

TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6 2015 – 5:15 P.M.

The Regular meeting for the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers.

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
Mr. S. Andrew Neese
Mr. Jeff Johnson

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Councilperson Jayne Duehring

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

Visitors: Mr. Jim Bunn
Mr. Quinn Craughwell
Mr. Micah Childers
Mr. Gary Kimbrell
Mrs. Susan Kimbrell

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(2) Approval of Minutes: **Regular Meeting, March 16, 2015.**

Mr. J. Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting, March 16, 2015, as submitted. Second by Mr. Neese. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: **Regular Meeting, April 1, 2015.**

Mrs. White, Chairperson, called for a motion. Mr. Neese made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting, April 1, 2015, as submitted. Second by Mr. J. Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: **Called Meeting, April 13, 2015.**

Mrs. White, Chairperson, called for a motion. Mr. J. Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the Called meeting, April 13, 2015, as submitted. Second by Mr. Boyd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: **Special Meeting, April 21, 2015.**

Mrs. White, Chairperson, called for motion. Mr. Neese made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special meeting, April 21, 2015, as submitted. Second by Mr. J. Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried.

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(3) 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.**

Mr. Bunn addressed the Board stating that he would like to amend his original request to replace all the windows in the home. He is now just hoping the Board will allow him to replace three windows on the back of the house plus the one which will become a door, as approved in the 'addition' portion of his Certificate of Appropriateness application, March 2015. He will use replica windows with double pane, insulated glass.

After discussion, Mrs. White, Chairperson, called for a motion. Mr. J. Johnson moved to approve the request, as submitted. Second by Mr. Boyd.

Roll call vote as follows:

- Mr. Boyd – Aye
- Mrs. White – Aye
- Mr. J. Johnson – Aye
- Mr. Neese – Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness to replace four windows, making one into a door, approved.

Mr. Bunn then mentioned that he will bring the shutters before the Board July 2015.

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(4) Certificate of Appropriateness, continuation: **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.**

Mrs. Quinn Craughwell, representative for the project presented the Board with the landscape plan. The existing fence-work will remain, they will improve the sidewalk entrance from Main Street, reuse the brickwork and install a brick patio at the rear, in the fenced-in garden. They will also create a turnaround area with the same local brown gravel as is currently used in the parking area. They will add a privacy hedge, fresh plantings, and retain the shed.

After discussion, Mrs. White, Chairperson, called for a motion. Mr. Boyd moved to approve the request, as submitted. Second by Mr. J. Johnson.

Roll call vote as follows:

- Mr. Boyd – Aye
- Mrs. White – Aye
- Mr. J. Johnson – Aye
- Mr. Neese – Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness for landscaping approved.

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- (5) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Micah Childers, owner**; 270 East Valley Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for wall/fence. **Located at 270 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-33.**

Mr. Childers presented the Board with an application for Certificate of Appropriateness for a fence around his property at the corner of Tanner Street and Plumb Alley. It will be 6 feet high on the Tanner Street side, solid vertical boards with exposed posts, and 4 feet high, wide pickets on the Plumb Alley side. The existing hollies will remain and screen the fence. He will use a natural stain to protect the wood.

After discussion, Mrs. White, Chairperson, called for a motion. Mr. Neese moved to approve the request, as submitted. Second by Mr. J. Johnson.

Roll call vote as follows:

- Mr. Boyd – Aye
- Mrs. White – Aye
- Mr. J. Johnson – Aye
- Mr. Neese – Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness for fence approved.

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- (6) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Jeff Johnson, owner**; 102 East Main Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation. **Located at 102 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 012-1-102.**

Mr. J. Johnson presented the Board with his Certificate of Appropriateness application to:

- Repair/replace and repaint his spindles. They will be repainted in same color as they are currently, and fix the front steps and bottom of the landing;

- Pressure wash his deck and re-stain it the same as it is currently;
- Repair/re-glaze his windows, muntins;
- Install storm windows from Highlands Glass on every window similar to the storm windows on the William King house.

He stated that some of his windows might be beyond repair. If that is the case, he will come back before the Board at that time. He would like to utilize the tax credit program for this work.

After discussion, Mrs. White, Chairperson, called for a motion. Mr. Neese moved to approve the request, as presented, with the exception that he come back to the Board if he has to replace any windows. Second by Mr. Boyd.

Roll call vote as follows:

- Mr. Boyd – Aye
- Mrs. White – Aye
- Mr. J. Johnson – Abstain
- Mr. Neese – Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation approved.

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At this time, Mr. Neese made a motion to excuse Mr. Boyd from the remainder of the meeting. Second by Mr. J. Johnson. All in favor.

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(7) Discussion: Training, Matthew Johnson.

Mr. M. Johnson announced that he pursuing a training opportunity for this Board as well as the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, which will take place in the fall. Because it is expensive, all members will be required to attend, and it may be opened up regionally to recoup some of the costs involved. It will be a two day training with topics like 'repair versus replace' and Parliamentary Procedures.

Discussion ensued with regards to what constitutes as maintenance. Mr. Bunn questioned what point in history we are trying to restore these homes back to and stated that we have to allow for progress in order for these homes to remain desirable.

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After further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Sean Taylor, Secretary

Mrs. White, Chairperson