

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 12, 2006 - 5:00 P.M
(RESCHEDULED FROM JULY 5, 2006)

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 5:00 P.M. This meeting was rescheduled from Wednesday, July 5, 2006. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

Mrs. Betsy White, Chairman, called the meeting to order, welcoming visitors and explaining the purposes of the Board of Architectural Review.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mrs. Betsy White, Chairman
Mr. Harry McKinney
Mr. Robert M. Howard
Mr. Andrew Hargroves

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mrs. Doris Shuman

Administrative Staff: None

Visitors: Mrs. Helen Calfee Hilton Shupe
Mrs. Quinn Craughwell

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- (2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, May 3, 2006
Regular Meeting, May 24, 2006
(Rescheduled from June 7, 2006)

Motion was made by Mr. Hargroves to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, May 3, 2006. McKinney seconded the motion, with unanimous approval, with Mr. Howard abstaining.

Motion was made by Mr. Hargroves to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, May 24, 2006 (rescheduled from June 7, 2006). The motion was seconded by Mr. McKinney, with unanimous approval, with Mr. Howard abstaining.

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- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Maxine's Fashions LP, Helen Calfee Hilton Shupe, Owner/Representative, 227 West Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210**; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of one (1) sign to be placed beneath the existing sign located at **100 Court Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 64.**

This is a request for approval of an additional sign to the Kimberly Haugh, Attorney-at-Law sign at the corner of Court and Main Streets. The additional sign is proposed to be a directional sign, pointing north on Court Street to Foxglove Antiques. The sign would have only the word "ANTIQUES" with an arrow. Article 21-4-1e states:

Section 21-4 Prohibited signs.

21-4-1 The following signs are prohibited within the town unless otherwise stated in this article:

- a. Any sign affixed to, hung, placed or painted on any other sign, fence, cliff, tree, public utility pole, radio or television or similar tower provided that this prohibition shall not affect official traffic, parking or informational signs placed on utility poles by the town government.
- b. Any sign or banner within or across a public right-of-way, unless specifically approved by the town manager, or his designee.
- c. Any sign attached to, rather than painted on, an awning which is not a marquee.
- d. Any flashing or moving sign, except those officially erected for safety purposes.
- e. Any sign which advertises any activity, business, product or service which is not conducted, produced or sold as a primary product under license on the premises where the sign is located.**
- f. Any sign which the town manager determines to imitate an official traffic sign or signal or conflict with traffic safety needs due to its location, coloring, movement, shape or illumination.
- g. A sign which displays flashing or intermittent lights or lights of changing degree of intensity and/or color.
- h. Portable signs.

Mr. Hargroves made a motion that considering this is one structure, with different tenants in that structure, the sign be approved as presented, to be same size as one-half the size of existing sign as shown in the exhibit presented, to read "ANTIQUES" (with directional arrow pointing left), black lettering on white background, being consistent with other sign, subject to either the Director of Planning's approval or what other approvals he deems necessary to insure this is legal from the standpoint of this Board. Mr. McKinney amended the motion to include that the total area of all signs cannot exceed 4 square feet.

Mr. Howard seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) Certificate of Appropriateness – **Mark T. Hurt, Attorney at Law, Otis Hurt and Mark Hurt, Owners**, 159 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to expand the current parking lot in the rear yard and to extend the driveway to Plumb Alley (requiring the removal of dead tree), with property being located at **180 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 77.**

This application was presented and discussed at the regular meeting April 5, 2006. The application requested approval to expand the current parking lot in the rear yard, requiring the removal of a dead tree, in order to extend the driveway to Plumb Alley.

At the April 5th meeting several Board members had concerns that there had not been a complete drawing with details, in relation to the alley being in compliance with the Guidelines, submitted with the application. Mr. McKinney noted that “the Guidelines require driveways connecting to Plumb Alley shall not exceed 12 ft. in width or less and that owners of property abutting on Plumb Alley are requested to reserve an 8 ft. landscaping area, beginning at right-of-way of Plumb Alley.”

After discussion of this application at the April 5th meeting, a motion was made to approve the request for driveway and parking in the connection of Plumb Alley, with the understanding that Paragraph 52B and 52E of the Guidelines be complied with and that a drawing be submitted to Mr. Jackson, for the record, before beginning work.

