

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 2, 2010 - 5:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building.

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman
 Mr. Jason Berry
 Mrs. Doris Shuman
 Mr. Peyton Boyd (Late)
 Mr. Byrum Geisler

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: None

Administrative Staff: Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning/Zoning
 Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Director Planning/Zoning
 Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney (Late)

Visitors: Dr. Roger Neal
 Mrs. Lois H. Humphreys
 Mrs. Jan Hurt

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, April 7, 2010
 Work Session, April 21, 2010

Regular Meeting, April 7, 2010

Mr. Berry made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, April 7, 2010, be approved with the first paragraph being amended as follows:

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ADD:

Board member, Byrum Geisler, recused himself from this discussion due to conflict of interest.

Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

Work Session, April 21, 2010

Mr. Berry made a motion that the minutes of the Work Session, April 21, 2010 be approved as presented. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (3) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Abingdon Ear, Nose & Throat Associates/ Drs. Roger D. Neal and James Wade, Owners**, 176 West Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of sign which has been placed on structure **located at 176 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 63.**

This is a request for approval of sign which has been place on structure located 176 West Valley Street. The size of the sign is 96 in. x 12 in., having beige background, with burgundy border and lettering, attached to porch gable. The wording on the sign is **Abingdon Allergy & Sinus Center.**

Dr. Roger Neal apologized to the Board for installing the sign without having a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Board of Architectural Review. He stated that he thought the sign contractor would have taken care of such matters which turned out not to be the case.

After discussion, Mr. Berry made a motion to approve the design of the sign, with the sign being made to conform to the Design Guidelines of the Old and Historic District. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Sam F. Hurt**, 254 Valley Street, N.E., Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of one-half inch support beams used as a fascia strip (due to roof leak) and paint that was used in repairs for detached garage on property **located at 254 Valley Street, N.E. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 34.**

This is a request for approval of the one-half inch support beams used as a fascia strip (due to a roof leak) and paint that was used in repairs for detached garage on property located at 254 Valley Street, N.E.

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve the application as presented. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Abingdon United Methodist Church, Lois H. Humphreys, Representative**, 101 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace existing sign **located at 101 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 88.**

This is a request for approval to replace existing sign located at 101 East Main Street. The size of the proposed sign will be 4 ft. x 6 ft.(same dimensions as current sign), having white background, black border and lettering, with aluminum frame resembling wood, dark brown and black in color. The wording on the sign will be **Abingdon United Methodist Church Est. 1883.** The proposed sign is being designed to fit better into the design of the Historic District.

Discussion among members the Board revealed that the new sign, like the current sign, do not meet the size requirements of the Design Review Guidelines. The Guidelines also state that signs within the Historic District cannot be internally lit. It was the consensus of the Board members that they would like to see a historic image of the original sign, if possible, so as to better attain what was originally on the property.

After further discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion to table this request until the next meeting for further details from the applicant. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (6) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Mary Bolt, Owner, Adam Bolt, Representative, 244 Whites Mill Road, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to remove existing shed located at 244 Whites Mill Road. Tax Map No. 5 (1) 30.**

This is a request for approval to remove existing shed located at 244 Whites Mill Road. This shed has been unused for several years and is beginning to show signs of deterioration.

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion that the application request be approved as presented, because the shed does not contribute to the Historic District. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (7) **DISCUSSION - Revisions of Guidelines**

A discussion of the revisions of the Guidelines continued. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 7 at 5:00 P.M. when further discussion of the revisions of the Guidelines will continue.

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There being no further business, motion was made, duly seconded and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary