

Design Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 20, 2018

Location: Deep River Town Hall

Board Members Present: Dan Batt, Jeff Hostetler, Sue Watts, Alan Paradis, Pamela Potter

Board Members Absent: Mike Cole, Peter Howard

Guests: Joseph Shea of AJ Shea Construction, Mark Bovolack

The meeting was called to order at 7:39.

Mr. Bovolack presented an initial concept for commercial redevelopment of the property at 169 Main Street. The proposal would include first floor retail space and second floor residential units.

An addition was proposed that extended off the north side of the building. The addition preserved some of the green space adjacent to the street but also enhanced the street edge while helping to conceal the parking in the rear of the site. The roofline of the addition was not consistent with the context and should be explored further as the design develops. The Board expressed concern over the loss of green space on the north side of the building and recommends less impervious pavement.

The Board encouraged development that would recognize and respect the original architecture, scale and proportion of the Federal building and supported the idea of removing the addition to the front of the original building which would improve the street infrastructure, sight lines and safety.

The primary objective of the Design Guidelines, as well as the town plan, is to make the Village District and Main Street pedestrian friendly. This project could greatly benefit the pedestrian experience in town and improve safety at the Main Street intersection.

The Board also reviewed the proposed sign for the Fire House and is in agreement with the concept, but felt a stone base might be more appropriate and that more space might be added between the signage and the base. Also, better signage technology should be explored.

It is imperative that lighting at the site be addressed and a meeting with the selectmen to review the sign in context with the town's development proposal is suggested.

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