

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

The Regular meeting for the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Colonel Arthur Campbell room.

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. Jeff Johnson
Councilperson Jayne Duehring

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mr. S. Andrew Neese

Administrative Staff: Mr. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner
Mrs. Jenny Carlisle, Planning Department
Ms. Amy Looney, Historic Properties Coordinator

Visitors: Mr. Robert Neeb
Ms. Dee Hopkins
Ms. Jannis White
Ms. Diana Hutchings
Ms. Jane Morgan
Mr. Richard Morgan
Mr. Mark Goodman

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- (2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, June 3, 2015
Regular Meeting, July 1, 2015

Mr. J. Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting, June 3, 2015 and the minutes from the regular meeting, July 1, 2015, as presented. Second by Councilperson Duehring. All in favor. Minutes approved.

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- (3) Item (3) was moved to the end of the agenda.

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- (4) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Seth White, owner;** 123 Hudson Street, Richlands, Virginia 24641; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Exterior Change for paint, parking area, and retaining wall for property. **Located at 313 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 011-5-112A.**

Jannis White presented the Certificate of appropriateness application to paint the exterior of the home located at 313 West Valley Street, construct a retaining wall, and add pea gravel to the drive.

After much discussion, Chairperson White called for a motion. Mr. Boyd moved to approve the application, as discussed; approving the green paint color choice “retreat” with appropriate trim color, allowing for staff approval on the retaining wall within the range of the guidelines, and approving the application of pea gravel for the floor of a new parking space. Second by Mr. J. Johnson.

Roll call vote as follows:

- Councilperson Duehring- Aye
- Mr. Boyd- Aye
- Mrs. White- Aye
- Mr. J. Johnson- Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness approved.

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- (5) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Richard Morgan, owner;** 171 West Valley Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for fencing and new structure on property. **Located at 171 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 012-6-5A.**

Mr. Morgan’s request is for a detached parking shelter. It will be a 12 x 16 structure and will not be visible from Valley Street. It will be painted white with asphalt shingles that will match the house. He would also like to install a fence at the back of his property. It will be wood, painted white, with a straight top.

After discussion, Councilperson Duehring moved to approve wood fencing in the back, white paint or stained, not to exceed 6 feet in height, and the new 12 X 16 parking structure with complementary asphalt shingle roof. Second by Mr. J. Johnson.

Roll call vote as follows:

- Councilperson Duehring- Aye
- Mr. Boyd- Aye
- Mrs. White- Aye
- Mr. J. Johnson- Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness approved.

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- (6) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Mark Goodman, owner;** 324 Towne Centre Drive, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Exterior Change to property; frame-in,

ADA sidewalk, wall repair, chimney repair, paint. **Located at 108 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 012-1-101.**

Mr. Goodman presented his Certificate of Appropriateness application. The first item is to enclose their 5 foot 10 inch X 8 foot back porch. It will be wood siding, painted white, and have double hung windows with screens to match the house. There is historical evidence that there was an enclosed area there at one time. It will have a floor and be insulated. The intent is to have it match the house. The purpose is to add an extra layer of protection and security for the jewelry shop and serve as a vestibule.

The second item is the 16 foot long sidewalk that goes from the town sidewalk to the front door of the home. He would like to take up the brick, put down concrete with an 8 inch total slope, or 1/2 inch per foot slope, then re-lay the bricks on top to make it ADA compliant. He will then add top soil to the sides of the walk, preventing a drop off and hiding the concrete. Mr. Boyd mentioned that perhaps the Building Inspections department should sign off on the sidewalk. He also mentioned putting a tapered wooden transition piece between the porch and walk.

The third item on the application is an existing retaining wall that is falling apart. He will re-point the mortar with white cement mortar, matching what is there now.

Fourth, he would like to re-grout the chimneys and add chimney caps.

Fifth, he would like to repaint all trim white, as is current.

