

TOWN OF ABINGDON  
 BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 MARCH 2, 2005 - 1:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

Mrs. Betsy White, Chairman, called the meeting to order, welcoming visitors and explaining the purposes of the Board of Architectural Review.

ROLL CALL

Members Present                         Mrs. Betsy White, Chairman  
   Mr. Andrew Hargroves, Vice-Chairman  
   Mr. Thomas C. Phillips, Jr.  
   Mr. Harry L. McKinney

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent:                         Mrs. Doris Shuman

Administrative Staff:                    Mr. A. C. Bradley, Director of Planning/Zoning  
   Mr. David Brown, Public Works Technician

Visitors:                                    Mrs. Helen Shupe  
   Mrs. Jan Hurt  
   Mr. Christopher Lowe  
   Mr. Gene Matthis  
   Mr. David Brown

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- (2)    **Certificate of Appropriateness - Sam and Jan Hurt, 247 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace front and east side storm doors on structure located at 247 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 17.**

This is a request for approval to replace front and east side storm doors on structure located at 247 East Valley Street. The replacement doors will be aluminum, full-view appearance, with white trim.

After discussion, Mr. Hargroves made a motion that this request be approved, as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (3) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Sam and Jan Hurt, 247 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace front and west side storm doors on structure located at 254 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 34.**

This is a request for approval to replace front and west side storm doors on structure located at 254 East Valley Street. The replacement doors will be aluminum with full-view appearance. The applicant will return to the board at a later date for approval of paint colors to be used for the door, as well as exterior trims.

After discussion, Mr. Hargroves made a motion that this request be approved, as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Inn Loyd-Jones (Martha Washington Inn), Christopher Lowe, Representative, 150 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of proposed "wedding gazebo" to be located on "Martha's Green" (across from the Abingdon Municipal Building and Barter Theatre). Tax Map 12 (1) 121.**

This is a request for approval of proposed "wedding gazebo" to be located on "Martha's Green" (across from the Abingdon Municipal Building and Barter Theatre). There will be walking path of brick pavers leading to the "Ballroom".

After discussion, it was the decision of the board to meet on the site following this meeting, for further review of the proposed location before a final decision for this request is made.

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- (5) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Helen Calfee Hilton Shupe, 217 West Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of one (1) sign, to replace existing sign located at 123-136 Court Street (private parking lot). Tax Map No. 13 (1) 41, 42, 43.**

This is a request for approval of one (1) sign, to replace existing sign for parking lot located at 123-136 Court Street.

The proposed wooden sign will be 24 in. x 18 in. in size and will have white background with black lettering and border. The sign will be mounted to a 4 in. x 4 in. treated wood post, to be painted either white or black, 5 ft. above ground, located in parking lot on right side of drive thru entrance.

After discussion, Mr. McKinney made a motion that this request be approved, as presented. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (6) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Sinking Spring Cemetery**, Russell Road, Abingdon, Virginia 24212; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of one (1) proposed sign to be located below existing sign on column located on **Russell Road. Tax Map No. 11 (1) 73.**

This is a request for approval of one (1) proposed sign, to be attached to existing sign/post located at the Sinking Spring Cemetery. The proposed sign will be 24 in. x 24 in. in size and will be painted to match existing sign, having brown background, with cream color border and lettering. The sign will read **“For Burials in or Access across Church Property Call: 628-3361 or 628-8092”**.

Mr. Phillips stated that the cemetery is basically centered around Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church, also, including a Campbell addition and Penn addition. He further stated that he and other church members have done research on the cemetery, noting that the church is currently in the process of transferring the church section to the Town. Mr. Phillips stated that there has been no control over burials in this cemetery and the purpose of the proposed sign is to help prevent arbitrary burials. When this property is conveyed to the Town, the sign will be removed and replaced with a similar sign.

After discussion, it was suggested that a smaller sign (one-half the size of original requested size) would be more appropriate.

Mr. McKinney stated that he felt the sign was needed in order to preserve the integrity of the cemetery.

After further discussion, Mr. Hargroves made a motion that this request be approved, as presented, using the smaller size sign, as discussed, for the purpose to preserve the integrity of the cemetery and that the word **“Call”** in the wording of the sign be changed to **“Telephone”**. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, with unanimous approval, with Mr. Phillips abstaining.

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- (7) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Town of Abingdon (Joey Burke and David Brown, Representatives)**, P. O. Box 789, Abingdon, Virginia 24212; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of one (1) warning light for the **Fire Department and Life Saving Crew**, to be located **near corner of Main Street and Tanner Street.** (Tabled from regular meeting, February 2, 2005).

Mr. Brown, representing the Town of Abingdon, stated that this application was submitted and approved at the regular meeting, February 2, 2005; however, it was recommended by the board that the requested, solar powered panel be removed and that the applicant request the Town to consider a different source of energy for the sign.

Mr. Brown explained that a cost comparison had been completed and the cost for an electrical service installation would double the expense for the requested warning light, therefore, the Town recommended that the solar powered panel be allowed.

After discussion, Mr. Phillips made a motion that the solar powered panel, to be installed on metal post, with post to be painted flat black, be approved as requested. Mr. Hargroves seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (8) **Certificate of Appropriateness - Mia R. Wessels, M.D. (Abingdon Dermatology & Laser Center), 271 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of one (1) sign, to replace existing sign located at 271 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 19.**

This is a request for approval of one (1) sign, to replace existing sign located at 271 East Valley Street.

The proposed sign will be 2 ft. x 2 ft. in size with attached sign hanging from bottom, 3 in. x 14 in. in size. The sign will have blue background with white lettering and border. The sign will be mounted on existing post which will be repainted blue and the sign at bottom will be attached by hanging chain. The sign will read "Abingdon DERMATOLOGY AND LASER CENTER, MIA R. WESSELS, M.D., 276-628-8888, ABINGDON DERMLASER.COM, 271 E. VALLEY".

Mr. Hargroves stated that samples of paint colors and materials to be used should be requested from the applicant.

After further discussion, Mr. Phillips made a motion that this application be tabled until Wednesday, March, 9, 2005, and request that the applicant supply samples of paint colors and materials to be used, for review by the board. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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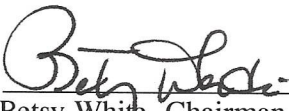
- (9) **Discussion - Historic Preservation Lecture Series, Letter of Appreciation**

Mrs. White stated that she had received a letter of appreciation from Mayor Joe Riley of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, who was speaker at the Historic Preservation Lecture Series held Thursday, February 17, 2005 at the Town Hall.

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There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned. At 1:54 P.M. to reconvene on the Martha Washington Inn property.

  
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 W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary

  
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 Betsy White, Chairman