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Minutes
Historic Preservation Review Board
July 16, 2015
Executive Conference Room - County Administration Building

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CALL TO ORDER:
Mr. Webb called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Beekman Webb, Chairman
Katrina Epps
Natalie Hefter
Rita Igleheart
Sally Murphy

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Rosalyn Browne
Larry Koolkin

STAFF PRESENT:
Delores Frazier, Beaufort County Planning Dept.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Old St. Helena Market (The Blocker Store) – Additions and Renovations:

The Chairman told the members that he planned to recuse himself from voting on this project because he is a current board member of the Beaufort County Open Land Trust (BCOLT), which owns the property.

Mr. Josh Bell, BCOLT, and Mr. Richard Pingree, Coastal Home Construction, were in attendance to present the project to the Board.

Mr. Bell gave background on the purchase of the property by BCOLT in 1998, the use of the building as a store until 2012, and BCOLT's decision to subsequently renovate the building rather than demolish it when it became vacant.

The plan includes use of galvanized roof material, wood siding, and wood framed windows. They want to demolish the old rear addition and rebuild it. They will salvage what they can during renovations and replace with like materials. They want to recreate the look and feel of an old country store, which is how the building has historically been used.

Ms. Murphy questioned whether they would need a variance to build closer to the critical line than the required setback. Mr. Bell said that the Zoning Administrator, Hillary Austin, had approved the plans as shown.

Following further discussion by the Board, Mr. Webb asked for a motion.

ACTION:

Ms. Murphy moved to approve the plans as submitted. Ms. Hefter seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0, with Mr. Webb's recusal.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mr. Webb adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.