

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2000 - 4:30 P.M.

A Special Meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held on Thursday, November 16, 2000, at 4:30 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
Mr. E. L. Gardner
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. Byrum Geisler
Ms. Elizabeth McClanahan
Mr. G. R. Stuart
Mr. Martin Wegbreit
Mrs. Jan Hurt
Mr. Andrew Q. Broyles

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- (2) Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting, October 3, 2000
Regular Meeting, October 10, 2000

Motion was made by Mr. St. John, seconded by Mr. Gardner, and unanimously resolved to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 3, 2000 and Regular Meeting, October 10,2000.

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- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness – **Byrum L. Geisler & Elizabeth McClanahan**, 208 East Main Street; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of renovation of structure located at 226-230 East Main Street (**Washington House**), for use as residential-single family and retail spaces on ground floor. **Tax Map No. 13 (1) 96, 97.**

This is a request for approval of the renovation of structure located at 226-230 East Main Street (Washington House). The proposed use for this structure will be residential single family with retail spaces on ground floor.

The following is a list of proposed changes to be made in the renovation:

FRONT FACADE

1. Attic area - the east section will be rebuilt to match the cornice, roof and window configurations of the west section. There will be two new dormers, matching the existing dormers, added to the existing roof and the new roof. The existing roof is to be repaired and painted. The brick surface will be repointed only with lime-based mortar. There will be new top sashes added to the east section windows in order for the facade to appear more balanced. The west storefront will be repaired and painted. The east storefront will be rebuilt to match the west storefront. The central entry woodwork will be repaired and painted. All trim will be painted white.
2. East Facade - the east face will be built up to match the west cornice so that it will match the existing brick surface. It will be constructed of matching brick. The three existing second floor windows will have new upper sashes placed over the existing double hung sash windows. New gutters will be placed on the east side, all existing conduit will be removed. Existing brick will be repointed, using lime-based mortar.
3. West Facade - the cornice will be repaired and painted. All brick surfaces are to be repointed. The stucco lintels are to be repaired. The electrical conduit will be removed.
4. Rear Facade - the brick surface will be repointed. The upper floor/attic of the east side of the building will be rebuilt. There will be a two-story porch with Doric columns attached to the rear and centered in the facade. The porch will be approximately 18' 00" square. The lower level will be built from brick and will have a stone tile floor surface.
5. Brick - all brick surfaces will be repointed and all severely damaged brick will be replaced or repaired. All new brick units will match existing units in size, shape and density. All new mortar will match existing in strength, color and consistency. A conservation consultant has analyzed the mortar.

EXTERIOR TRIM

6. All of the existing trim will be repaired; any items of trim that are rotten will be matched with exact shapes and components. All new trim will be milled out of fir, redwood, or cypress. All trim will be painted white.

EAST STOREFRONT

7. The east storefront will be rebuilt to match the west storefront. There will be wood frame storefronts and transoms. The doors will be restored.

WEST STOREFRONT

8. All wood framed elements of the storefronts will be restored to its original condition and painted white.

DORMER

9. The existing dormer window will be restored to its original condition and painted white. There will be five former windows built on the roof that match this existing dormer window.

FRONT DOORS

10. The doors will be restored to their original appearance; with all missing glass to be replaced with new glass and the wood components will be painted.

WINDOWS

11. All windows will be reglazed and painted.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. St. John made a motion that this application be approved. Mr. Gardner seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) **Certificate of Appropriateness – Charles E. Woolwine Construction Co., Inc. (Charles E. Woolwine), P. O. Box 1202, Abingdon, Virginia 24212; fifth submittal of plot plan for construction of one (1) residential structure to be completed at 135 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 9.**

Mr. Woolwine was not present for this meeting.

Mr. Wegbreit stated that on Wednesday morning, December 15, 2000 he had taken a signed order, dismissing a lawsuit against Mr. Woolwine, and left it on the desk of Judge Flannagan’s secretary. He assumed Mr. Woolwine had signed it but would check further on the matter.

He further stated that he felt a letter should be mailed to Mr. Woolwine, expressing the Board’s displeasure that he was not present for this meeting, advising him that there were unfinished items that need to be presented to the Board for approval, that he should not proceed with windows, doors, etc. and also requiring explanation as to why he was not present for this meeting.

It was agreed that a letter would be mailed to Mr. Woolwine concerning this matter, also advising him that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2000 at 4:30 P.M.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Charles R. Day, Chairman

Albert C. Bradley, Secretary