

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 – 5:15 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS– MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 5:15 pm in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME by – Mr. Byrum Geisler

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

Members of the Board Present: **Mr. Peyton Boyd
Mr. Mike Owens
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn
Mrs. Betsy White
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

Members of the Board Absent: None

Comprising a quorum of the Board – Yes

Administrative Town Staff: Mrs. Mayana Rice, Director of Community
Development
Mrs. Janice Dornon, Administrative Assistant

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 2:02 – 3:50)

- **December 1, 2021, Regular Meeting**
- **December 16, 2021, Special Called Meeting**

On a motion by Mr. Owens seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn, the board approved the minutes for December 1, 2021, Regular Meeting, with a correction.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Peyton Boyd	Aye
Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn	Aye
Mrs. Betsy White	Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

On a motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn, the board approved the minutes for December 16, 2021, Special Called Meeting as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Peyton Boyd	Abstained
Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn	Aye
Mrs. Betsy White	Abstained
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

D. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. 1. Certificate of Appropriateness –Regent Street LLC; P.O. Box 623, Marion, VA 24354; owner. Matt Bundy (Bundy Architecture and Engineering) 190 E Main Street, Abingdon VA 24210; representative. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness renovation of the former Abingdon Mercantile into apartments and commercial space. Addition of an elevator and stairwell at the rear of the building. Replacement of some windows and renovation to the façade. Located at 130 Wall Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (019-2-17) (VIDEO 3:51 – 31:10)

Nathan Berg & Matt Bundy represented the property located at 130 Wall Street.

Wallberg Construction is proposing to restore the exterior of the structure, to include awnings, windows, build an elevator shaft and stairwell, clean & repoint brick using lime-based mortar, rear windows to match existing windows, custom built front door (flush with front façade), open transom above the front door. Add cast-iron balconies to second & third-floor doors, (doors to match first-floor custom door). The third-floor elevator shaft will be higher than the roofline.

On a motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. White, the board approved the presented plans with clarification of the following items to be submitted for approval at a later date, brick color and style, lighting sample, mortar color, balcony details, signage, and garbage receptacles.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Peyton Boyd	Aye
Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn	Aye
Mrs. Betsy White	Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

Wallberg Construction to submit brick color and style, lighting sample, mortar color, balcony details, signage, and garbage receptacles at a later HPRB meeting.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness – Abdelbassett Ayeb, 134 Wall Street, Abingdon, VA, 24210; Owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for lettering on the awning. Request approval to brick side & back of the building. **Located at 134 Wall Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (019-2-16) (VIDEO 31:11 – 1:03:22)**

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

Mr. Ayeb is proposing to paint the letters on the awning red; the guidelines stipulate that the lettering color be complementary to the existing building. Letters will be 7.5” in height. It was suggested that Mr. Ayeb be given a set of sign guidelines to use as a reference.

Mr. Ayeb decided to paint the lettering white to blend in with the building.

On a motion by Mrs. White seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn, the board decided to table the COA. Mr. Ayeb is to return with the following:

1. Total square footage
2. Square Footage of logo
3. Rendering of logo. Number of signs (total of 4 square feet)
4. Sign Material
5. Letter size, color & font style
6. Location of signs on the building

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Peyton Boyd	Abstained
Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn	Aye
Mrs. Betsy White	Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

3. Certificate of Appropriateness - Tax Abatement: Rick & Susan Humphreys; owners. Tax abatement amount \$15,736.32. Located at 107 Park Street, Abingdon, VA. Parcel Number, (012-1-104). (VIDEO 1:03:23 – 1:04:48)

Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the Tax Abatement amount of \$15,736.32, send it to the Town Manager for approval and then to the Treasurer to set up the abatement, seconded by Mrs. White.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Peyton Boyd	Aye
Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn	Aye
Mrs. Betsy White	Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

F. DISCUSSION (VIDEO 1:04:49 – 1:38:43)

Mrs. Rice suggested that the COA application design be changed.

1. Discuss the new Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance Update

1. Combining sub districts and the uses in the OH district for the new ordinance.

a. New ordinance will have only 5 districts.

2. Short term rentals

a. Homestays would require the homeowner to reside in the home with a license to operate for 90 days.

b. Short Term Stay would have a 104-day limit; create affordable housing, used to offset mortgage costs. Homes could sit empty for months.

3. Training brochure / time / advertisement of the classes

a. Training links will be sent out the HPRB Members.

4. Sign workshop
 - a. Host signage workshop after the Preservation Plan is completed.
5. Historic District event planning

2. Preservation Plan

Mr. Geisler requested that the color on the map coincide with the excel spreadsheet of ordinances.

G. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – NONE

H. 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. Peyton Boyd	Aye
Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn	Aye
Mrs. Betsy White	Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

Mr. Geisler declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 P. M.



Byrum Geisler, Chairman



Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development