

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022 – 5:15 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS– MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, April 6, 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
Gabe Cristofari, Planner/GIS Specialist
Mrs. Janice Dornon, Administrative Assistant

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ **March 2, 2022, Regular Meeting**

**On a motion by Mrs. Hartshorn seconded by Mrs. White, the board approved the minutes for March 2, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented.
(VIDEO 8:53 – 9:21)**

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn	Aye

Mrs. Betsy White	Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

D. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. Certificate of Appropriateness –*Bob & Susan Howard, 122 Valley Street NW, Abingdon, VA.; owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to paint exterior structure and three exterior doors. Located at 122 Valley St. NW, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-55A) (VIDEO 9:22 – 12:41)*

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 applicants are proposing to paint the exterior of the home grey, HGSW9152, “Let It Rain”. They are also painting the four exterior doors, SW9177, “Salty Dog”. The home is currently painted grey; the new color will be similar. The shutters are currently black; this color will not change.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

2. Certificate of Appropriateness –*Godwin Realty, LLC, Alexander Godwin; 15187 Big Knob Road, Bristol, VA.; Owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for signage. Located at 188 E. Main St, Unit 1, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (013-1-107A) (VIDEO 12:42 – 19:31)*

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

The Staff report was given by Mr. Gabe Cristofari

Mr. Cristofari stated that the applicants propose to install a 2' X 2' sign totaling 4 square foot, the sign will be made of metal, with a black background and white letters. The sign will be mounted into the existing holes and hung vertically by a bracket. The sign will not be illuminated. The guidelines allow the sign to be made of wood or polymer.

Mr. Bryan Godwin said he had signed a long-term lease for this space and would like to install a two-sided sign using the original holes. The board has suggested that the sign be wooden instead of metal.

On a motion by Mrs. White seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn, the board approved the COA as presented except for the sign material, it should be made of wood, not metal.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

3. 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 19:32 – 32:24)*

- 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 applicants are proposing to install a 46” X 46” freestanding metal sign with a black background and grey letters. This sign will not be illuminated, the sign will be constructed of metal, with a gray base. The square sign will be 57.21 inches in height, and the sign face will be 46” in height, giving the sign a total height of 8.6 feet. The total area of the sign will be 33 square feet. Being a commercial building this sign may be freestanding, per the guidelines.

Stephanie a representative from Southeastern Retina Associates stated that since the board felt that the sign design was too modern that the design could be changed and it could be mounted on a single pole.

The applicant and the board decided to table this COA until the mid-month meeting on April 20, 2022.

4. Certificate of Appropriateness –Mustafa Ahmed, Rendezvous International Cafe, 211 W. Main Street, Abingdon, VA.; owner. Jessica Cooke, Jerry’s Signs; representative. Application for Certificate for signage. Located at 211 W. Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-71) (VIDEO 32:25 – 53:08)

A. Staff report

B. Applicant presentation

C. HPRB discussion and decision

The Staff report was given by Mrs. Mayana Rice

Mrs. Rice presented to the board that the applicant is requesting additional signs at his business, Rendezvous International Café. The applicant wished to add two additional signs measuring 12” x 18”, totaling 1.5 square feet, to the building to cover the silicone/bonding agent. One sign to have the restaurant logo and one as a directional sign. These additional signs are against guidelines. A sign was added to the multi-tenant sign just off Main Street, this sign was not approved. A logo of the coffee sold at this establishment was also installed, (Lavazza) and not approved. These signs will not be illuminated. The main sign on the building was approved at the HPRB meeting on February 16, 2022. The use of sandwich boards is currently allowed. A business may only have two signs. The logo sign of the Lavazza coffee is to be taken down and no other signs are allowed for this location.

On a motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. White, the board unanimously approved the allowance of one additional sign in the multi-tenant base just off Main Street.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

5. Certificate of Appropriateness –*Dennis & Rachel Campbell, 126 Valley Street, Abingdon, VA.; owner. Application for Certificate to install hot tub under an existing deck, with lattice privacy fence and arbor. Located at 126 Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-55) (VIDEO 53:09 – 1:00:27)*

The Staff report was given by Mrs. Mayana Rice

Mrs. Rice told the board that the applicant is requesting to pour a concrete pad underneath the existing wood deck to place a hot tub. The Campbell's are requesting to add lattice that will run from the bottom of the existing deck to the proposed concrete pad and with the addition of Skip Cherry Laurels to add the needed privacy from Plumb Alley. To add privacy from the driveway they would like to install a lattice fence with a 47" arbor between the deck post closest to the driveway. The lattice and the arbor will be stained the same color as the existing deck. A previously approved COA for a garden fence has been approved.

Mrs. Campbell spoke on the privacy issues and the need for the lattice panels. The driveway fence will be approximately 16 feet with an arbor. The fence is to be a wooden picket style fence with a lattice border at the top.

Mrs. Rice instructed Mrs. Campbell of the need to apply for a Building and Electrical permits from the Building Department at Town Hall.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

6. Certificate of Appropriateness –*Matt Smith, MNS Rentals LLC & Do It All Services, Kevin Reap, 212 W. Valley Street, Abingdon, VA.; owners. Application for Certificate of*

Appropriateness to paint existing shutters, replace metal roof on back addition, and cap the existing driveway. Construct a 20 x 20 pergola, paint the front porch, stucco retaining wall fronting Plumb Alley, an enclose back porch. Located at 212 W. Valley St., Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-65) (VIDEO 1:00:28 – 1:27:37)

Waiver: Remove 140 feet of parking area located at the back of the property, (replacing with grass).

