

TOWN OF ABINGDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 2013 – 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, December 30, 2013 at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, downstairs meeting room.

Mr. Matthew T. Bundy, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Jackson called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Matthew T. Bundy, Chairman
Mr. Gregory W. Kelly
Mr. Robert M. Howard
Mr. Wayne Craig
Mr. Kenneth Shuman

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent: Mr. Wayne Austin, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Gary Kimbrell

Administrative Staff: Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager
Director of Planning/Zoning
Mr. John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction (Absent)
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney
Mr. Jim C. Smith, Director of Wastewater Operations/Town Engineer
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner (Absent)
Mr. C. L. McGlothlin, Code Enforcement Officer (Absent)
Ms. Rebecca Moody, Environmental Planner/
Sustainability Coordinator (Absent)

Visitors: None

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(2) VARIANCE REQUEST – Academy Drive Widening Project.

A request was presented by Mr. Kelly on behalf of the Town for a road width variance from the Town of Abingdon “Typical Roadway Section –Local Service Street” for the project on Academy Drive. The Graham Landscape Architecture concept, dated April 7, 2008, depicts a roadway width of 24 feet from curbface to curbface, without a gutter pan, outside the portion of Academy Drive with the additional turn lane. The Town standard width is 34 feet from curbface to curbface, including a 2-foot gutter pan on each side.

Mr. Kelly explained the commitment to construct this project as part of a deed agreement, dated December 31, 2008, between William King Regional Arts Center and the Town of Abingdon.

Given the commitment in the deed and the function of the street as limited local access to only seven (7) parcels, the Town requests a variance from its own “Typical Roadway Section –Local Service Street” to allow construction of the project as depicted in the Graham Landscape Architecture concept.

After discussion, Mr. Shuman made a motion to grant the variance to the Town provided that there would not be a roadway extension further onto the William King property, seconded by Mr. Craig. The motion passed unanimously.

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(3) ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Town of Abingdon will be hosting a lecture by Mr. Ed McMahon, Senior Fellow at the Urban Land Institute in Washington D.C., on January 13, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. The lecture will be held at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. The topic of the lecture will be on preserving community character through planning and architecture.

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(4) EXPIRED TERMS – Mr. Jackson explained that the terms of the following members will expire in March, 2014:

Gary Kimbrell
Kenneth Shuman
Matthew T. Bundy

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There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Matthew T. Bundy, Chairman

Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary