

TOWN OF ABINGDON HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD PRESERVATION PLAN MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021 1:00 P.M. ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT: MRS. BETSY WHITE

MR. MIKE OWENS
MR. MICHAEL WEAVER
MR. BYRUM GEISLER

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT:

MRS. KRISTI HARTSHORN

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

JAMES MORANI, TOWN MANAGER JANICE DORNON, SECRETARY

- 1. Amend the Design Review Guidelines to include landscaping language. (E.g., landscaping that is blocking the view of the property or destroying the foundation of the property.)
- 2. Jurisdiction question to be regulated by the board, (E.g., 1. Temporary structures, 2. Signage)
- 3. Demolition by neglect, the board may discuss and agree to send the proposed demo to the Town Council for approval.
- 4. Educate the public on what the jurisdiction of the HPRB board is, explain the Tax Abatement process.
- 5. Possibly set up a grant to help someone replenish his or her historic property.
- 6. To adjust the local footprint the historic district must adhere to the state code and must be reviewed by Town Attorney, Cam Bell, to synchronize up the Abingdon Historic District footprint with the state footprint
- 7. Goals to achieve:
 - A. Expand district to match the state footprint.
 - B. Expand historic footprint in phases, 300 block of East Main Street, Green Spring Road, West Main Street, Fields Penn to Russell Road, Tanner Street to Pecan Street to include Park Street and Railroad Street.

- C. Educate the public on the Historic Preservation Review Board.
- 8. Add education on the HPRB board to the Town of Abingdon Tourism site.
- 9. Step one: match the historic district to the state footprint.
- 10. Set a timeline to achieve set goals.

Byrum Geisler, Chairman

Janice Dornon, Secretary