

# Town of Abita Springs



**MAYOR  
DANIEL J. CURTIS**

The following are the minutes from the Historic Meeting held on March 12, 2019 in the Abita Springs Town Hall at 6p.m.

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

Ron Blich asked if there were any agenda modifications? Ron Blich would like to add an "Enforcement Report" to this agenda and to all future agendas. Also, as the Pledge of Allegiance is said at all other meetings, he would like to add the Pledge to the Historic Meetings. Ron Blich motioned, and Andre Monnot seconded. All commissioners were in favor of the additions to the agendas.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to accept the minutes from the February Meeting was made by Andre Monnot. Seconded by Lynne Congemi. All in favor

2019 03 01 Mr. Dupont needs to add a handi-capped ramp for his adult son to enter the home @ 22165 North Street. He would also like to enlarge his covered porch area. For this work to take place, he not only needs approval from the Historic Commission but also from the Planning & Zoning Commission as this work will encroach on his front yard setback. This variance request has been advertised for the March 27<sup>th</sup>, P&Z Meeting.

The plans were reviewed. Discussion took place. Ron Blich had concerns and questions about the roof. Thad Mancil agreed that the roof might have issues. Two options were discussed. The big concerns were how it was going to look from the street and how it was going to drain. Sketches were drawn by both Thad Mancil and Ron Blich trying to understand Mr. Dupont's idea. Ron Blich suggested that Mr. Dupont have his draftsman redraw the plans as discussed. Thad Mancil motioned to approve with the revisions of the plans (side elevations) as discussed, and before a permit is issued, that a commissioner approves the new drawing. Andre Monnot seconded that motion. All commissioners agreed. The certificate of Appropriateness will be issued upon final approval. COA assigned Ron Blich.

2019 03 02 Mr. & Mrs. Moore intend to build their new home at the corner of Palmer and Minkler Streets. The plans were reviewed. A discussion took place to clarify how a “raised look” house should be constructed. The checklist was then filled out. The front porch is a little shy of the required 2/3. Columns will be wood. Possible metal railings. The front door will be wood or wood look. Trim and shutters were also discussed. Mr. Moore mentioned a special metal roof that he is leaning towards. The commission asked to see a sample or pamphlet for approval. The commission asked that the plans be revised with all information noted. A fence is planned and will be discussed after the variance request has been settled. A motion to approve was made by Thad Mancil, pending the corrections to the plans as discussed: foundation, railings and width of porch. A final review is required before the permit is issued. Andre Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners agreed. The Certificate will be issued upon final review. COA assigned Andre Monnot.

2019-03-03 Ms. Meynard submitted a sketch of her new sign for her new business, Attic to Awesome, located at 22107 Hwy 36, the former Abita Pharmacy. The original sign for the building will be repainted with her logo. There was a discussion about the background of the sign. If the black edges are not part of the sign, the commission agreed that it would be fine. Motion to approve.

Enforcement of the Historic Guidelines was next on the agenda. Ron Blich wants to know what can be done to make sure the guidelines are followed. How do we enforce the rules? What is the mechanism to have the temporary metal canopy / covers removed? Clarify: Remove or move to the rear of the house where they can't be seen from the street. Thad Mancil thinks this is a good idea to add violations to the agenda, but he doesn't want old infractions to be hashed up. Anything that's discussed should be new and relevant. Andre Monnot agrees.

Another idea was to have the commission sign the CO before it is issued. The P&Z Director was not comfortable with that. Instead she will notify each commissioner well before the construction is finished. The COA will be notified at the time of the 30-Day test meter inspection, to take a final look at his assigned project. If issues need to be addressed the contractor will be notified and the CO will be held.

A motion to adjourn was made by Thad Mancil. Seconded by Andre Monnot. All in favor.

The next meeting date is scheduled for April 9, 2019. The application cutoff date is March 26, 2019