

TOWN OF ABINGDON  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 – 5:15 P.M.

The Regular meeting for the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 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. Byrum Geisler  
Mrs. Jayne Duehring  
Mr. Peyton Boyd  
Mr. S. Andrew Neese

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: None

Administrative Staff: Mr. Sean C. Taylor, Assistant Town Planner  
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney  
Mr. John Dew, Director of Public Services and Construction  
Mr. C. J. McGlothlin, Code Enforcement Officer (Absent)  
Mrs. Jenny Carlisle, Administrative Assistant, Planning and Public Works

Visitors: Mr. Douglas Ellis  
Mr. Triston Nelson

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- (2) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS: **Helen Calfee Hilton Shupe, owner**; 217 Valley Street, NW, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for new construction of storage building located at **214 Valley Street, NW. Tax Map No. 011 (5) 100.**

This application was withdrawn.

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- (3) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS: Continuation. **Yvonne L. Ellis, owner; H. Douglas Ellis, representative**; 211 West Main Street, Abingdon VA 24210; application for Certificate for sign and fence located at **211 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 012 (1) 71.**

Mr. Douglas Ellis, 135 Longview Drive, presented the continuation for Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign and barrier for the properties at 211 and 217 West Main Street. He stated that he cannot place the barrier where it needs to go due to an encroachment on his property by pipes from the neighboring Sam Sneed building. He has filed a suit to resolve the issues with his neighbor. No easement was

obtained for the drainage pipe in question. Mr. Geisler questioned how an injunction against the owner of the neighboring building will keep members of the public from parking/walking on his property. After further discussion, Mr. Ellis asked to have another month before being required to present a plan for remediation.

Mr. Geisler moved to table this until the next meeting. Second by Mr. Neese. Mrs. Duehring questioned what will be achieved by the month hiatus to which Mr. Ellis responded that he will look for something else temporary that will look better than what is currently in place. All in favor. Motion carried.

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- (4) FINAL APPROVAL: Town of Abingdon, Historic Tax Abatement; **Jeff Johnson, owner; 102 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; Tax Map No. 012 (1) 102.**

Mr. Taylor presented the application for final approval of tax abatement. Initially Mr. Johnson did not meet the \$2,500.00 threshold, but he has since added gutters, etc., and now exceeds the threshold. Mr. Taylor stated that the action needed is a confirmation that the work Mr. Johnson has done meets the standards, and then have a recommendation sent to the Town Manager. He mentioned that staff recommends taking this action.

Mr. Geisler moved to approve the work done and send a recommendation to the Town Manager for tax abatement. Second by Mr. Boyd. All in favor. Motion carried.

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At this time Mr. Taylor asked to add an additional Certificate of Appropriateness application to the agenda.

- (5) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS: **Findlay House; Town of Abingdon, owner; 300 Green Spring Road; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation to be located at 300 Green Spring Road, Abingdon, Virginia 24210. Tax Map No. 021 (1) 4.**

Mr. Taylor presented the board with an application for Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the front and rear doors on the Findlay House. The doors that are currently on the home are not original to the structure. He would like to replace them with ADA approved outward opening doors.

After much discussion, Mr. Geisler moved to approve the installation of paintable fiberglass doors, same style on the front and rear, differing by width, and painted to match the woodwork. Second by Mr. Boyd. All in favor. Motion carried.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Mrs. White, Chairperson

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Sean Taylor, Secretary