



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## WARRENTON ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

### BACKGROUND

#### Warrenton Historic District

In the early 1980's, a survey to inventory and assess the historic and architectural value of properties central, "Old Town" portion of the Town was conducted. Following a series of public hearings, the Town Council created the Warrenton Historic District and Article 22 of the Zoning Ordinance entitled, "HD-Historic District" in 1982. The Historic District was established as an "overlay zoning district" whereby the existing zoning designations (e.g. Residential 6 or Central Business District) and their regulations remain in place, while additional review procedures and regulations apply due to the secondary overlay designation. The Historic District (HD) regulations are now found in Section 3-5.3 of the Town Zoning Ordinance. The Historic District zoning regulations are intended to protect against deterioration, destruction of, or encroachment upon such areas, structures and premises; to encourage uses which will lead to their continuance, conservation and improvement in an appropriate manner and to assure that new structures and uses within such districts will be in keeping with the character to be preserved and enhanced.

In 1990 and 1996 the Historic District was expanded. The first expansion took place to bring into the district several historically significant properties on the crossroad perimeters. Although these resources were considered noteworthy in a 1977 survey by the Virginia Department of Historic Landmarks, they were excluded from the initial boundary for the preliminary management ease of a more confined district. A second alteration in the district evolved in 1996 when it was determined that the boundary line of the district cut through lots and even some buildings. Therefore, a minor expansion to the district eliminated this problem. However, these revisions to the original National Register District have not yet been nominated to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources or National Park Service for approval in the National Register of Historic Places. The Comprehensive Plan has the nomination of the expansion area as a future objective.

The Warrenton Historic District is characterized by a variety of building types and styles representing the Town's importance as the county seat. The focus of the Historic District is the central business district and its five surrounding residential neighborhoods. Within these boundaries are the Fauquier County Courthouse, the County and Town government buildings, an example of an early jail, churches, and many other architecturally significant buildings. Also included are the homes of a former Virginia Governor, and three prominent figures from the Civil War era.

### ORGANIZATION

#### Architectural Review Board (ARB)

The ARB consists of five Town Council appointed citizen volunteers who must have specialized knowledge and interest in history, historic preservation and/or architecture. Members are appointed for a term of four (4) years. Initial appointments are three (3) members for four (4) years, and remaining

members for two (2) years. The ARB elects from its own membership a chairman and vice-chairman to serve annual terms and may succeed themselves. The Planning Director or designee serves as Secretary to the ARB.

The Board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M at Town Hall. Applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness must be submitted by 4:30 P.M. on the first day of the month or the business day immediately following in order to be reviewed during that month's meeting.

### **ARB CHARGE**

The Architectural Review Board is charged by the Town Council with the review of most exterior alteration on all elevations of buildings, additions, demolitions, relocations, reconstruction, repairs using dissimilar materials, new building construction, walls and fences exceeding three-and-one-half-feet in height, signs, awnings, skylights, HVAC units (except for window air conditioners on residences), exhaust fans and any other major actions which would have a substantial effect on the character of the historic district. With approval, the ARB issues a Certificate of Appropriateness to be displayed on the front of the property during the undertaking. The annually-trained ARB meets once a month as needed. Special meetings are called upon request. Council appoints members who have demonstrated knowledge or interest in historic or architectural development in the Town

# BOARDS AND COMMISSION CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION OR TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG RESIDENT? \_\_\_\_\_ WARD NO: \_\_\_\_\_

Residency within the Town of Warrenton is a requirement for most boards and commissions.

**CANDIDATE FOR POSITION ON:** \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to serve the Town:

What experience or education have you had relative to this field of concern?

What are your major interests or concerns in the Town's programs?

What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?

Please list any previous or present involvement such as Town Council, board or commission members, citizens committee, etc. in Warrenton or elsewhere.

Are you are registered voter? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND APPLICATION TO: Town Manager's Office, P.O. Box 341, Warrenton, VA 20188**

**FAX: 540-349-2414**

**For questions call: 540-347-4505**

**Via email: [eweimer@warrentonva.gov](mailto:eweimer@warrentonva.gov)**

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