

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2022 – 5:15 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS– MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, May 4, 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
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**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ **April 6, 2022, Regular Meeting**

**On a motion by Mr. Owens seconded by Mrs. White, the board approved the minutes for April 6, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented.
(VIDEO 5:57 – 6:31)**

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

➤ **April 20, 2022, Special Called Meeting**

On a motion by Mr. Owens seconded by Mrs. White, the board approved the minutes for April 20, 2022, Special Called Meeting with corrections pertaining to the faux chimney at 301 E. Valley Street. (VIDEO 6:32– 8:08)

Mr. Byrum Geisler commented about COA #3 concerning Mr. Kenton Thompson located at 301 E. Valley Street, stating the HPRB did not necessarily say the faux chimney had to be 12 inches shorter, but short enough to not be seen from Valley Street. Additionally, the faux chimney needed to have matching trim around the top to match the original chimney.

Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn asked for clarification that the 12-inch approval condition would be removed.

Mr. Byrum Geisler restated his previous statement for clarification to Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn’s question and she was approving of the correction.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

D. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – *St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 124 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA.; owner. Lisa R. Walden, Bristol Sign Co.; representative. Application for Certificate for signage. Located at 124 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-97) (VIDEO 8:12 – 11:36)*

A. Staff report

B. Applicant presentation

C. HPRB discussion and decision

The Staff report was given by Mr. Gabriel Cristofari

Mr. Cristofari stated that the applicant represented by Lisa Walden of Bristol Signs are proposing to replace the current sign with a near exact in-kind replacement, the only difference will be the proposed sign's thickness and be constructed of HDU instead of wood which the current sign is made of. The proposed sign will be doubled sided 1 1/2" thick HDU engraved, painted black, hand painted gold leaf for the wording and border with a clear coated finish. The proposed sign will measure 43" tall x 30" wide = 9 sq. ft. replacing the existing sign in the front yard fronting E. Main Street. The new manufactured sign will be the exact same size as the existing sign and installed at the same location.

Lisa Walden asked if she needed to come back for an approval on the sign permit and Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn stated as long as the applicant follows what they were approved for there will be no further need to come in for approval.

On a motion by Mr. Owens seconded by Mr. Boyd, 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
Mr. Peyton Boyd	Aye

E. TAX ABATEMENT

1. Tax Abatement – *Travis & Ashley Dyson, 228 Valley Street, NW, Abingdon, VA.; owner. Tax Abatement amount \$11,200.00. Located at 244 Valley Street, NE, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-67) (VIDEO 11:37 – 12:59)*

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 requesting a certificate of appropriateness for a tax abatement at 228 Valley Street, NW. The applicants received their COA approval on September of 20, 2021 and are now asking for a tax abatement approval for Section 66-71 of The Town of Abingdon, Va. If approved by the HPRB the request will be sent to the Town Manager to allow for the tax abatement

to be executed. Staff reviewed the request of \$11,200.00 was found to be appropriate.

Mrs. Betsy White asked Mrs. Rice for clarification that all was in order to approve the tax abatement presented.

Mrs. Rice assured Mrs. Betsy White everything was in order concerning aspects related to the tax abatement.

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
Mr. Peyton Boyd	Aye

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

G. DISCUSSION - None

H. HPRB - BREAK

I. ADJOURNMENT

On Motion by Mrs. Hartshorn, seconded by Mr. Boyd, 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. Peyton Boyd	Aye

Mr. Geisler declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 P. M.

K. RECONVENE IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM FOR THE HISTORIC DISTRICT KICK-OFF EVENT DISCUSSION

Mrs. Rice, Mr. Cristofari and the Historic Preservation Review Board met to discuss various topics related to the historic district kick-off event scheduled for August 18, 2022. Topics discussed included event locations (speaking), event locations (reception), lodging for guests, food and beverages, invitations, and a breakdown concerning the time of events for the day.

Byrum Geisler, Chairman


Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development

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After narrowing down locations for both speaking and reception locations both staff and the HPRB decided to look into sponsors to assist with the funding of the event.



Byrum Golsler, Chairman



Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development