The Staff report was given by Mr. Gabe Cristofari

Mr. Cristofari explained that the applicant has requested the following exterior changes:

- 1.) to paint the white shutters black with SW 6258, Tricorn Black
- 2.) Frame in the covered porch with clapboard, bumping out the existing door and window, paint the porch a darker shade of blue from the house
- 3.) the CMU retaining wall is proposed to be covered in a natural stucco color (same color as the home or white)
- 4.) cap the existing asphalt adjoining Plumb Alley
- 5.) a waiver was approved for removal of approximately 1400 feet of asphalt and replace with grass/sod
- 6.) build a free-standing 20 x 20 pergola carport with 2 x 8 posts with footers and a 5V black metal roof, and framing to be painted white.

The addition to the home currently has 5V roofing material and is in need of replacement.

The HPRB board has requested replacing the 5V roof with a standing seam roof with no striations and for the applicant to return with a design for the steps and railing for the porch.

The applicant submitted a waiver to remove 1400 feet of asphalt in the rear of the property to be replaced with grass/sod.

The board also suggested using pea gravel instead of asphalt on the Plumb Alley parking site.

On a motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mrs. White, the board approved the COA as presented except for the use of a standing seam roof with no striations on the addition, the new pergola carport will be painted white, the stucco color on the retaining wall to be the same as the home or white and to return with the design for the steps and railing for the porch.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn	Aye

Mrs. Betsy White Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler Aye

7. Certificate of Appropriateness –Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church, 136 E. Main Street, Abingdon, VA.; owner. Emma Wyatt; representative. Application for Certificate for signage. Located at 136 E. Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-94) (VIDEO 1:27:38 – 1:46:26)

The Staff report was given by Mr. Gabe Cristofari

Mr. Cristofari explained to the board that the Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church is requesting two temporary signs to display for a nine-month period to advertise the church's 250th Anniversary Celebration. The church is currently using a sandwich board to advertise church functions. The church is asking for the East Main Street sign to be a 3 x 6 rope banner frame with a 1 x 6 interchangeable detachable accessory sign. The interchangeable accessory sign will be used to display upcoming events throughout the 250-year annual celebration. This sign will be permanently affixed to the ground with 3-inch square posts.

The second sign will face Pecan Street and have a 3 x 10 rope banner frame, this sign will be displayed for a 9-month period. The sign will be supported by 4 inch round posts.

The church currently has one permanent sign and per the guidelines can have no more than two signs per business.

Ms. Emma Wyatt represented the church for this COA presentation asking the board to allow the signage for the duration of 2022. Ms. Wyatt than asked the board to consider that the new East Main Street sign be a permanent freestanding sign, permanently installed into the ground. If the church is asking for a permanent sign it would have to be made of wood. The current request is for the sign to be displayed until December 31, 2022. Ms. Wyatt also ask for fiber material to be used for one of the signs.

On a motion by Mrs. White seconded by Mr. Owens, the board approved the COA as presented, with both signs to be temporary with a removal date of December 31, 2022.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The church is asking to partner with the Town on installing light pole banners on the light poles in front of the church. This motion would have to be presented to the Town Council for approval.

On a motion by Mrs. White seconded by Mrs. Hartshorn, giving the boards support for the church to go before the Town Council to seek permission for the light pole signs for the 250th Anniversary.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

8. Certificate of Appropriateness – Chris & Leslie Brewer, 212 White’s Mill Rd, Abingdon, VA.; owner. Nathaniel Brown, Barrington Landscape Architecture LLC; representative. Application for Certificate for landscaping features/grounds. Located at 212 White’s Mill Rd. Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (013-1-26) (VIDEO 1:46:27 – 1:58:46)

Wavier: Refer to the wavier form and staff findings section of the staff report on wavier for more details.

The Staff report was given by Mr. Gabe Cristofari.

Mr. Cristofari presented the applicant’s request to the board. The Brewers are asking to build a new 21-inch Ballpark Brick-Central Shale brick wall with Portland mortar and a rear privacy fence along Whites Mill Road. A waiver was submitted for expanding the asphalt parking area, new pedestrian walkways, stairs, a rain garden, and new plantings. A bluestone walkway with raised garden beds will separate the main house and the garage. The porch stairs will be repaired to match the existing stairs. Currently, there are pipes protruding from the hillside, these will be eliminated except for one that will be used with the rain garden. It was suggested to use the existing brick from the hillside stairs to build a sidewalk to align with the new walkway.

The rear yard privacy fence will be Western Red Cedar and will be 6 feet in height with BEHR clear waterproof sealer to maintain a natural wood color. The fence will be anchored with concrete footers, which will not be in public view. Fence posts to be 6 x 6 x 6 with WRC post caps. Fence panels to be 8 feet wide, and consist of a bottom rail 3 inches off the ground, long vertical boards, a middle rail, shorter vertical rails, and a top rail. The fence will run the entire length of the backyard with a break to allow for a tree.

Ms. Brewer said that the brick wall would be a natural solution for the property, along with new plants.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (VIDEO 1:14:01- 1:16:55)

F. DISCUSSION - None

G. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (VIDEO 1:58:58 – 2:01:30)

Mrs. Rice suggested a Special Called Meeting to be held on April 20, 2022, to allow several applicants to present their COAs. A grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation was awarded \$2500.00 to be used in contracting a speaker for the Preservation Plan Kick-off event. Mrs. Rice is planning on inviting Mr. Mike Pulice and Ms. Aubrey Von Lindern to the kick-off meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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 7:14 P. M.

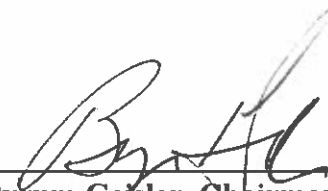
Byrum Geisler, Chairman

Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development

Mrs. Betsy White Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler Aye

Mr. Geisler declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 P. M.



Byrum Geisler, Chairman



Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development