

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2007 - 5:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, December 5, 2007 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. Robert M. Howard, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Doris Shuman
Mr. Byrum Geisler

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mr. Peyton Boyd

Administrative Staff: Mr. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning/Zoning
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney

Visitors: Mr. Kenneth Shuman

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, November 7, 2007
(Incomplete)

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(3) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Browning, Lamie and Gifford, P.C., (Bristol Sign Company, Inc., Representative)**, 200 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of signage **to be located at 200 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 105.**

This is a request for approval of one (1) routed sign to be located at 200 East Main Street. The size of the sign will be 12 in. x 19 in., having pale yellow background, with black lettering and border. The sign will read "LARRY GRANT BROWNING, JOHN M. LAMIE, JOHN J. GIFFORD, E. CRAIG KENDRICK".

After discussion, Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the signage, as presented, contingent upon the background color matching mortar color of structure. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(4) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - **Doris Clendenen Shuman, CPA, P.C., Doris and Kenneth Shuman, Owners**, 116 Valley Street, N.E., Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of the following modifications for property **located at 116 Valley Street, N.E. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 47.**

- remove old, overgrown boxwoods at front of property, replacing with identical plants
- remove old, overgrown shrubs in backyard
- remove black walnut tree in front yard
- remove locust tree on left side of structure
- remove wild cherry tree located in back yard
- remove existing vine along creek bank

Mr. Shuman stated that all trees will be replaced with trees recommended by the Town’s Tree Arborist.

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion that the application requests be approved as presented. Mr. Howard seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Mr. Geisler Aye
 Mr. Howard Aye
 Dr. Owens Aye
 Mrs. Shuman Abstained

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(5) DISCUSSION - (Continued from regular meeting, October 3, 2007) **Highlands Insurance Agency, John Bowden and Christopher Burke, Owners and Melanie Buhls and Susan Cook, Representatives**, 158 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of the following modifications to existing structure **located at 158 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 13 (1) 114.**

- repaint exterior walls to match brick front on front of existing structure
- add shutters to sides of structure
- change color of trim, doors, existing shutters and flower boxes
- replace old structure numbers with new numbers

This application was reviewed at the October 3, 2007 meeting, at which time a motion was made to approve the requested shutters, with motion including a request to the applicant to submit a sample of the proposed replacement numbers, also requesting applicant to paint an area on wall and existing shutters with the proposed paint colors to be used (placing a sample of shutter or board on west side of structure at corner), so the two colors and structure numbers could be viewed together by the Board for final approval.

After review and further discussion of paint samples and structure numbers by Board members, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that all requested paint colors and structure numbers be approved as presented. Mr. Howard seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(6) **DISCUSSION - Property known as “The Bundy House”, located at 274 West Valley Street. Tax Map No. 11 (1) 94.**

Mr. Howard explained that Highlands Union Bank, owner of the Bundy House property, West Valley Street, would like to poll the Board on its thoughts of demolishing the structure due to the condition of the premises. The Bank would then allow the Town to erect a kiosk for Historic District information on the Valley Street side and maintain the Plumb Alley side for parking. The structure has been in disrepair for years and letters were sent out to the Bank in 2004 about remedying the condition.

Mrs. Shuman expressed her opinion that the Bank was given notice years ago and yet they allowed the structure to fall into disrepair further. She indicated she was not in favor of demolition of the structure. Mr. Geisler and Mr. Owens agreed. After reviewing photos of the site, they asked if the Board could visit the site at the next meeting for a further review. Mr. Howard indicated this would be fine but needed to be in the daylight as the electricity had been turned off. Mr. Jackson will remind the members of the site visit in the January packets.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary