

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2006 - 5:00 P.M
(RESCHEDULED FROM AUGUST 2, 2006)

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Thursday, August 30, 2006 at 5:00 P.M. This meeting was rescheduled from Wednesday, August 2, 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. Robert M. Howard
Mrs. Doris Shuman

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mr. Harry McKinney
Mr. Andrew Hargroves

Administrative Staff: Mr. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning/Zoning

Visitors: Mr. Joe Blevins

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- (2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, July 12, 2006
(Rescheduled from July 5, 2006)

Motion was made by Mr. Howard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, July 12, 2006 (rescheduled from July 5, 2006). Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval, with Mr. Howard abstaining.

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- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness - **The Crooked Road - Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, Joe Blevins, Representative**, Abingdon Business Incubator, 851 French Moore, Jr., Blvd., Suite 174, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of Crooked Road Wayside Exhibit Design to be placed on Barter Green property. **Tax Map No. 12 (1) 122.**

Mr. Joe Blevins, from the Virginia Department of Housing and Development and representative for this application explained that this is a request for approval for a free standing pressure treated wood kiosk, approximately 9 ft. (width) x 10 ft. (height). The primary colors will be tan, yellow, green, light blue, orange with black/white and color photographs on fiberglass-embedded panel, approximately 3 ft. (width) x 4 ft. (height). A radio transmitter will be attached that broadcasts either an FM radio signal or a push-button radio with speaker. The Crooked Road Wayside Exhibit Design will be placed on the Barter Green property.

Mr. Blevins presented a sample of the music the exhibit will present.

There was some concern shown by the board members as to the volume and placement of the exhibit.

After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Shuman that the kiosk be approved as presented, with placement of the kiosk to be at the southwest corner (first choice) or southeast corner (second choice) of Barter Green, and that the board will study the volume to be used after installation, with the volume to be adjusted as necessary. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) **Certificate of Appropriateness – Town of Abingdon – Sinking Spring Cemetery Signage, Greg Kelly, Town Attorney, Representative**, Russell Road and Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of Sinking Spring Cemetery Signage to be attached to wrought-iron fence on site. **Tax Map No. 11 (1) 72.**

This request is for approval for replacement of existing sign at the Sinking Spring Cemetery. The sign will be synthetic redwood, grooved and will match the existing sign at the entrance to the cemetery. The size of the sign will be 18 in. x 24 in., with background color being burgundy, beige border and lettering, and will be attached to wrought-iron fence on site. The sign will read as follows:

All Burials Must Be Pre-Authorized
Contact
The Town Of Abingdon
Office of Town Manager
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 276-628-3167
After Hours, Weekends and Holidays 276-628-2131

After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Shuman that the requested signage be approved as submitted. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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Further discussion included a “checklist” of items that the board had requested Mr. Jackson to inquire on as a result of the regular meeting held on July 12, 2006.

Mr. Jackson advised the following:

1. He talked with Mrs. Helen Shupe regarding the signage to be located at 100 Court Street.
2. Mr. Jerry Hyman brought color samples for the paint to be used on “The Clark House”, located at 315 East Valley Street.
3. Mr. Heisler has agreed to replace the asphalt shingles on structure located at 232 Whites Mill Road with artificial slate shingles and will bring sample for board’s review and approval.
4. The owner of the Quilt Cottage was contacted by the Code Enforcement Officer and the front signage “open” and “close” have been removed. A letter was sent to the owner, recommending appropriate “open” and “close” signs and Mr. Jackson and the owner also discussed the landscaping and evergreens which have been planted. There were concerns by the board members that the plantings are not large enough, as originally approved, to disguise the handicap ramp.

There were also concerns shown regarding the “Bundy House” being in such a deteriorated condition.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Betsy White, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary