

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022 – 5:15 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS– MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, April 20, 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. Mike Owens
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn
Mrs. Betsy White
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

Members of the Board Absent: **Mr. Peyton Boyd**

Comprising a quorum of the Board – Yes

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

C. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. Certificate of Appropriateness –Abdelbassett Ayeb, 134 Wall Street, Abingdon, VA.;
*owner. Application for Certificate for a metal storage unit at the rear of the restaurant.
Located at 134 Wall Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (019-2-16) (VIDEO 6:39
– 14:52)*

A. Staff report

B. Applicant presentation

C. HPRB discussion and decision

The staff report was given by Mrs. Mayana Rice.

Mrs. Rice explained that the applicant has requested to place a 20-foot storage container with an external height of 8 ft. 6in., to be located at the rear of the property.

Having numerous COA's approved the applicant asked to place a pod at the rear of the building, instead the application shows a request for a storage container. A nine-foot fence would be required to screen the storage container from public view, per HPRB guidelines the fence can only be six-feet in height. On a previous COA, a 10 x 12 shed was approved to be built four feet off the rear structure.

Upon a site visit to the property the following violations were captured:

1. Front entrance awning was approved to be 21 feet x 2 ft. 4 in with 7.5-inch white letters on the black awning. Staff estimated the installed awning is 26 ft. 5 in length and extends out 4 feet with nine-inch letters.
2. A staff visit revealed that the guttering was not installed. Upon a discussion with the owners, his plans are to not put the gutters up but to remove the sheathing material from the top of the pergola on the Southside of the structure. This is not a violation but the staff felt it necessary to bring it to the attention of the board.
3. A rear awning has been installed on the back of the building with the business's logo which represents another type of sign. This was not presented to the board for approval.

Mr. Ayeb asked that they postpone the violation discussion till a later date.

On a motion by Mr. Owens seconded by Mrs. White, the board unanimously denied the COA as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

2. Certificate of Appropriateness – *The Nature Conservancy, 146 E. Main St., Abingdon, VA; owner. Matthew Bundy, 190 E. Main St., Abingdon, VA; Representative. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for an awning extension. Located at 146 E. Main St, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (013-1-116) (VIDEO 14:53 – 17:41)*

A. Staff report

B. Applicant presentation

C. HPRB discussion and decision

The staff report was given by Mrs. Mayana Rice.

Mrs. Mayana Rice noted that the applicant has requested to enlarge the roof structure at the rear of the building with 4 x 4 posts to match the existing posts. Color, material, and style will match the existing with a gray/black standing seam roof with all wooden materials to be painted white. The new structure will face Troopers Alley.

On a motion by Mrs. Hartshorn seconded by Mr. Owens, the board unanimously approved the COA as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

3. Certificate of Appropriateness – *Kenton Thompson, 301 Valley St., NE, Abingdon, VA; owner. Matthew Bundy, 190 E. Main St., Abingdon, VA; Representative. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for roof penetration. Located at 301 Valley St., NE, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (013-1-21) (VIDEO 18:0 – 33:15)*

A. Staff report

B. Applicant presentation

C. HPRB discussion and decision

The staff report was given by Mrs. Mayana Rice.

Mrs. Rice stated that the applicant is proposing to construct a chimney to disguise an elevator shaft. The chimney will be constructed of Virginia Highlands bricks laid in a running bond as a veneer. The home currently has one chimney, past photos show that there were two chimneys at some point in time. The proposed size of the new chimney will be 5 x5 and the height will match the existing chimney.

The board asked if the height of the new chimney could be twelve inches shorter and the applicant agreed with the new height suggestion.

On a motion by Mr. Owens seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn the board unanimously approved the COA as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

4. Certificate of Appropriateness –*Southeastern Retina Associates, 160 Cummings Street, Abingdon, VA.; owner. Jessica Cooke, Jerry’s Signs; representative. Application for Certificate for signage. Located at 160 Cummings Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-123) (VIDEO 33:16 – 35:36)*

A. Staff report

B. Applicant presentation

C. HPRB discussion and decision

The staff report was given by Mrs. Mayana Rice.

Mrs. Rice reminded the board that this COA came before them on April 6, 2022, with a much larger sign design. After discussion by the board and the applicant, it was decided that the size of the sign was too large and the design was too modern. The applicant returned with a new design for a smaller sign and base.