Sixth, he would like to repair/replace beams on porch and paint white. He will keep it looking as it does now, and fix where the water is leaking above.

Seventh, he would like to replace the gutters and add an extra downspout on the side of the home where they are installing the French drain. He will also put gutter guards on them and snow deflectors on the roof.

Eighth, he would like to point up the brick work on the house, garage, and steps as there are some pieces that are cracked and dissolved.

Ninth, he would like to install a cover over the steps at the back of the house. It will be 8 - 10 feet by 4 - 5 feet with white poles like, like the porch. He would like to leave the window uncovered, so the cover to the steps would be underneath the window.

After much discussion, Chairperson White called for a motion.

Mr. J. Johnson moved to approve the application, as submitted with a clarification relative to tax credits, namely that new construction is not eligible for the credit so he needs to be able to break out what is new and what is tax eligible when he submits for the tax credits. Second by Councilperson Duehring.

Roll call vote as follows:

Councilperson Duehring- Aye

Mr. Boyd- Aye

Mrs. White- Aye

Mr. J. Johnson- Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness approved.

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(7) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Ramsey and Betsy White, owners**; 125 West Valley Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Maintenance. **Located at 125 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 012-1-11.**

Chairperson White recused herself from voting for this application. They would like to replace the vinyl sheathing and ceiling of their flat roof on the east side of their house due to leakage. They will use white vinyl. The next item is the roof above the back door, which is not visible from Valley Street, as well as a portion of the upper back roof. They would install new 30 year asphalt shingles.

Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the application, as presented, with white materials, and asphalt shingle roofing. Second by Councilperson Duehring.

Roll call vote as follows:

- Councilperson Duehring- Aye
- Mr. Boyd- Aye
- Mrs. White- Abstain
- Mr. J. Johnson- Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness approved.

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(8) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Diana Hutchings, owner**; 239 East Valley Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition and New Structure. **Located at 239 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-16.**

Ms. Hutchings would like to build wooded carport. It will be painted white, with gingerbread, and asphalt shingles. The house is white with a green metal roof but is not good quality and she would rather go with mint green asphalt.

After discussion, Chairperson White called for a motion. Councilperson Duehring moved to accept the application, as submitted. Second by Mr. Boyd.

Roll call vote as follows:

- Councilperson Duehring- Aye
- Mr. Boyd- Aye
- Mrs. White- Aye
- Mr. J. Johnson- Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness approved.

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- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Matthew Lane, the Lane Group, owner;** 310 West Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for sign. **Located at 310 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 011-1-99.**

Mr. Taylor presented the application for Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign. This is an existing tenant sign and the two-sided tenant signage is what they are adding. It is wood, the colors are blue and white. It meets the signage guidelines for size and material. Specifications for the additional sign pictured were not included in the application and will not be considered at this time.

Mr. J. Johnson moved to approve front sign, as submitted. Second by Mr. Boyd.

Roll call vote as follows:

- Councilperson Duehring- Aye
- Mr. Boyd- Aye
- Mrs. White- Aye
- Mr. J. Johnson- Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness approved.

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- (9) Discussion: Fees.

Discussion took place about the \$50.00 Certificate of Appropriateness application fee. Thoughts voiced were whether to dispense with all fees or maybe just charge those applying for tax credits. Revenue is roughly a couple thousand dollars a year. Councilperson Duehring said she will bring it up with Council and see what they think.

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- (10) Items not on the agenda.

The Abingdon Main Street utility box wrappings were discussed with Ms. Hopkins commenting that they are distracting and not fitting with the District; that art is good, but not those particular choices. She stated that we are so conscience of things like mortar and paint and every detail in the Historic District, that it makes them seem out of place and inappropriate for the District. Other comments were in favor of the box wrappings.

Also discussed was the temporary banner in front of Goodman Jewelers, which has been there for more than two weeks. Mr. Taylor said he will look into it.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Sean Taylor, Secretary

Mrs. White, Chairperson