

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 22, 2015**

A meeting of the Design Review Commission was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at the Franklin Municipal Building, Franklin, Massachusetts. Members present were Mark Fitzgerald, Chairman, Chris Baryluk, Nancy Coleman, and Claudine Silverman. John Allen, Program Coordinator was also present.

Before the meeting began Deborah L. Pellegri, C.M.C., notary and Town Clerk administered the oath of office to Mark Fitzgerald and Chris Baryluk. The oath of office needs to be administered to Kate Harrington before she can vote in the future.

Chairman Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. Pavento, Ratcliffe, Renzi - 391 East Central Street – pylon sign

Cam Alfonso from Signs by Cam represented the owner and appeared before the Committee. Cam explained the subject business is a law firm and that the owners wanted their names as large as possible. They did not want anything that would require smaller letters such as black trim or the word law on the sign.

The sign will be placed on the existing pylon with white letters, green background and will be internally illuminated. The Committee approved the pylon sign as presented. No request was made for any additional signs.

The sign was approved as submitted.

Motion: Silverman. Baryluk second voted **3-0-0 to Approve** the pylon sign as submitted.

2. Furniture Re-Store – 5 Main Street - Pylon and building sign.

Robin Saccol and George Hagler, the owners of Furniture Re-Store appeared before the Committee. The business will focus on restoring and selling restored furniture. Although, not a primary focus the business it will also provide upholstery.

The pylon sign will be constructed of high density urethane. The background will be gray and the letters will be in volcanic ash. (Lowes Valspar paint, chip number 4009-1). This sign will be non-illuminated. The sign will be added to the existing pylon. The wall sign, made of cedar will have the same colors.

The building and pylon signs were approved as presented

Motion: Coleman. Moses second voted **3-0-0 to Approve** the pylon and building sign as submitted.

Other Business:

The minutes from September 8, 2015 were approved.

The committee noted that a yellow house about three houses from the intersection of Beaver Street and State Route 140 has a sign on the lawn about a granite store opening that has been posted for months. This is evidenced by the grass around the sign interfering with the visibility of the sign. It was also noted that the sign is advertising a business that is located outside Franklin. The Committee requested that Building Commissioner address this issue.

A second point of discussion was that contractors post their signs in front of buildings that they are working on but do not remove the signs upon completion of the work. The general feel was that there should be a way to monitor the duration that the sign is posted. No recommendation was made. However, if changes are made to the bylaws, this issue should be addressed.

Motion to adjourn. All in favor 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Allen