The new sign will be freestanding, non-illuminated, double-faced, and have a metal frame, made of CDC carved HDU with a black background and white lettering. The sign will be supported by a black metal pole painted black.

Mr. Ryan Cooke represented the applicant and described the new sign and its changes. The new sign will be 3.75 square feet and mounted on a single steel pole.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

5. Certificate of Appropriateness –Regent St. Properties, LLC, P.O. Box 623, Marion VA 24354; owner. Nathan Berg, Wallberg Construction; Representative. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for brick color & style, lighting, balcony details, and garbage receptacles. Located at 130 Wall Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (019-2-17) (VIDEO 35:37 – 47:13)

A. Staff report

B. Applicant presentation

C. HPRB discussion and decision

The staff report was given by Mrs. Mayana Rice.

Mrs. Rice explained that the applicant is returning for items that were not approved at a previous HPRB meeting.

Mr. Nathan Berg presented the material for the project at 130 Wall Street:

1. Balconies – cast iron guardrails with decorative top rail.
2. Brick Colors – English Pub, tumbled to replicate historic brick.
Mortar Color – using dyed river sand to match existing. Mortar to be used on the elevator shaft and stairwell.

3. HVAC Screening – HVAC units to be placed on a balcony with dark bronze metal screening to simulate an old fire escape. The balcony will be enclosed for safety purposes with access by ladder only. The screen height will be 42 inches. The balcony platform will be wooden with wood trim.

4. Lighting – recessed low profile lighting under balconies
up/down lighted sconces on each side of front entry door
front windows – sconces mounted above windows underneath the awning to shine downward, will match sconces at the front entrance with the back sconces to match the front

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

6. Certificate of Appropriateness – Vickie Wampler, 151 N. Church St., Abingdon, VA; owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for an exterior change and new porch. Located at 151 N. Church St, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-51) (VIDEO 47:14 – 1:10:00)

- A. Staff report**
- B. Applicant presentation**
- C. HPRB discussion and decision**

The staff report was given by Mrs. Mayana Rice. Mrs. Rice explained that the applicant was approved for a front & rear stoop/porch on the new structure. Staff noted that the applicant did not comply with the approved COA or the issued Building Permit. A stop-work order was warranted observing that the second access into the structure was placed on the southern side of the building facing Plumb Alley. Per

the original discussions about the water drainage issues, it was suggested that the applicant not use Plumb Alley entrance as a driveway.

The board suggested that landscape be used to help with drainage and to not access the property from Plumb Alley.

Ms. Wampler apologized for the design changes made to the structure. Mrs. Wampler went on to explain the reason for the design change, if the door remained at the back of her property it would lead out to her neighbor's yard and compost heap. The structure's elevation will be less when the back fill is completed, giving way to three rows of cinder block being visible.

Ms. Wampler proposed to use wood railing and posts for the porch and outside steps. If a decorative finial is selected the design should be presented to staff for approval. If the exterior color changes from white it will need to be presented to the HPRB for approval.

Mrs. Wampler's daughter asked if a 911 address allowed for a parcel to have a driveway.

On a motion by Mrs. White seconded by Mr. Owens, the board unanimously approved the COA as presented to move the back stoop/porch to the southern side and to include the railing and porch posts except for the decorative finial for the porch/stair posts, (to be viewed by staff).

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

G. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (VIDEO 44:50 – 50:33)

Mrs. Rice updated the members on the Historic District Kick-off meeting.

1. Consider a half-day conference.
2. Grant finalization.
3. Walking tour.
4. DHR – willing to speak on a topic of the board's choosing.
5. Exploring event venues for the meeting with Tonya Triplett.
6. DHR – request to invite all local localities to the event.

- 7. Funds may be used from the Community Development budget for sponsorship for this event. Allocation of fund would need to be distributed before the end of the 2022 fiscal years, June 30, 2022.
- 8. Reception options.

H. ADJOURNMENT

On Motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn, for the board to adjourn the meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Peyton Boyd	Absent
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 6:30 P. M.

Byrum Geisler, Chairman

Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development

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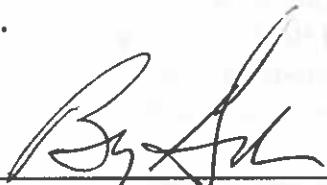
On Motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn, for the board to adjourn the meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Peyton Boyd	Absent
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 6:30 P. M.



Byrum Geisler, Chairman



Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development