

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2001 - 1:45 P.M.

A Special Meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2001, 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. Fred H. St. John, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Lois H. Humphreys
Mrs. Betsy White
Mr. Andrew Hargroves

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: None

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

Visitors: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ferreira
Mr. R. Dean Barr

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- (2) 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 and end of porch, for structure/business (**Gallery @ Barr Photographics**) located at **152 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 115.**

This is a request for approval of two (2) neon signs to be located at 152 East Main Street. One sign, 33 in. x 36 in., to be placed inside window closest to entrance at front of structure and one sign, 28 in. x 35 in., to be placed in upper window at end of porch. Each sign will have an open background, purple lettering and gold border.

Mr. Day stated that each sign is larger than maximum sign size normally approved and requests for neon type signs have been submitted before but never approved by the Board.

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

Mrs. White stated that even though the Board is 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 are 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 window or near the door entrance.

After discussion, motion was made by Mr. St. John that the application be tabled until such time the sign could be viewed by members of the Board. Mr. Hargroves 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