

TOWN OF ABINGDON  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4, 2015 – 5:15 P.M.

The Regular meeting for the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, November 4, 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. S. Andrew Neese  
Councilperson Jayne Duehring

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mr. Jeff Johnson  
Mr. Michael Weaver

Administrative Staff: Mr. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning  
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner  
Mrs. Jenny Carlisle, Planning Department  
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney  
Ms. Cecile Rosenbaum, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk  
Ms. Tonya Triplett, Deputy Clerk

Visitors: Mr. Sam Woolwine  
Ms. Quinn Craughwell

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- (2) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Alonzo Cano and Hazel Ramos Cano, owners;** 210 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition. **Located at 210 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-38.**

No representative for this application is present. The application will be tabled until the December meeting.

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- (3) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Barry Proctor, owner;** 117 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; **C. E. Woolwine Construction Co. Inc., representative;** application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Roof. **Located at 117 West Main Street. Tax Map No. 012-1-84.**

Mr. Woolwine introduced this application. They would like to install a charcoal colored standing seam roof. The existing roof is asphalt shingle. This is the recommended roof type for the district.

Councilperson Duehring moved to accept the application, as submitted. Second by Mr. Neese.

Roll Call vote as follows:

Mrs. White- Aye  
Mr. Neese- Aye  
Councilperson Duehring- Aye

All in favor. Certificate of appropriateness for roof replacement approved.

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- (4) Certificate of Appropriateness: **St. Tomas Episcopal Church, owner**; 124 East Main Street, Abingdon VA 24210; **Quinn Craughwell Landscape Architects, representative**; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Driveway, Sidewalk, Landscaping. **Located at 124 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 012-1-97.**

Ms. Craughwell introduced the application from St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The first item is a sidewalk they would like to add on the Sinking Springs side of the property. They have a contract with Sinking Springs Church and will pave right up to the playground, go around the HVAC area, then taper in. A new sidewalk will begin on the other side of the HVAC area and go to Main Street. They will remove the existing pavers, match the brick as closely as possible, and use the same pattern as existing, with a perpendicular boarder. It will extend to the back of the church and create a parking pad where it is currently gravel, to add a handicap parking spot. They will put a slip drain in the walkway, which will slop towards the church to drain properly.

The second item on the application is a two phase lighting plan. Phase one will update the post lamp with low voltage, low watt LED sign lighting, on both sides of the sign on Main Street; add spotlights that shine above the door towards the steeple with LED bulbs, fix the existing lanterns on the church on either side of the door, and add a spotlight above the door directed right at the building, with a shield on it.

Phase two will add cap-lights (staff star), in the planting beds, pointing down and on a timer or sensor, and lighting on the sidewalk which will only be turned on when there is a night event on the property. They will also light the dogwood tree on the side to balance the lighting.

There is a possibility of a Phase three in the future which will install new lights in the parking lot, but they will come back before the Board at that time.

The last item on the application is a freshening up of the plantings. They will leave the boxwoods and dogwood and clean up the smaller material with low maintenance vegetation and a flower garden.

After discussion, Mr. Neese moved to approve the application, as stated. Second by Councilperson Duehring.

Roll Call vote as follows:

Mrs. White- Aye  
Mr. Neese- Aye  
Councilperson Duehring- Aye

All in favor. Certificate of appropriateness for landscaping and lighting approved.

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- (5) Application for Tax Abatement: **Rick and Susan Humphreys, Black Dog Inn, owners;** 107 Park Street, Abingdon VA 24210. **Located at 107 Park Street. Tax Map No. 012-1-104.**

The Board received this application for tax abatement along with supporting documentation. The work was done according to the approved Certificate of Appropriateness application. Verification of costs will be done by the Town.

Councilperson Duehring moved allow the Town to proceed with tax abatement. Second by Mr. Neese.

Roll Call vote as follows:

- Mrs. White- Aye
- Mr. Neese- Aye
- Councilperson Duehring- Aye

All in favor. Tax abatement application favorably recommended.

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- (6) Topics not on the Agenda:

1. Town Council approved the Board’s request to abate the \$50 Certificate of Appropriateness application fee. The fee will be retained for applications asking for tax abatement. This decision is effective now.
2. The state now requires Statement of Economic Interest forms to be filled out by HPRB members once a year. This board has previously not been required to complete these forms.
3. Administrative approval was given for a new roof to a non-contributing structure in the district at 112 West Valley Street. The same material will be used.

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

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Sean Taylor, Secretary

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Mrs. Betsy White, Chairperson