

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 10, 2015**

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A meeting of the Design Review Commission was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at the Franklin Municipal Building, Franklin, Massachusetts. Members present were Mark Fitzgerald, Chairman; Chris Baryluk; Nancy Coleman; Claudine Silverman; alternate Kate Harrington and Beth A. Wierling, Town Planner was also present for the meeting.

Chairman Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Fitzgerald activated Alternate Kate Harrington to vote on agenda items. Items were taken out of order from the agenda due to applicant attendance.

**1. Chinese Mirch, 30 Main Street**

Daniel from YYZ Signs, Mendon, MA appeared on behalf of the applicant Chinese Mirch, located at 30 Main Street. The applicant indicated this is the location of the former Guru restaurant. Members reviewed one (1) storefront sign, one (1) blade sign, window graphics for (4) four windows and (2) two temporary signs noting that they liked that the graphics were simple and easy to read.

Members asked that the banding on the window graphics be as close in color as the current awning and repeated the same for the background on the proposed building sign. It was noted that the temporary signs could only be posted in the windows for 30 days; the applicant agreed. Ms. Wierling noted the applicant must obtain building permits prior to erecting any signs.

**Motion:**

Baryluk. Seconded: Coleman. Voted 5-0-0 to approve one (1) storefront sign, one (1) blade sign, window graphics for (4) four windows and (2) two temporary signs as submitted conditional upon the following:

1. Color band on window signs and sign background on storefront sign shall match awning as close as possible.

The decision is subject to applicant obtaining a building permit prior to erecting approved signs, as well as all other Board approvals or permits as are required.

**General Matters:**

**Approval of February 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes.**

Members discussed the meeting minutes of February 24, 2015, with members raising concern for 648 Old West Central Street specifically the granting of "corner lot" status to the property. Ms. Silverman noted she thought there should have been a negative vote for the

sign submitted by Starbucks indicating the Chairman voted in the negative, having not agreed with the amount of signs allowed and the determination as a "corner lot", making the vote 4-1-0 not 5-0-0 as shown in the minutes.

Ms. Wierling indicated if there was continued concern regarding the issue of "corner lot" in regards to signs at 648 Old West Central Street to please discuss with the Building Commissioner regarding this determination. Ms. Wierling noted that both Starbucks and Noodles were granted the same amount of signage and were within the guidelines as determined by the Building Commissioner. Ms. Wierling further noted that any future businesses at 648 Old West Central Street will be reviewed under the same determination and allowed the same amount of signage as both Starbucks and Noodles.

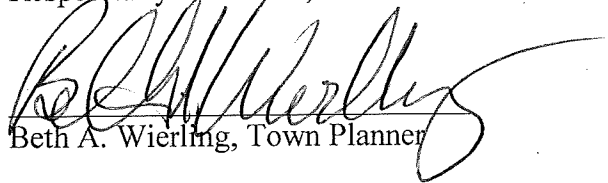
Ms. Wierling then noted she will change Mr. Fitzgerald's vote as noted not having realized he had voted in the negative. Chairman Fitzgerald indicated he would like his vote to remain as is for the Starbucks sign; the vote will be 5-0-0.

Motion to accept meeting minutes of February 24, 2015. Baryluk. Second: Coleman. 5-0-0

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Approved. (5-0-0)

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth A. Wierling, Town Planner