



Judge Jones explained that the judiciary is the third independent branch of government. Congress has not allowed complete control over courthouses, therefore allowing Congress to allocate the General Services Administration (GSA), the duty and responsibility of controlling and maintaining Federal Courthouses. GSA is in charge of all improvements made. Judge further explained that the duties of the U. S. Marshall Office Service are the protection of Federal Judges and their staffs. Federal Judges get numerous threats and the U. S. Marshall Service does everything possible for this protection. Since “911” a plan has been developed to make Federal Courthouses more secure physically. Standards have been developed for physical barriers for Federal Courthouses and have allocated funds for these security measures. HSM Associates, contractor for this type work, has been obtained to complete work on developed plans to construct facility improvements.

Mr. McKinney inquired about the spacing of the bollards. Mr. Ghadiri replied that the drawings have been revised to reduce the number of bollards. The proposed plans include “Size 3” bollards to be placed along side of building near the Martha Washington Inn to protect Federal Building and there will be bollards placed around parking spaces at rear of Federal Building. The spacing of the bollards, 4 feet apart, to be located in the grassy area has been recommended by the U.S. Marshall Service, according to the guideline requirements. The ADA Standard requires the bollards to be spaced 5 ½ feet apart near the front sidewalk entrance of the structure.

The proposed plan for parking lot will be changed from entering/exiting onto the Cummings Street to entering/exiting through Martha Washington Inn driveway, with a security gate at the entrance of parking lot.

Mr. Phillips reminded everyone that, if needed, there was ample parking for the Martha Washington Inn and the Federal Courthouse, located at the Town Parking lot beside the Fields-Penn House.

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

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- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Main Street Property LLC, John Moran/Lewis Minton, Representatives**, 152 West Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of renovation for structure located at **153 West Main Street** (includes repair of wood features, repaint with same colors; repainting shutters same color, proposed landscaping and pea gravel parking lot). **Tax Map No. 12 (1) 78. (Tabled from the regular meeting, March 1, 2006).**

This application, submitted by Main Street Property LLC, was tabled from the regular meeting, March 1, 2006, allowing applicant the opportunity to return to this meeting in order to inform the Board of more detailed information regarding the proposed plans requested.

The application submitted is requesting approval of proposed renovation for structure located at 153 West Main Street.

Mr. Ed Bolton, owner of the property, submitted photographs as the structure now exists. He stated that it was his intentions to replace any repaired wood features to match the trim exactly as its original appearance and that all new trim will be hand-made and duplicated to have the same appearance as the original trim. The parking area will be renewed with brown pea gravel.

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

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- (4) **WAIVER of Certificate of Appropriateness - Waterford Properties, LLC, Robert S. and Carol Jones, Owners/Representatives**, 120 Court Street, S.E., Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace existing tin and asphalt shingle roof with metal roof and replacement of existing storm windows on structure located at **223 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 14. (Tabled from the regular meeting, March 1, 2006).**

This application, submitted by Waterford Properties, LLC was tabled from the regular meeting, March 1, 2006, allowing the applicant an opportunity to return to this meeting in order to inform the Board of more detailed information regarding the proposed plans requested and also allowing sufficient time for the Board members to visually inspect the structure before making a decision on this request.

At the regular meeting, March 1, 2006, Mr. Jackson stated that Carol Turner, Contractor, tried to obtain a building permit and the Building Inspector contacted Mr. Jackson indicating that this was an emergency situation whereas water was entering the house and doing damage to the inside of the structure. The roofline had both, shingles and strips of tin on it. It was evident that water had totally damaged the braces of the roof and after seeing it, due to the circumstances, Mr. Jackson waived the Certificate of Appropriateness for the damaged repairs. He explained the circumstances on the WAIVER.

Since the repairs were made, Ms. Jones has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness, requesting approval to replace existing tin and asphalt single roof with meal roof and replace existing storm windows with vinyl trimmed windows, encased with aluminum.

At the March 1 meeting, there were concerns by the Board that there might be too much deterioration to the structure, to require the applicant to replace any detailed changes according to the Guidelines. They felt that there was a possibility the changes to be made could be handled in a different manner.

Mrs. Jones explained that there was a lot of deterioration on rear of structure from water damage and wondered what the possibility would be of putting a shingle siding on the structure's exterior, beginning with existing rear porch, by removing windows and paneling. The contractor suggested replacing the lap siding with shake siding but Mrs. Jones was unsure if this would be appropriate.

It was further noted that the extent of water damage will be unknown until further removal of existing materials.

After discussion, Mr. McKinney stated that he would be uncomfortable approving the shake siding because it would fall into the same category as vinyl siding, according to the Guidelines.

Mrs. Jones stated that it is requested that the existing storm windows be replaced with vinyl trimmed windows, encased with aluminum. She further stated that the existing windows are not the original windows.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion to approve the windows, as presented making sure that the size and shape of replacement windows are the same as original windows, on front and side of structure. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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Discussion

Mr. Jackson advised that a letter had been sent to the owner of the “Clark House”, Highlands Union Bank, owner of the “Bundy House” on West Valley Street and the “McConnell House” on Park Street, asking that they notify the Planning Department as to their intentions with these properties.

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Betsy White, Chairman

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W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary