

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021 – 5:22 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Special Called meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 5:22 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME by – Mr. Byrum Geisler

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

Members of the HPRB Present: **Mr. Mike Owens
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

Members of the HPRB Absent: **Mrs. Betsy White
Mr. Peyton Boyd**

C. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (VIDEO 8:33 – 23:16)

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – Abdelbassett Ayeb, 134 Wall Street, Abingdon, VA, 24210; Owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to close in a small window on the front façade and paint mortar joints black. Located at 134 Wall Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (019-2-16)

Mr. Ayeb represented the property located at 134 Wall Street.

1. Mr. Ayeb is proposing to replace the stained glass with a clear pane window to look like the existing larger window. This would allow the cashier to see customers on the outside street area.

Mr. Ayeb asked the board to approve to change the glass out in the small façade window and to approve another option to completely close in the window with brick.

Mr. Ayeb was told that the window could not be altered according to guidelines, except for repairing the window frame. The window must stay as is to protect the historic look.

2. Mr. Ayeb is requesting to paint the mortar joints black. The board relayed that the guidelines will not allow the mortar joints to be painted black since the building has always been painted white. Should the joints be painted black it would create two unsightly seams down the front of the building.
3. Mr. Ayeb added an item; he is proposing to put lettering on the awning. The installation of a black awning with a white strip, 21' X 2'4", was approved at the August 9, 2021, at a Special Called Meeting. Mr. Ayeb was advised that he would have to come back before the board with the lettering style, size, and color. He was asked to not install the awning until the lettering has been approved.

On motion of Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn, to deny the COA as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn	Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

D. ADJOURNMENT


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

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn	Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

Mr. Geisler declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 P. M.



Mr. Byrum Geisler, Chairman

**Mrs. Mayana Rice, Director of
Community Development**