motion that a Special Meeting be scheduled for Thursday, August 15, 2002, at 7:30 P.M., for the purpose of discussing the revision of the Historic District Ordinance. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Charles R. Day, Chairman

Albert C. Bradley, Secretary