

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022 – 5:15 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS– MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A special called meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Tuesday, August 9, 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. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

- 1. Certificate of Appropriateness – Nathan Berg, Wallberg Construction, 190 E. Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Applicant. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior change. Located at 201 E. Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210 Tax Map No. (013-1-64) (VIDEO 6:00 – 31:00)**

A. Staff report

B. Applicant presentation

C. HPRB discussion and decision

Mr. Gabriel Cristofari gave the staff report.

Mr. Gabe Cristofari began the meeting by stating for the record in the previous meeting it was said the dumbwaiter shaft was made with stucco, but he was informed by Rick Statzer, Town of

Abingdon Building Official it was actually a brick veneer, which raised concerns about how much weight the shaft could hold.

Mr. Berg responded to these concerns by stating the shaft is made of stucco to look like a brick veneer. Mr. Berg stated the pipe would be connected to a steel structure beneath the Stucco as well as partially connected to the existing masonry wall. Matt Bundy will be consulted on how to connect these in order to maintain the structural integrity of the shaft.

HPRB states that in the last meeting two options were discussed regarding the dumbwaiter shaft. Option one being to widen the existing dumbwaiter shaft by adding 30 inches to the West side of the shaft, which would partially block one set of the windows. Option two would be to have the existing exhaust pipe attached to the current dumbwaiter shaft on the exterior, painted to match.

Mr. Berg states that he wishes to meet the demands of the HPRB while also being as courteous to the surrounding neighbors as possible. He believes keeping construction on the Court Street side of the building would be in the best interest of the building's neighbors. Mr. Berg states that Mr. Dalton (neighbor) prefers to not "be staring at a pipe".

HPRB asked if the fresh air return would be an issue with the current proposed plans. Mr. Berg states the fresh air return would not go up the full length of the shaft. It would draw in fresh air from a lower point within the shaft. HPRB asked if they decide to widen the shaft, would that mean the fresh air intake would then have to go up the full length of the shaft. Mr. Berg responded that would not be necessary – it would not go up the full length of the shaft no matter which option they choose.

HPRB states that they are mainly concerned with how inconspicuous these changes will be on the exterior of the building but they are also interested in how much the windows will be blocked by the changes. Mr. Berg states that there will be a space between the pipes and the window regardless of which option is chosen. He states there will be a space of about a foot if they decide to widen and enclose the shaft whereas there will be a space of about two feet if they do not enclose it. It will not be pressed against the window. There is about an eight inch to one foot difference between the two options.

HPRB asks about the model that Mr. Berg provided showing the pipe on the exterior of the building curving horizontally towards the building's rooftop. Mr. Berg states that the pipe is curved that way to allow for the pipe to be easily accessed for cleaning purposes and so that water cannot get into the pipe.

HPRB asks about the visibility of the pipe from the street. Mr. Berg states that based on the conversations he has had, if the pipe were left exposed and on the Court Street side of the building, the pipe would be visible from a very specific angle from the courtyard. Whereas if the work was done on the opposite side of the building, the pipe would be very visible for neighbors around the building.

HPRB asks which option Mr. Dalton (neighbor) would prefer. Mr. Berg states that Mr. Dalton made it clear that he would like all work to be kept on the Court Street side of the building and he wished to have the pipe enclosed. HPRB asked if Mr. Dalton was made aware of the second option of not enclosing the pipe and leaving it exposed. Mr. Berg states that Mr. Dalton was aware of the second option.

Mr. Boyd states that he believes it would be less conspicuous if the pipe was not enclosed.

Mr. Geisler states that the HPRB does not control what people can do with the interior of their buildings, but they can take into consideration how exterior changes might affect the interior of the building.

Mrs. White states that the overriding issue for her is which option is the most inconspicuous.

Mrs. Hartshorn raises a question about other buildings which might have pipes on the outside and how common they are in town. Mr. Geisler states that even in larger cities there are plenty of examples of pipes this side being within view on the exterior of buildings. Examples of exposed pipes

On a motion by Mr. Boyd seconded by Mrs. White, the board approved the COA with a 4-1 vote to leave the pipe exposed and painted to match the dumb waiter shaft.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. DISCUSSION

F. BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

G. ADJOURNMENT

On Motion by Mrs. Hartshorn, seconded by Mr. Owens, 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 5:47 P. M.

Byrum Geisler, Chairman

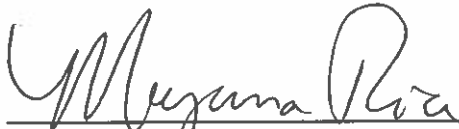
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Mr. Geisler declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 P. M.



Byrum Geisler, Chairman



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