

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2013 - 5:15 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 5:15 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, downstairs meeting room.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Taylor called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman
Mr. Jason Berry
Mrs. Betsy White
Mr. Byrum Geisler

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mr. Peyton Boyd

Administrative Staff: Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Assistant Town Manager
Director of Planning/Zoning
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Director Planning/Zoning
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney (Absent)
Ms. Rebecca Moody, Environmental Planner/
Sustainability Coordinator (Absent)

Visitors: Mr. Rick Humphreys
Mr. Jeffrey E. Johnson
Ms. Joella Barber
Ms. Lavalon Wall
Ms. Susan Coleman

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, December 5, 2012

Mr. Berry made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, December 5, 2012, be approved as presented. Mrs. White seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

Regular Meeting, January 2, 2013 (MEETING CANCELED)

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(3) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Susan Coleman, dba Easterly Coleman Furniture**, 112 Court Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of signage to be **located at 112 Court Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 62.**

This is a request for approval of signage to be located at 112 Court Street. The size of the proposed signage will be 38 in. x 29 in., with finial; will be the identical design of the former Maxine’s Clothing sign. The background of the sign will be painted Slate Gray with White border Goldish/Orange lettering and will read “Easterly Coleman On Court”. In small letters the sign will read “Design Services – Custom Cabinetry – Fine Gifts”.

Mr. Owens stated that the dimensions of the sign were larger than the Design Guidelines stipulate, however due to having historic evidence of a larger sign being on the structure he had no problems with size or design.

After discussion, Mrs. White made a motion to approve the sign as presented. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Trustees of Mary Dudley Porterfield Estate, dba Tavern Restaurant, Joella Barber, Representative, 222 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of bronze plaque to be located on front exterior wall of the structure located at 222 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 98.**

This is a request for approval of a bronze plaque to be located on the front exterior wall of the structure located at 222 East Main Street. The Wilderness Trail Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century plan to dedicate this historic marker at the Tavern Restaurant when permission is granted from the National organization, approximately November 2013. The size of the proposed plaque will be round in size, no larger than one (1) square foot, with Colonial Dames emblem at the top center, Calibri font, leather textured background, painted Dark Brown, with baked-on clear-coat finish. The proposed sign will read “THE TAVERN - 1779, Oldest original historic building in Abingdon, Virginia, Dedicated by the Wilderness Trail Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century (with date inserted)”.

Mrs. White suggested that a possible location for the sign is on the former post-office side of the structure.

After discussion, Mr. Berry made a motion to approve the Historic Marker as presented. Mrs. White seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Yvonne L. Ellis, Owner, dba Ellis Soda Shoppe and Grill, 217 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of retractable awning to be placed over the patio on property located at 217 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 71.**

This is a request for approval of a retractable awning to be placed over the patio of the Ellis Soda Shoppe and Grill located at 217 West Main Street. Due to Mr. Doug Ellis being out of Town, he asked that the Town Staff present his request to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Taylor explained that the awning would be installed under the current front overhang of the building, above the current outdoor eating area. The proposed awning will be Midnight Blue in color.

After discussion, Mrs. White made a motion to approve the proposed awning as presented. Mr. Berry seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

- (6) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Susan and Rick Humphreys, dba Water Street Properties, LLC**, 148 Crestview Drive, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of renovation on the existing structure **located at 107 Park Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 104.**

This application was received for consideration of the proposed renovation plans for the existing structure located at 107 Park Street, S.E. When the renovation is completed, the structure will be used as a bed and breakfast.

This item was a discussion item only therefore, no action was taken by the Board. The application was tabled for further review and discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

- (7) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Jeffrey E. Johnson**, 102 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of renovation for chimney and guttering on the structure **located at 102 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 102.**

This is a request for approval of renovation for chimney and guttering on the structure located at 102 East Main Street.

Mr. Johnson, the new property owner, stated that this property was the former Silversmith Inn and he would like to restore the west side chimney of the structure. He explained that he is returning the fireplace and chimney to a functioning condition. The brick to be used will match the brick on the main body of the existing structure, as closely as possible. The mortar joints will also match as closely as possible.

Mr. Johnson further stated that he would like to make application to receive the newly adopted Historic Preservation Tax Credit for homeowners in the Historic District. Mr. Taylor explained to Mr. Johnson that only the exterior portion of the chimney restoration would be applicable to the Tax Credit; further explaining that this is the first step in the process to receive the Tax Credit and Mr. Johnson will have to return to the Board for a final review of the chimney restoration. If approved at the final review meeting, the application will be sent to the Town Manager for final approval.

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve the proposed restoration as presented. Mr. Berry seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

- (8) **DISCUSSION - Office of Historic Preservation**

Discussion of this item was postponed until Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at which time a Work Session was scheduled.

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There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, with unanimous approval.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary