

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020 – 5:15 P.M.
ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM– MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 5:15 pm in the Arthur Campbell Room in the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME by Jeff Johnson – Chairman

B. ROLL CALL – Jason Boswell, Director of Planning

Members of the Board Present:

**Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn
Mr. Byrum Geisler
Mr. Jeff Johnson**

Members of the Board Absent:

**Mr. Mike Owens
Mr. Michael Weaver**

Comprising a quorum of the Board - Yes

Administrative/Town Staff:

**Mr. Jason Boswell, Director of Planning
Mr. Mason Gragg, Town Planner
Mrs. Janice Dornon, Administrative Assistant**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **August 5, 2020, Regular Meeting**

On a motion by Mrs. Hartshorn, seconded by Mr. Geisler, the Board approved the minutes for July 1, 2020, Regular Meeting with two minor corrections.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn
Mr. Byrum Geisler
Mr. Jeff Johnson

The board approved July 1, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes approved with corrections.

D. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – Sarah Childers; 270 Valley St., Abingdon VA, 24210; owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to change exterior paint color from white to black, with gold accents and gold lettering. The building numbers will be changed to gold or brass. Replace exterior light fixtures with similar fixtures. Clean planters and plant boxwoods. Sign beside the entrance, iron fixture with three small chains. **Located at 112 Court Street. Tax Map No (013-1-63)**

Mrs. Childers represented the property located at 112 Court Street.

First Sign:

Mrs. Childers has selected black for the façade and gold lettering for the signage on The Spring House. The colors will resemble an English Pub. Mr. Geisler expressed concerns regarding the size and location of the signage. It is the belief of the Board that the building originally had transom windows across the façade. Mr. Johnson told the applicants that if they intended to modify the front of the building that it would have to be restored to the original design.

Mr. Micah Childers told the board that he would remove the plywood and see what was behind it, and then decide if they wanted to pursue the wall signage. They would be open to restoring the glass transoms if it were part of the original architecture.

Second Sign:

Mrs. Childers insured the board that the sign would meet the guidelines by being under a total area of four square feet. The sign will be a treated wood, whitewashed in color and mounted in the mortar.

Sarah mentioned that the building has multiple boarded up windows and doors. She stated she would like to remove the plywood and restore the remaining fenestration. The frames of the windows and doors are wood.

Mr. Geisler made a motion to table the COA request for the first sign and to approve the second sign and the installation and repair of the windows and doors, seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn.

The roll call vote was as follows:

**Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn
Mr. Byrum Geisler
Mr. Jeff Johnson**

The board tabled the COA for the first sign and approved the second sign for the property located at 112 Court Street.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness – Sayé Yabandeh / Jeffrey Neal; P.O. Box 337, Abingdon, VA; owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to install signage. Located at 111 W. Main Street, Abingdon VA. Tax Map No (012-1-85)

Mr. Johnson announced that the COA for 111 W. Main Street would be tabled until the applicant has an approved Town of Abingdon Business License; this document is needed to qualify.

The board tabled the COA until the property owner can be approved for a Town of Abingdon Business License for the property located at 111 W. Main Street.

3. Certificate of Appropriateness – Diana Pasick; 106 Valley Street NW, Abingdon, VA, 24210; owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to install pavers to create a parking area. Located at 106 Valley Street NW. Tax Map No (012-1-52)

Ms. Pasick represented the property located at 106 Valley Street NW.

Ms. Pasick brought samples of the pavers she intends to install in the parking area. The gravel and blacktop that currently exists will be removed. The paver colors will be Limestone and Savannah. The pavers chosen come in a variety of sizes; 7 X 14, 14 X 14 and 22 X 14.

Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve the COA request as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn.

The roll call vote was as follows:

**Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn
Mr. Byrum Geisler
Mr. Jeff Johnson**

The board unanimously approved the COA as presented for the property located at 106 Valley Street NW.

4. Certificate of Appropriateness –Reid Snow; 15775 Porterfield Hwy, Abingdon, VA 24210, Abingdon, VA; owner. Reid Snow, representative. Contractor: Jerry’s Sign & Awnings Inc., 15775 Porterfield Hwy, Abingdon, VA 24210. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to install signage. Located at 160 East Main Street, Abingdon VA. Tax Map No (013-1-111)

Mr. Snow represented the property located at 160 East Main Street.

Mr. Snow told the board that the sign would be made from high density urethane. The colors of the sign will consist of dark green, beige/cream and white. The sign will also have elements of texture.

Mrs. Hartshorn made a motion to approve the COA request as submitted, seconded by Mr. Geisler.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn

Mr. Byrum Geisler

Mr. Jeff Johnson

The board unanimously approved the COA as presented for the property located at 160 East Main Street.

5. Certificate of Appropriateness – Donna Carneal; 155 E. Main Street, Abingdon, VA, 24210; owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to add a concrete and brick patio to the rear corner of the house. Located at 155 E. Main Street. Tax Map No (013-1-55)

Ms. Carneal represented the property located at 155 E. Main Street.

Ms. Carneal is asking to build a patio off the screened-in porch at her residence. The screened in porch would have a set of stairs coming down onto the patio and the patio would have a separate set that would spill into the yard. Both sets of stairs would begin wide and taper down as they continue. Ms. Carneal estimated that the first step would be eight feet in width. The steps will be wood and elements of original brick will be added. Lime-based mortar will be used throughout the project.

Mr. Geisler told Ms. Carneal that the patio needed to be appropriate for the Historic District. Mr. Geisler informed Ms. Carneal that she would need plans before the HPRB would approve her project.

Ms. Carneal also asked the board about removing the screen on the current porch so that the porch could be open. She would also like to install another panel of fencing to the existing fence.

Mr. Johnson told Ms. Carneal that to approve the privacy fence the board would need dimensions, materials and finishing details.

Mrs. Hartshorn asked Ms. Carneal if the patio is now larger than the previously existing one and if she would have enough of the original brick to finish the project.

Ms. Carneal assured Mrs. Hartshorn that she has more than enough brick to complete the project.

Mr. Johnson stated that the COA would be tabled at this time. After gathering materials, dimensions, and project plans the certificate would be up for approval at the next board meeting.

The board tabled the COA as presented for the property located at 155 E. Main Street.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

F. DISCUSSION

1. Depot Square Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

Mr. Boswell advised that board that the DHR is reviewing an application for the Arts Depot to be placed into the National Register of Historic Places. Mrs. Tonya Triplett is heading up this project.

Mr. Johnson said he would be happy to draft a letter of recommendation from the HPRB board to show support for the nomination.

Mr. Geisler made a motion in favor of writing a letter of support to the Arts Depot's nomination for the National Register of Historic Places, seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn.

G. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

I. ADJOURNMENT

On Motion by Mrs. Hartshorn, seconded by Mr. Geisler, for the Board to adjourn the meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

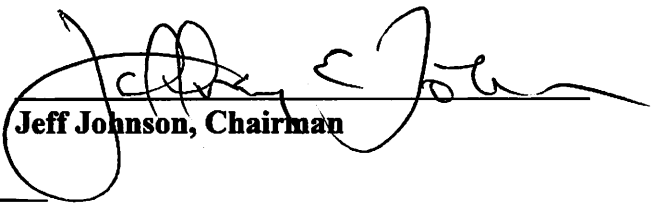
**Ms. Kristi Hartshorn
Mr. Byrum Geisler
Mr. Jeff Johnson**

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 P. M.



Jason Boswell, Director of Planning



Jeff Johnson, Chairman