

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021 – 5:15 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS– MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 5:15 pm in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME by – Mr. Byrum Geisler

B. ROLL CALL – Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development

Members of the Board Present:

**Mr. Mike Owens
Mrs. Betsy White
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

Members of the Board Absent:

**Mr. Michael Weaver
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn**

Comprising a quorum of the Board - Yes

Administrative/Town Staff:

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 5:12 – 8:47)

1. May 5, 2021, Regular Meeting

- **March 24, 2021 – Special Called Meeting – (Deferred from the April 7, 2021 Regular Meeting)**

- **April 7, 2021 – Regular Meeting**
- **April 13, 2021 – Special Called Meeting**

On a motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Owens, the board approved the minutes for March 24, 2021 - Special Called Meeting, April 7, 2021 - Regular Meeting, and April 13, 2021 - Special Called Meeting as amended.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Betsy White	Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

D. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (VIDEO 8:48 – 19:06)

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – Trailhead of the Virginia Creeper Trail, Abingdon, VA 24210; Town of Abingdon; Owner. Lisa Quigley, P.O. Box 2382, Abingdon, VA 24212; Representative. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a decorative archway at the trailhead entrance: Trestle #1. Located at the Trailhead of the Virginia Creeper Trail, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (021-1-4).

Lisa Quigley represented the Trailhead of the Virginia Creeper Trail.

The archway will be installed on Trestle #1 using reclaimed railroad ties from what was previously Trestle #7. Trestle #7 was destroyed by a tornado that came through roughly a decade ago. Hunter Danhardt will be constructing the archway. The structure will sit on the outside of the pedestrian handrail and will have a setback of 5 feet.

On a motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Owens, the board approved the COA as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Betsy White	Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 19:07 – 24:20)

Dewayne Ball, Washington County Board of Supervisors Chairman, gave a brief update on the Washington County Courthouse renovation and demolition.

1. The Elliott Building demolition is projected to be completed within three weeks. The concrete pad will remain and core testing has been scheduled at this time.
2. On June 8th the board should have renderings of the proposed addition. Construction is estimated to begin in February or March of 2022.
3. Washington County has plans to re-roof the existing courthouse.

F. DISCUSSION

1. Preservation Plan Discussion

Discussion was tabled due to two board members being absent.

G. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

I. ADJOURNMENT

On Motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. White, for the board to adjourn the meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Betsy White	Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

Mr. Geisler declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at P. M.



Byrum Geisler, Chairman



Jason Boswell, Director of Community Development