

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 3, 2009 - 5:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, June 3, 2009 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. Peyton Boyd
Mr. Byrum Geisler
Mr. Jason Berry
Mrs. Doris Shuman

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: None

Administrative Staff: Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Director Planning/Zoning
Mr. Rick Statzer, Building Inspector
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney

Visitors: Mr. Thomas Mittag
Mrs. Gina Mittag

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- (2) Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting, April 1, 2009
Regular Meeting, May 6, 2009

Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, April 1, 2009, be approved as presented. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Berry made a motion that the regular meeting, May 6, 2009, be approved with the following corrections:

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FROM: After further discussion, Mr. Berry made a motion to approve replacement windows with windows that are wood framed, with a two over two in configuration. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

TO: After further discussion, **Mr. Boyd** made a motion to approve replacement windows with windows that are wood framed, with a two over two in configuration. **Mr. Berry** seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (3) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - The Shabby Garden Shop, Teresa Hurley, Owner/Representative, 226 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210;** application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of one (1) sign to be **located at 226 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 97.**

This is a request for approval to replace partial wording on existing sign located at 226 East Main Street. The size of the existing sign meets the guidelines with new insert sign to be 18 in. x 8 in. in size. The sign will be constructed of wood and acrylic, having Black background, Gold lettering and will read "SHABBY GARDEN SHOP".

After discussion, Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve proposed sign as presented, subject to the proposed change matching the existing signage. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Mr. Boyd Aye
 Mrs. Shuman Aye
 Mr. Berry Aye
 Mr. Geisler Abstained
 Dr. Owens Aye

The motion passed.

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- (4) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Town of Abingdon, Owner, (Fields Pen-House) Rick Statzer, Staff Representative, 133 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210;** application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace four (4) shutters at the "Fields Penn House Museum", with property **located at 208 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 125.**

Mr. Statzer explained that this is a request for approval to replace four (4) existing shutters on the southwest corner of the Fields-Penn House Museum. The original scope of this project was to replace only one (1) damaged shutter. After being unsuccessful in locating a suitable replacement, it was decided, as an alternative, to replace all four (4) shutters with a shutter that would more closely resemble the ones on the main part of the house.

After discussion, Mr. Berry made a motion to approve this application as presented, subject to the replacement shutters matching original shutters. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Thomas & Gina Mittag, 143 Valley Street, N.W., Owner, Abingdon, VA 24210;** application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval for the following changes to be made to property **located at 143 Valley Street, N.W. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 8.**

- **Removal of Sugar Maple tree inside yard**
- **Removal of out building/shed at rear of property**
- **Repairs to front porch**
- **Repaint foundation and shutters (Essex Green), house body (Twig Green) and porch (White Mist)**
- **Window Replacement**

The first request by the applicants is for approval to remove a large Sugar Maple tree in side yard, due to the tree being in distress. Mr. Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist, has looked at the tree's condition and has recommended removal of the tree due to the possibility of it falling on the house structure. It appears that the tree has been struck by lightning at some point of time. If approved, the applicants hope to have the tree removed within the next year.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion to approve the request for removal of the tree. Mr. Berry seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

The second request by the applicants is for approval to remove an out building/shed located at the rear of the property. The two-story shed is being held up by a tree located on the pasture field belonging to J. B. Moore, which is located at the rear of this property. There is a danger to anyone who enters it and with small children, this is a huge concern. If approved, the applicants hope to have the out building/shed removed within the next year.

After discussion, Mr. Berry made a motion to approve the request for removal of the out building/shed. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

The third request by the applicants is for approval to repair and rebuild existing porch. The porch has many rotting boards and is beginning to sag. To prevent the roof from falling, it is the applicants desire to replace all rotting wood, including but not limited to floor boards, border around the porch under the floor, step banister railing and post, ceiling bead board and all front steps. It is the applicants' intention to replace everything with the same appearance because it will not be necessary to replace all of the boards. All floor boards on porch will be replaced with the closest size available (there are currently two (2) size floor boards). The porch steps will be replaced/refurbished as needed. Any balusters in need of replacement will be custom replicated to match existing. It lattice work that is on the surround is unsound it will be replaced with the same type of product.

It is the applicants' intention to repair and replicate all damaged areas to be in keeping with the original style of the house.

After discussion, Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve all of the requested repairs and replacements as presented. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

There was further discussion regarding paint colors selected for repainting the foundation, shutters and body of house. This request has been previously discussed and approved, with colors to be used on foundation and shutters to be Benjamin Moore, Essex Green, house body color to be Porter Paints, Twig Green, porch color to be Porter Paints, White Mist, as close to the existing as possible and porch floor which is currently Gray, will be Porter Paints, Gray Feather.

The fourth request by the applicants is for approval of replacement windows for particular areas of the structure that are in deteriorating condition. The applicants explained that the windows located in the attic are rotting as well as some of the main level windows. A pane of glass has already fallen out of one of the attic windows and the sash will not support a replacement pane. It is their desire to replace the sashes with a Jeldwen Zap Pac Sash Kit. This system replaces only the sashes leaving the existing frames intact. These sashes will be wood on inside and out with double pane glass. They will be painted the same color of the porch (White Mist). There is also a large window in the center of the third level that is rotting as well and will very possibly fall out at some point with a strong wind. It is requested that this window also be replaced with the Zap Pac Sash Kit. This window does have divided lites, and a simulated divided lite option that most replicates the existing windows will be used.

If the window frames themselves prove to be unable to support new sashes, approval is being requested to replace them with a full replacement wood Marvin Window that most closely replicates the existing windows.

Mr. Taylor explained that it is his recommendation to replace the small single pane attic windows with new single pane windows and to restore the two over two windows in the middle.

After discussion, Mr. Berry made a motion to approve replacement of the existing attic small windows and restore the two over two windows in the middle. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (6) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIAENESS - **Peyton Boyd, dba Peyton Boyd Architect PC**, 212 Mason Place, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace existing sign **located at 212 Mason Place. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 25.**

This is a request for approval to replace existing sign located at 212 Mason Place with a new sign. The proposed single-faced sign will be 19.5 in. x 29.5 in. in size, with background color to be Cream, having Black border and lettering and will read "Peyton Boyd Architect 212" with logo. The existing sign support will be retained and used for new sign.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that proposed sign be approved as presented. Mr. Berry seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Mrs. Shuman	Aye
Mr. Berry	Aye
Mr. Geisler	Aye
Mr. Boyd	Abstained
Dr. Owens	Aye

The motion passed.

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

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary