

TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
CALLED MEETING
April 13, 2015 – 5:15 P.M.

The Called meeting for the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, April 13, 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

Members Absent: None

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Administrative Staff: Mr. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner (absent)
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 (absent)
Mr. Floyd Bailey
Ms. Cecile Rosenbaum

Visitors: Mr. Richard Blevins
Councilman Bob Howard
Mrs. Susan Howard
Mr. Jim Bunn
Ms. Kelly Read
Mr. Davis
Ms. Jessica Adkins
Others

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OLD BUSINESS

- (2) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Jim and Brooke Bunn, owners**; 153 East Valley Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness. **Located at 153 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 012-1-44.**

This application has been carried over from the March 16th HPRB meeting when all aspects of the application were voted on except shutters and windows.

Mr. Bunn briefed the Board that while he had previously requested to replace all windows in the home, he is now only requesting to replace the sides and rear windows, with reproductions, and restore the windows on the front; about ten windows total. He stated that they are in bad shape and are drooping. He would like to have functional, modern windows and has proposed restoring the front windows and replacing the sides and rear as a compromise. Board members have not visited the site between the March 16th meeting when this case was first heard and this April 13th meeting and therefore do not feel they can make an informed decision at this time.

Mr. J. Johnson made a motion to table the application until the May 6th meeting. Second by Mr. Neese.

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness application tabled.

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

Mr. M. Johnson provided an overview of Mr. Blevins request to remove the shed on his property. The shed was not on the 1949 update of the sanborn map, meaning it was most likely added after that date. Mrs. White communicated to visitors that this is new information for the board that 'may' influence their decision.

Discussion continued with Mr. Boyd stating that you cannot always go on the age of a structure for historic significant, that the fences and outbuildings on Plumb Alley are what give it its character. Mr. Blevins explained that there are no other outbuildings on that end of Plumb Alley. Mr. Boyd commented that a greenwall could be just as effective as an alley wall and they would appreciate if he would be inclined to plant something there. Mr. Blevins stated that he would.

At this time Mr. J. Johnson made a motion to approve the demolition of this outbuilding. Second by Councilperson Duehring.

- 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 demolition 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.**

Ms. Adkins from Jerry’s Signs spoke as representative to this application for a new sign. Mr. Davis, representative for Byrd Properties then spoke in reference to windows that were taken out of the building during construction. He stated that they intend to put the glass back in but were waiting for warmer weather to re-glaze them. They will have it done by the end of April.

At this time, Mr. Boyd moved to approve the sign request, 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 sign approved.

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- (5) Discussion: Maintenance definition

- (6) Discussion: Preservation Awards

Discussion topics (5) and (6) were deferred until the next meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

- (7) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Todd and Amanda Pillion, owners;** 159 East Main Street, Abingdon VA 24210; **Quinn Craughwell, representative;** application for Certificate of Appropriateness for grounds/landscaping. **Located at 159 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-56.**

No representative present for this application. Mr. Boyd moved to table the item until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Second by Mr. Neese. All in favor, application tabled.

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- (8) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Paul and Kelly Read, owners;** 132 West Valley Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for fence/grounds. **Located at 132 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 012-1-56.**

Mrs. Read apologized for not seeking prior approval for the erection of a fence at the back of their property along Plumb Alley. She stated that they were receiving damage to the property from cars turning out of the Town Hall parking lot. In addition to the fence panels that have already been erected,

they would like to extend the fence on the other side of the flagstone walkway. They plan to keep it natural and unstained, and let it weather. They chose the placement based on the fence lines from both neighbors. They will finish the side of the fence posts with a board similar to the fence board. Councilperson Duehring moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for fence. 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 fence approved, as submitted.

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(9) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Dr. Jeffrey Neal, owner;** P.O. Box 1328, Abingdon VA 24212; **Greg Cornett, representative;** application for Certificate of Appropriateness for roof. **Located at 176 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 012-1-63.**

Dr. Neal presented his application to replace the current shingle roof with a standing seam roof in the color “weathered copper.”

Mr. Neese made a motion to approve the application for roof, 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 roof approved, as presented.

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(10) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Town of Abingdon, owner;** P.O. Box 789, Abingdon VA 24212; **Floyd Bailey, representative;** application for Certificate of Appropriateness for addition. **Located at 300 Green Spring Road. Tax Map No. 021-1-4.**

Mr. Bailey presented the application to install a fully refurbished, vintage English telephone booth to use as a way-finding kiosk for tourism in the area of the creeper trail head/Findlay House. The idea of the English phone booth is to mirror our sister city, Abingdon, England. They will give reference to the sister city inside the booth. There will be a touch screen, inside lighting, and security cameras both inside and out. The location was chosen because of its visibility, as well as access to electricity and security.

Mr. Boyd moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application, as presented. Second by Councilperson Duehring.

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 installation of telephone booth approved, as presented.

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(11) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Matthew and Jennifer Johnson, owners;** 152 East Valley Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation. **Located at 152 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-51.**

Mr. M. Johnson presented his application for the rehabilitation of his home located at 152 East Valley Street. He would like to resurface the drives in front and back with the same pea gravel material as existing. He would like to paint the home in same scheme as current, add white half-round gutters, and paint the porch floor gray.

Mr. Neese moved to approve the application for Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation, 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, as submitted.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Mrs. White, Chairperson

Matthew Johnson, Secretary