



**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
PRESERVATION PLAN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021 5:15 P.M.
ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A. WELCOME by – Mr. Byrum Geisler

B. ROLL CALL – Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

**MR. PEYTON BOYD
MRS. BETSY WHITE
MR. MIKE OWENS
MRS. KRISTI HARTSHORN
MR. BYRUM GEISLER
MR. MICHAEL WEAVER**

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT: NONE

COMPRISING A QUORUM of the BOARD: Yes

GUEST:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

**MAYANA RICE, DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JANICE DORNON, SECRETARY**

C. MEETING OBJECTIVES (VIDEO 5:15 – 51:44)

1. 1. Preservation Plan Discussion

Historic District Expansion / Alternative Study Timeline

2. Public outreach opportunities.

- a. Educate citizens of contributing factors of the Historic District (tax credits, visitors, new residents, and potential homeowners).**
- b. Hold a public meeting for owner participation.**
- c. Discuss visiting owners in the proposed expanded district.**

3. Assign tasks to Board Members.

D. DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. Promote Historic District as an avenue to boost Tourism.
- 2. Remain vigilant about maintaining historic properties.
- 3. 2022 – Town to hire a full time Compliance Officer.
- 4. Increase awareness of the Historic Districts.
- 5. Training for HPRB members.
- 6. Encourage slower traffic on Plumb Alley to allow for pedestrian safety.
- 7. Tax Credits – Old & Historic District only.
- 8. Look into getting new Abingdon Association of Building signage, due to fading.
- 9. Sign Workshop, to discuss size, colors, hangers, and poles, what the HPRB board can regulated.
- 10. Education – list the pros of being in the Historic District.
- 11. Kick-off Historic District expansion with an enthusiastic speaker. Possible ask a couple of citizens to speak on positive actions of being in the Historic District, Alex Martin or Dave Dalton). Hand out flyers, set up workshops for the public. Have time for Q & A.
- 13. Invite all of the homeowners from the Historic District to the kick-off meeting. Send out a magnetic brightly colored postcard as a save the date notice. Large printed maps to post on the walls at the meeting. Perhaps give away a door prize or items from local businesses.
- 15. List of protective ordinances and incentives.

16. Board would like to include the Tavern, the Martha Washington Inn, and the Summers Law Office on the National Historic Registry.

Follow up items for the next Regular HPRB Meeting on December 1, 2021:

1. List the objectives underneath the goals as supplied by Mrs. White to include key assets.
2. Select a kick-off meeting date.
3. Compile a list of potential speakers for the Historic District expansion meeting to include the main speakers as well as citizens who are currently in the Historic District.
4. Sign up for addresses for individual visits with those located in the HDR District.

E. BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

F. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn Time: 6:30 P.M.



Janice Dornon, Secretary



Byrum Geisler, Chairman