

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 2008 - 5:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Jackson called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman
Mr. Robert M. Howard, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Byrum Geisler
Mr. Peyton Boyd
Mrs. Doris Shuman

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: None

Administrative Staff: Mr. Garret Jackson, Director of Planning/Zoning
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assist. Director of Planning/Zoning

Visitors: Mrs. Gina Mittag

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- (2) Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting, March 5, 2008
Reconvened Meeting, March 12, 2008
Regular Meeting, April 2, 2008

Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, March 5, 2008, reconvened meeting, March 12, 2008 and regular meeting, April 2, 2008 be approved with the following corrections:

March 5, 2008

Page 08-10 (Item 6, No. 1)

FROM: Remove portions of existing front porch, replace existing roof, columns, and balustrade.

TO: Remove portions of existing front porch, replace **with new roof**, columns, and balustrade.

Page 08-10 (Item 6, No. 4)

FROM: Replace half-round guttering.

TO: **Install** half-round guttering.

AND

March 12, 2008

Page 08-14 (Paragraph 3)

FROM: The Staff and Board of Architectural members inspected the proposed location with a tape measure and it was the consensus of the Board that the clock at 16' 6.25", would tower over the front façade and not be easily read by pedestrian or vehicular traffic at such a great height. In addition, the 4-dial clock proposed would not be as appropriate as the 2 or even 3-dialed clock, as the building obstructs the view of the 4th dial.

TO: The Staff and Board of Architectural members inspected the proposed location with a tape measure and it was the consensus of the Board that the clock at 16' 6.25", would tower over the front façade and not be easily read by pedestrian or vehicular traffic at such a great height. In addition, the 4-dial clock proposed would not be as appropriate as the 2 or even 3-dialed clock, as the building obstructs the view of the 4th dial. **The staff also recommended a simple, colonial style clock.**

Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (3) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Gina and Thomas Mittag**, 143 Valley Street, N.W., Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of paint colors for foundation of existing structure **located at 143 Valley Street, N.W. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 8.**

This application is requesting approval of paint colors for foundation of existing structure located at 143 Valley Street, N.W.

The owner has been informed that there is foundation leak which is a severe problem for the existing structure, due to the fact that there is no concrete footer and the foundation has no block and is only two bricks wide. The water is deteriorating the brick, which will cause the foundation to settle. The mortar is soft and partially gone.

The contractor has recommended that the only way to keep the water away from the foundation is to remove the boxwood bushes away from the foundation, excavate the dirt to repair the mortar joints and replace some of the deteriorated brick. A water proofing will be installed against the foundation (sub-ground) and water proof paint applied to the exposed ground level. A drain will be installed that will carry away ground water and gutter down spouts which will be backfilled against the foundation to give adequate drainage.

The paint colors selected for the foundation include Benjamin Moore, HC-134, Benjamin Moore, Essex Green, and Porter, Deep Mauve (closest to existing color).

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve either the Benjamin Moore, HC-134 or Benjamin Moore, Essex Green. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

- (4) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **“The White Dog”**, Sarah Beth Mathesius, **Owner**, 112 Court Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of proposed sign to be **located at 112 Court Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 62.**

This application is requesting approval of one (1), double-faced sign, 1 ft. 3 in. x 3 ft. in size, having brown background, blue and white lettering, with light blue border, to be located at 112 Court Street. The sign will be mounted on the existing bracket. The lettering on the sign will read “The White Dog”.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the sign be approved as presented. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, with unanimous approval

- (5) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Therapeutic Massage of Abingdon, Rachel Sharp, Owner**, 116 Valley Street, N.E., Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of proposed sign to be **located at 116 Valley Street, N.E. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 47.**

Mrs. Shuman explained that this application is requesting approval of one (1) sign, 15 in. x 36 in. in size, having green background, white lettering, with white border, to be located at 116 Valley Street, N.E. The sign will be mounted just below the existing sign belonging to business of Doris C. Shuman, Certified Public Accountant. The lettering on the sign will read “Therapeutic Massage of Abingdon - 575-1233”

After discussion, Mr. Boyd made a motion that the sign be approved as presented. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion.

VOTE: Mr. Boyd Aye
 Mr. Geisler Aye
 Mr. Howard Aye
 Mrs. Shuman Abstained

- (6) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Robert M. and Susan O. Howard**, 122 Valley Street, N.W., Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace shingle roof with metal roof on existing structure **located at 122 Valley Street, N.W. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 55A.**

This application is requesting approval to replace existing shingle roof with standing seam metal roof, with color being Matte Black.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the metal roof be approved as presented. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion.

VOTE: Mrs. Shuman Aye
 Mr. Boyd Aye
 Mr. Geisler Aye
 Mr. Howard Abstained

There was further discussion of the possibility of expanding the existing dormer on the rear of the existing structure located at 122 Valley Street, N.W., in order to have extra closet space for use. No decision was made regarding the matter and Mr. Howard stated that he will submit an application for this project at a later date if the project is pursued.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 P.M.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary