

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019 – 5:15 P.M.
ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 5:20 pm in the Arthur Campbell Meeting Room in the Municipal Building. (Meeting started late due to technical difficulties)

A. WELCOME by Jeff Johnson - Chairman

B. ROLL CALL – Jason Boswell, Director of Planning

Members of the Board Present: Mr. Byrum Geisler
 Mr. Andrew Neese
 Mr. Jeff Johnson
 Mr. Derek Webb

Members of the Board Absent: Mr. Michael Weaver

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Administrative/Town Staff: Mr. Jason Boswell, Director of Planning
 Mrs. Janice Dornon, Administrative Assistant
 Mr. Mason Gragg, Code Compliance Officer

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **September 4, 2019, Regular Meeting**

On a motion by Mr. Geisler, seconded by Mr. Neese, the Board approved the minutes for September 4, 2019, Regular Meeting as presented with corrections.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Geisler	Aye
Mr. Neese	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye

The board approved the September 4, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes as presented with corrections.

D. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – The Nature Conservancy; 146 East Main Street; the owner. Brad Kreps; the representative. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to replace guttering. Current gutters are bent and damaged in various places and have become unattached from the building. 4” gutters to be replaced with new 6’ gutters. Replacing current 2 x 3 downspouts with 3 x 4 downspouts. New guttering to be used is .027 aluminum, manufactured by Norandex, and sold by ABC Supply Company. All gutters will have leaf guards installed. Located at 146 East Main St., Abingdon, VA 24212. Tax Map No (013-1-116)

Mr. Greg Mead represented the property located at 146 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA.

Mr. Mead stated that when the spring-cleaning was done that the contractor alerted them as to the disrepair of the guttering, that some of the gutters were pulling away from the house.

The Nature Conservancy is asking to remove the 4” gutters and re-install 6” guttering to increase water flow away from the structure. They will also be increasing the size of the downspouts from 2 x 3 to 3 x 4, using K style guttering.

Mr. Boswell contacted Megan Melinat from DHR Historic Resources to get her opinion on using the K style gutters on the structure. Ms. Melinat stated that K style gutter are not historic and should be allowed as a suitable replacement to protect the structure.

Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve the COA request as submitted, second by Mr. Neese.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Geisler	Aye
Mr. Neese	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye

The board unanimously approved the COA as presented for 146 East Main Street.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness – Mike Edwards, 239 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; the owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 1.) pave the driveway, 12 x 100 from the back porch to Plumb Alley R.O.W., 6' entrance radius to Plumb Alley pavement. 2.) install 100' of white wooden picket fence along North Easternmost 2/3 of the property line, construction similar to cave house. 3.) Point up existing deteriorated small brick retaining wall near the southeast corner of the front porch. **Located at 239 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (013-1-67)**

Mike Edwards represented the property located at 239 East Main Street.

Mr. Edwards is requesting to do the following three improvements to 239 East Main Street:

1.) Pave the driveway, which is presently covered in pea gravel. When it rains the pea gravel washes out into Plumb Alley, during the winter it is difficult to snowplow pea gravel. The steep driveway is 12 X 100 feet and per the guidelines can be paved with asphalt. Mr. Johnson noted that Mr. Edwards and Mr. Jennings share the driveway.

2.) Install a wood picket fence similar to the Cave House fence. The fence will be 42" in height, wood, and painted white. Mr. Edwards will wait 6-12 months before painting to give the treated lumber fence time to weather.

3.) Repoint small brick retaining wall at SE corner of the front porch. Mr. Johnson inquired as to salvaging the existing brick and reusing them. Mr. Edwards was asked to let HPRB members know if the brick will need to be re-mortared. A lime-based mortar will need to be used.

Mr. Neese made a motion to approve the COA request as submitted, second by Mr. Geisler.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Geisler	Aye
Mr. Neese	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye

The board unanimously approved the COA as presented for 239 East Main Street.

3. Certificate of Appropriateness – Brad Dorris & Greg Lilly, 244 Valley St. NE, Abingdon, VA 24210; the owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to enclose the existing, ground level, small back porch with clear sliding glass doors to protect the porch from, snow, and rain. Located at 244 Valley Street NE, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (013-1-36)

Mr. Dorris and Mr. Lilly represented the property located at 244 Valley Street NE.

Mr. Dorris and Mr. Lilly would like to enclose a 6 ½ foot wide back porch to block the wind. Evergreens already obstruct the view of the rear porch. The existing porch is at ground level and the enclosure will be attached to the existing stone patio. Anderson windows with full view glass, with vinyl trim and wood frames, will be used.

Mr. Webb made a motion to approve the COA request as submitted, second by Mr. Geisler.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Geisler	Aye
Mr. Neese	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye

The board unanimously approved the COA as presented for 244 Valley Street NE.

E. APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT

1. Tax Abatement: Betsy and Ramsey White, owner, 133 E. Main St., Parcel No. (012-1-93).

Mr. Jason Boswell represented the property located at 133 E. Main Street, Abingdon, VA.

Mr. Boswell contacted Ms. White per the board's request from the previous meeting to obtain a detailed invoice for the exterior improvements. Staff received the invoice showing the exterior renovations cost \$57,382.00 and the interior renovations cost \$12,615.00. Mr. Johnson noted that Ms. White should be aware of the \$25,000 cap of the tax abatement, Mr. Johnson stated that the receipts are all in order and that the work has been completed and that the COA was previously approved.

Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve the Tax Abatement request as submitted, second by Mr. Webb.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Geisler	Aye
Mr. Neese	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye

Mr. Webb Aye

The board approved that the tax credits be submitted to the Town Manager for review and approval. If approved it will then go to the Town Treasurer to have credit issued.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

G. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

I. ADJOURNMENT

On Motion by Mr. Neese, seconded by Mr. Geisler, for the Board to adjourn the meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Geisler	Aye
Mr. Neese	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Webb	Aye

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 P. M.



Jason Boswell, Director of Planning



Jeff Johnson, Chairman