



The following are the minutes from the Historic Meeting held on June 11, 2019 in the Abita Springs Town Hall at 6p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Ron Blicht. Commissioners in attendance included Ron Blicht, Andrew Vaughan and Otto Dinkelacker. Thad Mancil and Andre Monnot were absent. Also, in attendance, Cindy Chatelain Planning & Zoning Director.

All stood for the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ron Blicht asked if there were any agenda modifications? Ron Blicht motioned to add a follow up on the covered structures and the unlawfulness of same.

Otto Dinkelacker motioned to approve the minutes from the May Meeting and to dispense with their reading. Seconded by Andrew Vaughan. All in favor.

2019 06 01 Mr. O'Neal, 22179 Main Street would like to incorporate and extend the bump-out on the street side of his house into the living area of his home. The current structure is covered by a metal roof. He intends to re-use the windows and to add another matching one to total four on that side of the house. Brick piers will be added, and all other materials will match the existing structure. A motion to approve as drawn was made by Anrew Vaughan. Seconded by Otto Dinkelacker. All in favor. A Certificate of Appropriateness was issued. CO assigned Ron Blicht.

2019 06 02 Jim & Lovell Blicht plan to build a new home on Magnolia Street. Sketches were reviewed as submitted. The checklist was also reviewed for construction requirements and materials. A 9-foot-deep porch on a raised slab with deck style porches at the rear, no railing required if less than 30 inches of the ground. Wood porch and steps. Stove pipe chimney. No shutters, no fences. Board & Batton and Hardi Siding. Gooseneck lights no florescent lighting. The plans are in order, but with Ron Blicht abstaining from the vote, a third member must approve the drawings prior to the issuance of a building permit. As the plans are all on the Town's website prior to the meetings, one of the absent commissioners can review and approve this application to the P&Z office. Motion to approve with a third accepting vote, was made by Otto Dinkelacker. Seconded by Andrew Vaughan.

**NOTE:** Thad Mancil approved the application the following day, noting that the proposal was acceptable as submitted. A Certificate of Appropriateness was issued. CO assigned Otto Dinkelacker.

- 2019 06 03 Mrs. Bohnet submitted plans for new construction on St Charles Street. The plans and check list were reviewed. The house will be raised on piers with a seven-foot-deep front porch. The plans must be modified to reach the required 2/3 frontage. This will be achieved by reducing the front bedroom closet by 1 foot. Vinyl windows must have the 3" trim as shown. Shutters must be ½ the window width or they can be omitted. Columns and doors will be wood or fiberglass. A garage / shed is planned which will complement the house structure. Traditional colors to be chosen. Andrew Vaughan made a motion to approve, with the modification to achieve the 2/3 front porch as discussed. Seconded by Otto Dinkelacker. All in favor. A Certificate of Appropriateness will be issued upon final review of said modification to porch. CO assigned Andrew Vaughan.
- 2019 06 04 Marie Dessommes is the new owner of the orange cottage next to the Brew Pub. She plans to operate a coffee shop at this location. No changes will be made to the front of the building, but a porch is planned for the side with a deck at the rear. Sketches were submitted and reviewed. The roof line was discussed and an option to change to a lean-to type was offered as a suggestion. Final plans which will be submitted to the Fire Marshal prior to the issuance of a building permit, can be reviewed in office by a commissioner for the required approval.
- 2019 06 05 The Abita Brew Pub's paint colors were submitted. Option one: Navy with Cream Accents. Option two: Battleship Gray with Dark Gray or option three: Ivory with Ivory Trim. All were acceptable. Motion to accept any of the three choices was made by Andy Vaughan. Seconded by Otto Dinkelacker. All in favor. A Certificate of Appropriateness was issued. CO assigned Ron Blitch.

**Discussion:** Ron Blitch added the discussion of the temporary type covers that are popping up around Town. The general rules are to be followed. All structures must be approved by the Historic Commission. Ron Blitch said that he would address the Town Council and ask for their guidance in this matter. This should be a part of Code Enforcement.

George Long asked about the house at the corner of Laurel and Level Street. It is in serious disrepair, what can be done? Ron Blitch suggested that Mr. Long talk to the Town Council about this matter.

A motion to adjourn was made by Otto Dinkelacker. Seconded by Andrew Vaughan. All in favor.

The next meeting date is July 9, 2019. The application cutoff date is June 25, 2019