

TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
April 1, 2015 – 5:15 P.M.

The Regular meeting for the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Colonel Arthur Campbell room.

Mrs. White, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Mr. Taylor called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mrs. Betsy White, Chairperson
Mr. Peyton Boyd, Vice-Chairman
Councilperson Jayne Duehring
Mr. S. Andrew Neese
Mr. Jeff Johnson

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: None

Administrative Staff: Mr. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner
Mrs. Jenny Carlisle, Administrative Assistant, Planning Department
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney
Ms. Amy Looney, Historic Properties Coordinator
Mr. C. J. McGlothlin, Code Enforcement Officer

Visitors: Mr. Richard Blevins
Mr. Richard Cano
Mr. Chad Pennington

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- (2) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Richard and Hazel Cano, owners; 210 East Valley Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation. Located at 210 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-38.**

Mr. Cano presented the board with his Certificate of Appropriateness application for rehabilitation of their home located at 210 East Valley Street. They would like to return it to its previous colors: white with dark green shutters, and install half-round gutters, taking advantage of tax credits offered.

Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the application, as submitted. Second by Mr. J. Johnson.

Roll call vote as follows:
Councilperson Duehring – Aye
Mr. Boyd – Aye
Mrs. White – Aye
Mr. J. Johnson – Aye
Mr. Neese – Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation approved.

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- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Monarch Mortgage, Chad Pennington, owner; Jerry’s Signs, representative;** 100 Court Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for sign. **Located at 100 Court Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-64.**

Mr. Pennington presented the board with his Certificate of Appropriateness application for a new sign for the business Monarch Mortgage. It will face Main Street, be a 2 sided sign, 24 X 24, with black raised lettering and border and a bronze butterfly decal. It will use the existing bracket.

Mr. J. Johnson made a motion to approve the application, as submitted. Second by Mr. Neese.

Roll call vote as follows:
Councilperson Duehring – Aye
Mr. Boyd – Aye
Mrs. White – Aye
Mr. J. Johnson – Aye
Mr. Neese – Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness for sign approved.

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- (4) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Byrd Properties, owner; Jerry’s Signs, representative;** 252 West Main Street, H6, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for sign. **Located at 180 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-108.**

No representative of this application was present. The item will be tabled until the next meeting.

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- (5) Certificate of Appropriateness, continuation: **Jim & Brooke Bunn, owners;** 153 East Valley Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation, new construction, relocation, demolition, and landscaping of property. **Located at 153 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 012-1-44.**

No representative of this application was present. The item will be tabled until the next meeting.

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- (6) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Rick Blevins, owner**; 289 W Valley Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation. **Located at 314 W Valley Street. Tax Map No. 011-7-1.**

Mr. Blevins presented his application for rehabilitation in two parts. The first part being the removal of the existing auxiliary porch structure, which is in bad shape, and replace it with a new one, similar in width but 2 feet deeper. Discussion took place with regards to paint versus stain, with the conclusion being to use a natural stain, or the recommendation his architect.

Mr. J. Johnson made a motion to approve the replacement of the deck, as discussed, with a natural stain or coordinate. Second by Mr. Boyd.

The second part of Mr. Blevins application is the removal of an old, dilapidated outbuilding that sits in a hole with no foundation.

Mrs. White read from the guidelines regarding the attempt to protect old outbuildings in the district. Mr. Taylor stated that the building does not appear on the old Sanborn maps. Mr. Boyd stated that old buildings lend to the character of Plumb Alley, which is slowly getting more “gaps in the teeth” with the removal of outbuildings. Mr. Blevins clarified that the building is in poor condition, with no foundation and receives a lot of water run-off from the neighboring property.

At this time Mrs. White called for a motion to accept the application to remove outbuilding. No motion was made. Mr. Blevins was thanked for this time.

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- (7) Other items discussed.

- 1. With several applications lined up for the next meeting, a special meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 13.

- 2. Mrs. White mentioned the possibility of announcing the new Preservation Award this summer during the Historic Homes tour Friday, August 7.

- 3. Maintenance. Mr. M. Johnson suggested bringing information from the Department of the Interior to the next meeting for discussion.

- 4. Mr. Boyd announced a symposium dealing with preservation and revitalization issues in August held by the Bristol Main Street organization.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Sean Taylor, Secretary

Mrs. White, Chairperson