

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021 – 5:15 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS– MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 5:15 pm in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

**A. WELCOME by – Mr. Byrum Geisler**

**B. ROLL CALL – Tyler Vencill, Town Engineer & Interim Zoning Administrator**

Members of the Board Present:      **Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn  
Mr. Michael Weaver  
Mrs. Betsy White  
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

Members of the Board Absent:      **Mr. Mike Owens**

**Comprising a quorum of the Board – Yes**

Administrative Town Staff:      **Mr. Tyler Vencill, Town Engineer & Interim  
Zoning Administrator  
Mrs. Janice Dornon, Administrative Assistant**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 3:32 – 5:38)**

- **July 7, 2021, Regular Meeting**
- **August 2, 2021, Preservation Plan Work Session**

**On a motion by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. White, the board approved the minutes for July 7, 2021, Regular Meeting, with corrections.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Michael Weaver</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Mrs. Betsy White            Aye**  
**Mr. Byrum Geisler         Aye**

**On a motion by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. White, the board approved the minutes for August 2, 2021, Preservation Plan Work Session as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn      Abstained**  
**Mr. Michael Weaver        Aye**  
**Mrs. Betsy White          Aye**  
**Mr. Byrum Geisler         Aye**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Public Comments moved to the beginning of the agenda)**

**1. Barter Theatre, COA for signage (VIDEO 5:39 – 7:40)**

Mr. Ross Egan, Managing Director, represented the property located at 127 West Main Street.

Mr. Egan stated that the reason for not waiting until the September 1, 2021 HPRB meeting was that Barter Theatre will be re-opening on September 30, 2021. The new signage will use the same frame and trim painted black, Barter Stage II will be renamed Barter's Smith Theatre.

**On a motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn, the board approved the COA as presented.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn      Aye**  
**Mr. Michael Weaver        Aye**  
**Mrs. Betsy White          Aye**  
**Mr. Byrum Geisler         Aye**

**E. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

**1. Certificate of Appropriateness – Abdelbassett Ayeb, 134 Wall Street, Abingdon, VA, 24210; Owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to install an awning on the front of the building, side addition, and add a ramp. Located at 134 Wall Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (019-2-16) (VIDEO 7:41 – 26:29)**

Mr. Abdelbassett Ayeb represented the property located at 134 Wall St., Abingdon, VA.

Mr. Ayeb is proposing to change the existing door, remove the small window and re-brick the façade. He will remove the gate to the existing patio and reuse it in the new design.

Mr. Weaver stated this building is not a contributing structure in the Historic District while Mr. Geisler said the guidelines will not permit the design changes as proposed.

Mr. Ayeb petitioned for these changes to give his customers a space to wait for take-out orders.

Mr. Ayeb has scheduled a vacation and needs to have the design approved before September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The HPRB board decided to meet on-site at Mamma Mia on August 11, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. to view the site and discuss the design. Mr. Ayeb is to have material samples on-site for review.

The COA was tabled until the August 11, 2021, Special Called meeting.

**2. Certificate of Appropriateness –Washington County Government; 1 Government Center, Abingdon, VA 24210; owner. William “Bill” Prince, BurWil Construction Co 620 Locust ST. Bristol, TN, 37620; Representative. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior change, addition, and driveway/parking area/landscaping. Located at 181 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (013-1-60) (VIDEO 26:52 – 58:53)**

Mr. William “Bill” Prince represented the property located at 181 East Main Street.

Mr. Prince informed the board of some of the materials to be used at the new Courthouse. BurWil set up samples of the desired brick and stone; board members viewed the samples and did not agree with the material choices. Mr. Prince told the board that they would be using natural limestone blocks, not precast stone and the brick choice would change with a new sample available to be reviewed by the board members.

Mr. Vencill mentioned that the Towns Public Works department would like to see a brick sidewalk put in place with the new curb and gutter at the site.

The COA was tabled until material samples are available for review by the board member. A Special Called meeting will be scheduled after the members have reviewed the new bricks, stone choices and design details when they are made available from BurWil.

## **G. DISCUSSION**

### **1. Preservation Plan Discussion**

HPRB board decided to meet after the Courthouse Special Called Meeting.

## **H. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**


**On Motion by Mrs. Hartshorn, seconded by Mr. Weaver, for the board to adjourn the meeting.**


**The roll call vote was as follows:**

<b>Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Michael Weaver</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mrs. Betsy White</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Byrum Geisler</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Mr. Geisler declared the meeting adjourned.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:12 P. M.**

  
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**Byrum Geisler, Chairman**

  
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**Tyler Vencill, Town Engineer and  
Interim Zoning Administrator**