Since the previous meeting the applicants have submitted two (2) site plans to be reviewed by the Board. Ms. Quinn Craughwell from Graham Landscape Architects explained the site plans as follows:

1. The first shows the proposed parking layout as previously discussed. The new layout allows traffic to pull off from Main Street and exit onto Plumb Alley. Currently, clients have to back onto Main Street. This design is much more appropriate in terms of safety and convenience. The proposed material to be used for the parking area is tar overlaid with pea gravel, previously approved for several locations in Town.
2. The second is the landscape plan. Although the maple tree was removed along Plumb Alley, Graham Landscape Architects plan to replace it with many more trees, mostly native, with species to be approved at a later date. This will screen the proposed parking lot from Plumb Alley and fits in nicely with the Plumb Alley Landscape Plan the Town is attempting bring back.

After further discussion, Mr. McKinney made a motion that the plans be approved, as submitted. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Jerry Hyman, Owner/Representative**, P. O. Box 2853, Boone, NC 28607; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to repaint existing structure “**The Clark House**” located at **315 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 23.**

This is a request for approval to repaint existing structure “The Clark House” located at 315 East Valley Street. The house will be repainted “White” and the trim and roof will be painted “Virginia Green”. The current colors are white (or some variant of) and green.

Mr. Hyman has experience in restoring historic homes in Boone, North Carolina and will be taking the necessary precautions in restoring this house properly. At a later date, he will return for permission to restore/replace windows and other outside features.

After discussion, Mr. McKinney made a motion that the original paint colors, White and Virginia Green, be approved with condition that the applicant submits a sample of paint chips of actual colors to be used to Mr. Jackson for final approval, before the painting begins. Mr. Hargroves seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (6) Certificate of Appropriateness - **Zargofs LLP, Michael Heisler, Owner/Representative**, P. O. Box 1357, Abingdon, Virginia 24212; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace existing asphalt shingle roof with metal roof (Hunter Green in color) on structure located at **232 Whites Mill Road. Tax Map No. 5 (1) 3.**

This is a request to replace existing asphalt shingle roof, black in color, with a metal roof, Hunter Green in color, on structure located at 232 Whites Mill Road.

Mr. McKinney made a motion that the requested metal roof, Hunter Green in color, be approved as presented, however, since this is a nice example of a bungalow structure, the Board would strongly urge the applicant to explore other roofing materials more appropriate to style of the house (such as synthetic slate or a metal shingle). Mr. Howard seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (7) Discussion - **Abingdon Quilt Cottage, James and Diane Sack, Owners, 267 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 18. (Application considered at the September 7, 2005 and October 5, 2005)**

There was some discussion regarding the approved landscaping and screening, particularly around the exposed handicap ramp, for the “Abingdon Quilt Cottage”, which was considered at the regular meetings September 7 2005 and October 5, 2005. There was also some discussion of the “open” and “closed” signs being located on the property.

Mrs. White indicated that she has received comments from some residents of the Old and Historic District regarding these matters

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that they ask Mr. Jackson to contact Mr. and Mrs. Sack and review the plans and intentions of the type evergreens to be used, to disguise the handicap ramp, making sure that is will be done within the context of what the Board approved and within a reasonable time frame. Also, review the number of temporary signs being used at this business, based on Section 43 of the Guidelines.

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- (8) **WAIVER of Certificate of Appropriateness - Johnston Memorial Hospital. 159 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace porch roof of structure located at 159 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 3.**

Johnston Memorial Hospital submitted an application for a WAIVER of Certificate of Appropriateness, requesting approval to replace existing porch roof of structure located at 159 East Valley Street. The roof on the porch is collapsing and will be replaced with new roof having appropriate pitch.

According to the current Guidelines, this request only requires approval by the Zoning Administrator and not by the Board.

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- (9) WAIVER of Certificate of Appropriateness - **Sam Hurt**, 247 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to repaint existing roof on structure located at **247 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 17.**

Mr. Hurt submitted an application for a WAIVER of Certificate of Appropriateness, requesting approval to repaint existing roof on structure located at 247 East Valley Street. The paint color selected will be Black Forest Green.

According to the current Guidelines, this request only requires approval by the Zoning Administrator and not by the Board.

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Betsy White, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary