

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2009 - 5:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Jackson called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman
Mr. Peyton Boyd
Mr. Jason Berry

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mrs. Doris Shuman
Mr. Byrum Geisler

Administrative Staff: Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Director Planning/Zoning

Visitors: Ms. Carol Jones
Mr. Robert McConnell

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(2) Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting, August 5, 2009

Mr. Boyd made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, August 5, 2009, be approved, with the following corrections:

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FROM: (2) installation of wheelchair **ramp** on southwest side of addition for accessibility and

TO: (2) installation of wheelchair **lift** on southwest side of addition for accessibility and

Mr. Berry seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(3) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIAENESS - **Waterford Holding Company, LLC, Owner**, 223 East Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace existing roof, and paint exterior and trim of structure **located at 223 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 14.**

This is a request for approval to replace existing roof, and paint exterior and trim of structure located at 223 East Valley Street. The replacement roof will be metal, Green in color; doors will be painted Rustic Red; siding will be painted Wood Skein, with trim being painted Weisthighland White and accent trim will be Basket Beige.

After discussion, Mr. Boyd made a motion that the requested roof and paint colors be approved. Mr. Berry seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Town of Abingdon, Owner (Fields-Penn House)**, 133 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of demolition of existing picket fence around property perimeter **located at 208 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 125.**

This is a request for approval of the demolition of existing picket fence around property perimeter located at 208 West Main Street, known as the “Fields-Penn House”.

Mr. Jackson explained that the reason for this request is for maintenance purposes, further stating that it is his personal opinion that if the fence is removed, a replacement should be put in place.

A discussion continued, as to whether or not to remove the fence. Suggestions were made for the possibility of replacing the fence with a more durable type of fencing, with less maintenance. Mr. Berry made a motion to table this request until the next meeting, to allow more time for details regarding a more appropriate solution to the fence Mr. Boyd second the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) **DISCUSSION** - Board of Architectural Review Compliance Letters

The Board of Architectural Review and the Zoning Administrator are charged with enforcing Article 8 of the Town of Abingdon Zoning Ordinance, which includes a standard of protective maintenance and repair of those properties which it deems threatened by decay and/or deterioration. Per Section 8-11-Maintenance of Historic Properties in the Ordinance, it requires that owners of property or properties deemed in need of attention to appear before the Board of Architectural Review, when summonsed, and produce a plan of action for repairing and preserving the property.

At the August 5, 2009 meeting a motion was made and approved that property owners having properties deemed in need of attention, be notified by letter, requesting they produce a plan of action for repairing and preserving their properties.

Copies of the Code of Virginia **§15.2-2306. Preservation of historical sites and architectural areas** and **Code of Virginia §15.2-907.1. Authority to require removal, repair, etc., of buildings that are declared to be derelict**, with the designated letter, were mailed to property owners and properties affected. The property owners notified were as follows:

- **Robert McConnell**
107 Park Place
- **Sammy Campbell**
268 East Main Street
- **Jerry Hyman**
315 East Valley Street

Mr. Jackson explained that Mr. Sammy Campbell was unable to attend this meeting, however, he had met with him regarding the matter. Mr. Campbell advised that he is trying to sell the property located at 268 East Main Street and has two potential buyers interested. He is waiting for the results of the proposed sale.

Mr. Robert McConnell stated that his property located at 107 Park Place was left to him by his aunt Margaret McConnell and the structure was built approximately 1830. He was the only member of his family that had an interest in restoring the structure and that he does have plan to restore the structure the way it was originally built, hopefully with assistance from grant funding. Mr. McConnell presented the Board a copy of a plan and time table which he proposes to use. The plan presented is made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Jerry Hyman who owns property located at 315 East Valley Street was in eastern Europe at the time of this meeting, however, he contacted Mr. Jackson, stating that he continues to come from Boone, North Carolina once each week to do repair work on the structure and invited members of the Board to visit the structure to observe the work he has completed up to this point.

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There being no further business, Mr. Berry made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary