

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

The Regular meeting for the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, December 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. S. Andrew Neese  
Councilperson Jayne Duehring  
Mr. Jeff Johnson  
Mr. Michael Weaver  
  
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: Councilman Richard Humphreys  
Mr. Alonzo Richard Cano  
Ms. Jill Dalton  
Mr. Mark Goodman  
Mr. Edison Jennings

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting, August 5, 2015

Mr. J. Johnson moved to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting, August 5, 2015. Second by Councilperson Duehring. All in favor. Minutes approved.

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(3) 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.**

Mr. Cano presented the board with his request to demolish an accessory structure at the rear of his property which is falling in and is a safety hazard. It is beyond repair.

Mr. Weaver moved to approve the application. Second by Mr. Neese.

Further member discussion included Councilperson Duehring stating that the picture speaks for the application, it is beyond repair. Mr. J. Johnson added that an artisan in the area may want to use the barn wood. Mr. Cano stated that he will be offering it up. Mrs. White stated that even though it is beyond repair, the demolition of any building in the Historic District is not taken lightly. This is a perfect example of demolition by neglect; it has been neglected and now has to be removed. She also stated that the mitigating factor is that this particular structure was built post 1949, so it is not one of the oldest structures on Plumb Alley.

Roll Call vote as follows:

- Mrs. White- Aye
- Mr. Neese- Aye
- Councilperson Duehring- Aye
- Mr. J. Johnson- Aye
- Mr. Weaver- Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition approved.

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- (4) Application for Tax Abatement: **Alonzo Cano and Hazel Ramos Cano, owners;** 210 East Valley Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210; **Located at 210 East Valley Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-38.**

Mr. and Mrs. Cano have already received an approved Certificate of Appropriateness, the work has been done and documented, staff has reviewed the financial information, and everything is in order.

Councilperson Duehring moved to approve tax abatement based on the work that has been done with a previously approved Certificate of Appropriateness. Second by Mr. J. Johnson.

Roll Call vote as follows:

- Mrs. White- Aye
- Mr. Neese- Aye
- Councilperson Duehring- Aye
- Mr. J. Johnson- Aye
- Mr. Weaver- Aye

All in favor. Application for tax abatement approved.

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- (5) 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 presented his application to repair the portico on the front of the house. It needs to be painted. The walls and overhead are currently white and the floor is currently gray. They will be

repainted the same colors. The landing of the portico is in bad repair and he would like to replace it since it is not safe. He will replace it with similar material.

He would also like to repair the first floor window. He may have to reglaze the window, but will at least repaint it white. The shutters will also be repainted the same color as current. Mr. Jennings stated that there may be some dry-rot in the shutters to be addressed as well.

Mr. Neese moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application, as submitted. Second by Mr. J. Johnson.

Roll Call vote as follows:

- Mrs. White- Aye
- Mr. Neese- Aye
- Councilperson Duehring- Aye
- Mr. J. Johnson- Aye
- Mr. Weaver- Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness approved.

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- (6) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Vintage Properties, LLC., Jill Dalton, owner;** 2933 Heathmore Lane, Charlotte, NC 28211; application for Certificate of Appropriateness to re-point brick/repair windows. **Located at 170 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 013-1-110.**

Ms. Jill Dalton presented her application to repair and repaint the windows and trim in the same color scheme as is currently in place. They will also have the brick repointed using a mortar match. They will use a consistent repointing color. They are looking to rent to retail establishments on the first floor and executive offices on the second floor. They will be putting in an elevator.

Mr. J. Johnson moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application, as submitted. Second by Councilperson Duehring.

Roll Call vote as follows:

- Mrs. White- Aye
- Mr. Neese- Aye
- Councilperson Duehring- Aye
- Mr. J. Johnson- Aye
- Mr. Weaver- Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness approved.

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- (7) Certificate of Appropriateness: **Goodman Jewelers, Mark Goodman, LLC., owner;** 305 Bogey Drive, Abingdon, Virginia 24211; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Lighting. **Located at 108 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 012-1-101.**

Mr. Mark Goodman is in the process of moving his jewelry store to 108 East Main Street. He would like to have lighting all the way around the house for safety, since it is a jewelry store. They would like to put lights under the top brick of the retaining wall so it will shine onto the gravel walkway at a 45 degree angle. They estimate needing 5 - 7 lights. The steps are already lit in this same fashion.

He would also like to put lighting along the 16 foot walkway from the Town sidewalk up to the porch. They will be low intensity LED lights. Mrs. White read the lighting guidelines which state that lighting must be hidden from view.

After much discussion, three options were given to light the walkway. One would be to insert a post light in the yard, with reflectors to direct the light. Another would be to use staff star down lighting on the far left, hidden with shrubbery and one at the porch, also hidden. A last option would be to install recessed mini drive star lighting in the ground.

It was suggested to make sure that all light colors match the color of lighting as is on his sign as well as possible.

At this time, Mr. Weaver moved to approve the application, as discussed. Second by Mr. J. Johnson.

Roll Call vote as follows:

- Mrs. White- Aye
- Mr. Neese- Aye
- Councilperson Duehring- Aye
- Mr. J. Johnson- Aye
- Mr. Weaver- Aye

All in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness approved.

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Other Discussion: Councilperson Duehring noted that if the board really wants to preserve outbuildings in the district, they should have something in place that will unobtrusively stop demolition by neglect from happening.

Mr. Neese suggested taking an inventory of all the accessory buildings in the district.

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With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Sean Taylor, Secretary

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Mrs. Betsy White, Chairperson