



The following minutes were taken at the special meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy were present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Attorney, Edward Deano, offered information relative to the hearing of the appeal of the Historic Commission decision regarding the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to Dorsey Development, for the design of the Dollar General building and sign. Mr. Deano noted that the Abita Springs Code of Ordinances includes a provision for the reversal, change or modification of decisions of the Historic District Commission, by the Board of Aldermen, but only by two-thirds vote of all members of the Board. Ruth Sipos, author of the appeal petition, spoke regarding the basis of the appeal. Ms. Sipos objected to the size and design of the approved signage, asserting that the square footage exceeds that allowable in the Guidelines. Other residents took exception to the “monument” style of the sign and expressed their overall displeasure with the Dollar General development. Attorney Paul Harrison, representing the Town Historic Commission, reported that the Commission acted properly in their decision to issue the Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Patterson made a motion to affirm the Commission’s decision, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote yielded the following result: Yeas: 4, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, and Saussy, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, with Alderwoman Randolph abstaining.

Mr. Saussy moved to adjourn the Town Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Patterson.

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 25th DAY OF MAY 2022.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor