Minutes Regular Meeting of the Aberdeen Historic Preservation Commission

March 21, 2016 Monday, 4:30 p.m. Robert N. Page Municipal Building Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Historic Preservation Commission met on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. for their Regular Meeting. Members present were Mollie Wilson, Ernestine Chapman, Jon Ring, and Mike Ratkowski. Others in attendance were Planning Director Graham, Planner Kathy Blake, Permit Technician Amy Fulp, and Adam Crocker.

- 1. Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.
- 2. New Business

All parties who would like to give evidence or testimony were sworn in before doing so.

a. Review of Certificate of Appropriateness COA #16-04 for replacing a holly tree with a red cedar at 100 E. Main Street.

Planning Director Graham introduced Adam Crocker, Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Director, to the HPC board.

Adam Crocker spoke to the HPC Board about the reasons they wanted to change out the tree. They wanted to go with more of a traditional small town Christmas feel and look and part of that was changing out the tree. They thought the red cedar would thrive in this area.

Chairperson Wilson asked what the adult height of the tree will be. Mr. Crocker said it can get up to about 30 or 40 feet and they will keep it pruned and in a Christmas tree shape.

Motion made by Ernestine Chapman, seconded by Jon Ring, that the applicant's proposal is compatible with the historic aspects of the Aberdeen Historic District with respect to the following criteria:

Site features and plantings

Motion unanimously carried.

3. Other Business

Chairperson Wilson asked about signs and particularly the church. Planning Director Graham said the church can be handled by Staff and they will take care of it.

Chairperson Wilson asked about lettering on windows. Jon Ring asked about the fence in-between the barber shop and the next shop. Planning Director Graham stated the Town did it as sort of an emergency measure.

Jon Ring asked about Eloise Trading Company and painting their door; they did not come before the HPC committee on it. Planning Director Graham stated she can ask them to come in on that; if it is in the guidelines it needs to be applied consistently.

Chairperson Wilson asked about businesses that have lettering on their windows on the outside. Planning Director Graham asked if these are new businesses and Chairperson Wilson said no.

4. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Ratkowski to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Amy Fulp, Rermit Technician Minutes were completed in Draft form on March 30, 2016

Mollie Wilson, Chairperson Minutes were approved on April 25, 2016