

Architectural Review Board  
October 4, 2012

Fred Schneider, vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers; also present were Ruth Klippstein and Bob O'Halloran, as well as George Goodwin and guests Brian Baine, Nancy Burke, and Chris Grammar. The quorum was established and agenda adjusted; minutes of both the September regular meeting and special meeting were approved as submitted.

Summary of Actions: we approve Brian Baine's sign request; and pre-approve the Town's request for changes in the sidewalk and steps at the old jail. We deny approval of the Town's request for a new roof treatment at the jail. We approve the adjusted COA of Stuart Munson for his garage at 354 Main St. We approve the sign request for 300 Valley St, Balance Art, Yoga, Massage.

New Business: Brian Baine described his sign request; George Goodwin said it is within dimensions of the ordinance. Similar to his Appomattox Courthouse business sign, it will be in dark green, beige, and black. It is to be lighted, probably from the top of the sign, and we suggested shielded fixtures; it will have to be turned off at midnight. He will use the bracket already in place, or consult with George on an alternate site. We unanimously recommend this COA to Council for approval.

George reported on brick work done at the corner of Valley and Main, and asked us to consider approving a brick sidewalk at the old jail Visitors' Center, with the installation of footings for a wall to be built in the future, and new concrete steps south to the parking area, possibly with brick pavers. This is contingent on Town appropriating money for the project. We approved, requesting that George write up the specifics in his COA.

We discussed the roof proposal again, a standing seam false mansard treatment, and could not change our original opinion that this represents a pseudo installation lacking the integrity of an actual roof, and while it does not, as George points out, damage the structure, it reverses the direction in which we think the ARB should move. We would recommend doing nothing to the roof, rather than this. George requested another suggestion, but we still recommend only reworking the flashing and adding cinder block to make the roof line straight, not stepped. The motion to approve the roof was made and seconded; the vote was unanimously against. We understand that George will appeal this to Council, and in further discussion reiterate our commitment to the total scope of Scottsville's architecture, buildings grand and simple, as is our mandate.

We heard a progress report on the Dew Drop Inn, 440 Valley St. Much of this work concerns the country. Issues for ARB include windows. Double hung windows are required by the fire code; the ARB wants to see replacements that are similar to the original windows. After a long discussion of prices and the history of this project, we agree to having only the four windows on the façade changed, allowing the three in the rear, not seen from the public right-of-way, to remain. We suggest, using a Pella catalog, the vinyl window, due to monetary constraints, with chamfered divisions on the outside

and spacers between the double panes, the grid in white. When the exact model is chosen, Chris is to send a tear sheet to the ARB for final approval; if complete, final approval could be done by email. Chris said the windows are to be trimmed in wood. The building is to be painted a sandy, yellow-tan with white trim, which we approved. Two front door designs were shown; we chose the square window in clear glass as most appropriate. George highly recommended a fiberglass rather than metal door, which will buckle and rust. While wood is always be our preference for a commercial building of this period, we agree to this choice as long as it has historic detailing. It could be in a darker accent color, not white or the color of the building. As this was a progress report and not a request for a COA, no further action was taken.

George reported on no further action from Michael Tocci on his 560 Main St. house. We revisited Stuart Munson's garage request at 345 Main; Fred will sign the final drawings at the Town office. We unanimously agreed to accept the adjusted COA for the unexpected moving of the garage site, still within set-back limits, as reported in the special meeting of September 27.

We looked at pictures of the proposed sign for the business at 300 Valley St., and, as it is within limits of the ordinance, unanimously recommend it to Council for recommendation.

With a report from George on Streetscape progress and changes, and the possible date of completion by Christmas, we adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Klippstein, secretary