



**TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2018 - 6:00 P.M.
ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM - MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The regular meeting of the Town of Abingdon Board of Zoning Appeals was held Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building in the Arthur Campbell Room.

- A. **WELCOME:** by Mr. Richard Macbeth, Chairman
- B. **ROLL CALL** - Jason Boswell, Interim Director of Planning

Members Present:

Ms. Heather Howard
Mr. John Kelly
Mr. Richard Macbeth
Dr. H. Ramsey White, Jr.

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mr. Matthew Bundy

Administrative Staff: Jason Boswell, Interim Director of Planning/Zoning
Janice Dornon, Administrative Assistant

C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- January 9, 2018

On motion by Mr. John Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Macbeth, the Board approved the minutes of the January 9, 2018 Regular BZA meeting as presented.

The roll call vote was as follow:

Ms. Howard	Aye
Mr. Kelly	Aye
Mr. Macbeth	Aye
Dr. White	Aye

D. AGENDA ITEMS:

APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

Case No. 18-002 - Application for Variance – Hg. Washington LLC., owners. This application is for the purpose of requesting a currently unpermitted use for this parcel located in the B-2 District for a variance for property located on Wyndale Road known as “Tract 5 Inc. Miller and Bradley” consisting of 2 acres±, currently zoned B-2 General Business; Tax Map No. 104-A-34 (Tract 5)

Staff recommends to deny the appeal due to the use not being allowed by right or by special use in the B2 District as well as being in the Historic entrance corridor overlay district.

Mr. Ken Johnson was the representative for Hg. Washington LLC., owners. Mr. Johnson has several question relating to the B-2 zoning of the property on Wyndale road. His client is wishing to put in rental storage units. These units would be similar to those located across from the Virginia Highlands Airport location on Lee Highway. Mr. Macbeth spoke to the fact that the parcel is currently zoned as B-2. A business needing such a unit would have to apply for a Special Use Permit, which would have to be approved by the Planning Commission. Dr. White stated that the Board cannot grant use to place storage units on the property if it is not already being used for the same type business. Ms. Howard stated that the Planning Commission would have to approve a change in the zoning and then send that motion before the Town Council to vote on the zoning change. The law states that you cannot grant variance in a B-2 zoned property for an unpermitted use. Mr. Johnson can go before the Planning Commission to apply to have the zoning changed.

On motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms.Howard, the Board DENIED the variance from the Town of Abingdon, VA Zoning Ordinance, 11.1.16

The roll call vote was as follow:

Ms. Howard	Aye
Mr. Kelly	Aye
Mr. Macbeth	Aye
Dr. White	Aye

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

***Citizen asked if a paid-to-park facility would be allowed in a B-2 zoned area. The Board stated the due to the Town Ordinances that such a business would not be allowed in a B-2 zoned area.

***Mr. John Dew spoke in opposition to the storage units noting that to his knowledge that there are no other such types of business in the Town Limits of Abingdon.

F. UPDATES FROM STAFF AND BZA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Mr. Macbeth noted that the committee has several items in which they need the assistance on the Town Attorney. Ms. Icenhour is not available at this time so these items will have to be put on hold.

2. Election of Board Chairman and Vice Chair (these elections should have taken place in January, per Mr. Macbeth).

SELECTION OF CHAIR – The floor was opened for nomination for selection of Chairman to the Planning Commission.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Kelly to nominate Mr. Richard Macbeth as Chair for the Board of Zoning

The roll call vote was as follow:

Ms. Howard	Aye
Mr. Kelly	Aye
Mr. Macbeth	Aye
Dr. White	Aye

The motion was passed and Mr. Macbeth was selected to serve as Chairman to the Planning Commission

SELECTION OF VICE – CHAIR – The floor was opened for nomination for selection of Vice-Chairman to the Planning Commission.

On motion by Ms. Howard, seconded by Dr. White to nominate Mr. John Kelly as Vice-Chair for the Board of Zoning

The roll call vote was as follow:

Ms. Howard	Aye
Mr. Kelly	Aye
Mr. Macbeth	Aye
Dr. White	Aye

The motion was passed and Mr. Kelly was selected to serve as Vice-Chairman to the Planning Commission

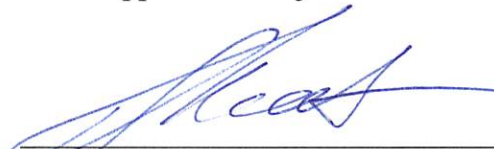
G. ADJOURN


On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. Howard, to adjourn the meeting.

The roll call vote was as follow:

Ms. Howard	Aye
Mr. Kelly	Aye
Mr. Macbeth	Aye
Dr. White	Aye

There being no further business, motion was made, duly seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Macbeth adjourned the meeting at 6:40 P.M.


Richard Macbeth, Chairman pro tem


Jason Boswell, ~~Interim~~ Director of Planning
MAYANA RICE