

TOWN OF ABINGDON  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 – 5:15 P.M.

The Regular meeting for the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, September 2, 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  
Mr. S. Andrew Neese  
Councilperson Jayne Duehring  
  
Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: None

Administrative Staff: Mr. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning  
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner  
Mrs. Jenny Carlisle, Planning Department  
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney

Visitors: Mr. Michael Heisler  
Mr. Mark Goodman

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- (2) Mr. Boyd was recognized and thanked for his over twenty years of service on the Board. This is his last meeting.

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- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Michael Heisler, owner**; 232 Whites Mill Road, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Exterior Change, Wall/Fence, Deck/Porch. **Located at 232 Whites Mill Road. Tax Map No. 005-1-31.**

Mr. Heisler addressed his application for several items. First is a perimeter fence on the property, left untreated or painted white, across the front between the trees and in the rear; 36 inches in the front and no higher than 6 feet in the rear. American dog ear was suggested. Second is a wooden handrail on the front steps of the home, in the same style as the porch railing, with square pickets. Also on the application is an expansion of the front door opening to fit a 36 inch door, craftsman or bungalow style wood, with a full glass storm door. Also replacement of the dormer windows on the home was requested. They are two separate windows and have old wooden muntons. He will insert the new

2-over-2 windows into the existing holes. He will also get rid of the aluminum storm windows currently on the windows. All other windows in the house are currently vinyl.

Mr. Boyd commented that because everything else has already been replaced, replacing these windows is a minor issue; they are highly deteriorated, beyond repair, and having it look appropriate to the rest is more important than keeping these windows.

In addition to the above requests, Mr. Heisler would also like to put a mailbox on the sidewalk of Whites Mill. This board does not have jurisdiction over sidewalk mailboxes.

After discussion, Mrs. White called for a motion.

Mr. J. Johnson moved to approve the application, as presented. Second by Councilperson Duehring.

Roll Call vote as follows:

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

All in favor. Certificate of appropriateness approved.

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- (4) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Edison Jennings, owner;** 247 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Exterior Change. **Located at 247 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-68.**

Mr. Jennings was not present at this meeting. This application will be reviewed at the end of the meeting.

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- (5) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Michelle Goodman, Goodman Jewelers, owner;** 324 Towne Center Drive, Abingdon VA 24210; Jerry’s Signs, representative; 15775 Porterfield Highway, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Sign. **Located at 108 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 012-1-101.**

Mr. Goodman introduced his sign proposal. Jerry’s Signs will be doing the sign for them. It will be placed in the middle of the yard, is two-sided, and similar to Hurts Law Office. He would like to add a light bracket that will shine down, with a low light LED light on each side. The sign will be white composite with black letters, on a black steel pole, with a wrought iron bracket and electrical outlet on the base. The light arms are roughly 18 - 20 inches. This sign meets the size guidelines.

Mrs. White called for a motion.

Mr. Boyd moved to approve the application, as submitted. Second by Mr. Neese.

Roll Call vote as follows:

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

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness for sign approved.

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- (4) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Edison Jennings, owner**; 247 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Exterior Change. **Located at 247 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-68.**

Mr. M. Johnson spoke to this application stating that Mr. Jennings desires to install black half-round gutters on his home and would like to receive tax credits for it. The work Mr. Jennings did previously is ineligible for the credits because he did not obtain a COA prior to the work.

Mrs. White called for a motion.

Mrs. Duehring moved to accept the application to replace the existing gutters with half-rounds, as submitted. Second by Mr. Neese.

Roll Call vote as follows:

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

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness for gutters approved.

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- (7) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Matthew Johnson, owner**; 152 East Valley Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Exterior Change. **Located at 152 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-51.**

Mr. M. Johnson introduced his application to install an approximately 6 foot tall post light in the front right corner of his yard to replace the current spotlight in that location. The sample meets guideline requirements.

Mrs. White called for a motion.

Mr. Neese moved to accept the application, as submitted. Second by Mr. J. Johnson.

Roll Call vote as follows:

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

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness for post light approved.

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(9) Discussion: Fees.

Mr. M. Johnson recommended a change in the current Certificate of Appropriateness fee structure. He suggested abolishing the fee for all applications except those requesting tax credits. The fee would be tied to the tax credit, once applicants finalize their tax credits, the project is considered finished and if they come back before the Board with a new application, it would mean a new fee. All members supported forwarding this recommendation to Town Council.

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After further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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Sean Taylor, Secretary

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Mrs. Betsy White, Chairperson