

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
January 31, 2007 - 5:00 P.M
(Rescheduled from February 7, 2007)

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was rescheduled from February 7, 2007 and was held in the Town Council Chambers.

Mr. Andrew Hargroves, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Andrew Hargroves, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Robert M. Howard
Mr. Harry L. McKinney, Jr.
Mrs. Betsy White, Chairman (Arrived late)

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mrs. Doris Shuman

Administrative Staff: Mr. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning/Zoning

Visitors: Ms. Nancy Goolsby
Mrs. Quinn Craughwell

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, December 6, 2006 (Incomplete)

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(3) Certificate of Appropriateness – **Nancy Goolsby, dba “Nancy’s Fancy’s**, 302 Front Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install permanent fence, to be placed at the entrance/exit of referenced **business located on Bradley Street**, also approval of addition of shrubs along the **street frontage of Bradley Street. Tax Map No. 19 (1) 43.**

The referenced property was rezoned to Historic District Sub-Section 14, in the Depot Square area approximately two months ago.

Ms. Goolsby submitted an application to the Planning Commission at the January 22, 2007 meeting, requesting approval for approval of a Special Use Permit to operate a Specialty Retail and Restaurant, alongside the party house which is currently in operation. The application was approved the Planning Commission and recommended to Town Council for approval with the following three (3) stipulations:

1. Closing off the entrance/exit to Bradley Street with permanent structure and properly landscaping the area.
2. Business is to close at 11:00 P.M. (already a requirement of applicant’s existing Special Use Permit.
3. Keeping taxes paid on time, before or on the date they are due.

Therefore, Ms. Goolsby is now requesting approval of a wooden fence, 4 feet in height, to be painted white or left natural and the addition of shrubs to be placed along the street frontage of Bradley Street.

After discussion, Mr. McKinney made a motion that the wooden fence be approved, to be a picket type fence, approximately 3 feet in height, not to exceed 40 inches, and stained with a stain equal to Sherwin Williams semi transparent foliage SW3535. Mr. Hargroves questioned the width between boards of the fence. After further discussion, Mr. McKinney amended his motion to include that the requirement of width between boards of the fence to be 50 percent open or less. Mr. Hargroves seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Cumberland Resources, Quinn Craughwell, Representative**, 153 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for approval of planting plan and parking reconfiguration for property located at **153 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 78.**

This is a request for approval of a planting plant and reconfiguration for property located at 153 West Valley Street.

The proposed plan consists of replacing the existing paved parking lot area with brown angular gravel, with landscaping of trees and shrubs. The existing landscaping in front of the structure will remain traditional boxwoods. A black aluminum fence will be placed along Plumb Alley with snowmound spraea along inside of fence and very low care plantings along the outside of fence near Plumb Alley. Sidewalks will be constructed on brick pavers.

After discussion, Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the application, as presented. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Town of Abingdon**, 133 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for approval of Farmers Market and Community Pavilion, **to be located on Remsburg Drive, directly behind the Fields-Penn House. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 125A.**

This application, including plans, are for the Town’s proposed Farmers Market and Community Pavilion. The structure will occupy the lot on Remsburg Drive, directly behind the Fields-Penn House. The plans call for the removal of the asphalt parking lot, which will be replaced by a concrete pad over which the structure will be built. The pad will also provide a loading and parking area for vendors and handicap parking.

The roof will be metal, Virginia Green, or a similar dark green in color. The frame of the structure will be wooden and lighting will be hidden underneath the roof, with the exception of aesthetic lighting on the outside to illuminate the lot when needed.

A geo-grid or similar material will be used in the grassy area near Remsburg Drive to alleviate the runoff on the lot and make it more attractive, as well as allow vehicular traffic when needed without destroying the grass. Landscaping will be used to prevent traffic from entering the site directly in the front.

After a lengthy discussion, with several proposed changes being suggested, Mr. Hargroves made a motion that the Board approve the concept of the plans as presented, however, some of the finished details will need final review. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(5) OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Jackson stated that the terms for board members Betsy White and Andrew Hargroves will expire on March 31, 2007. They will be ineligible for term extensions. The Council will appoint new members at the April, Town Council meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Betsy White, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary