

The following minutes are from the Historic Commission meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, held in the Abita Springs Town Hall. The meeting convened at 6:03 P.M.

Commission Chairman Dinkelacker called the meeting to order. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Whitney.

Commissioners Alissa Whitney, Andre Monnot, Paul Vogt, and Otto Dinkelacker were present. Commissioner Ron Blich was absent. Staff member Kristin Tortorich was also present.

#### **AGENDA MODIFICATION**

No modifications.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the November 12, 2025, meeting.

**Commissioner Monnot motioned to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025; meeting as submitted. Commissioner Whitney seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

#### **CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 22107 Hwy 36**

The application was for a new mural of a wildlife scene to be painted on the west end of the building by artist Zac Maras. The property owner said the color scheme was not yet decided, just the artwork. The owner said she would be doing work to remove as many wires and pipes from the end of the building as possible before the work begins, then the artist will paint over the remaining items, helping to disguise them as they disappear into the mural.

**Commissioner Whitney motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Whitney was assigned.**

#### **CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 71351 Keller Street**

The application was for a carport addition to add a second floor for additional living space and an office. A porch and stairs would be added to the side. Commissioner Monnot asked what the height of the house is compared to the height of the carport. The homeowner said the house would be taller than the carport. Commissioner Monnot asked for clarification on the Planning and Zoning requirements for setbacks and changing a carport to a living area. Kristin Tortorich confirmed all setback requirements and square footage requirements have been met. Commissioner Monnot asked if there would be a cathedral ceiling. The homeowner said there will be an 8' ceiling but she was told there will probably be some areas on the sides that are less than 8' tall. Chairman Dinkelacker suggested a window or pair of windows on the Keller Street side to improve the appearance but stated it was merely a suggestion. Vice Chairman Monnot asked about a change to a Boston gable roof but said he would go with Chairman Dinkelacker's expertise. Chairman Dinkelacker said he was alright with the roof as submitted but would recommend the 11<sup>th</sup> Street side windows to be wider or taller if there is not a ceiling height issue. The Commission reviewed the checklist. Chairman Dinkelacker advised the owner to be sure she has at least 3.5" minimum width for the trim around the windows. He said vinyl window trims are typically thin and narrow, but the trim should resemble wood. Chairman Dinkelacker said if the homeowner decides to paint the stairs or railing the gray to match the back deck of her house, the color would be approved, and she would just have to let them know.

**Chairman Dinkelacker motioned to approve the application as submitted. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Monnot was assigned.**

**CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 22325 Main Street**

The application was for the demolition of an old, collapsing barn. The homeowner said the barn would be disassembled and as much material would be salvaged as possible. The owner said that the barn was damaged from Hurricane Ida and a corner of the barn has already collapsed.

**Vice Chairman Monnot motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Whitney seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Dinkelacker was assigned.**

**DISCUSSION**

There were no items for discussion.

**OPEN COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no public comments.

Kristin Tortorich said the 2026 meeting dates will fall on the second Tuesday of each month. Meeting dates can be found on the Historic Meetings page of the Town’s website.

Kristin Tortorich announced that the Fire District 8 new fire station project was reassigned to Vice Chairman Monnot, since Chairman Dinkelacker had to recuse himself.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairman Dinkelacker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.**

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Kristin Tortorich, Planning & Zoning Director

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