

DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
LARGE MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: **GAETAN LaCHANCE, CHAIRMAN**
JONATHAN HANKIN
STEPHAN GREEN
STEVE DIETEMANN
PEDRO PACHANO

EDWIN MAY, STAFF LIAISON

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. LaChance called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

II. MINUTES: MARCH 23, 2016

MOTION: Mr. Hankin to approve the minutes of March 23, 2016.

SECOND: Mr. Dietemann

VOTE: All in favor

III. PERMIT FOR REVIEW: 312 MAIN STREET

The Committee discussed a sign application presented by Mr. May for The Well restaurant at 312 Main Street. The application was for a projecting sign and a wall mounted sign.

Mr. LaChance said the bottom of existing sign is 8 ½ feet above the side walk. It needs to be 10 feet above the side walk.

Mr. May said he would make sure it is 10 feet above the sidewalk.

Mr. LaChance said they may need to shorten the sign to meet the regulation.

Mr. Green asked how thick the sign would be.

Mr. LaChance said the application says ¾ inch PVC.

Mr. Green said it would look better if it were thicker.

Mr. May said it is a black sign. It could warp.

Mr. Hankin asked why it would warp.

Mr. Green said it would warp from differential thermal expansion.

Mrs. Drucker, the applicant, arrived.

Mr. Hankin said he likes the logo. He said the black and white is very powerful. He wondered if the sign band on the building should be painted black with white letters so make it as powerful as the projecting sign.

Mrs. Drucker said she wanted to have the sign bank black but the painter advised against it.

Mr. Dietemann said the bottom of the sign needs to be 10 feet above the side walk.

Mrs. Drucker said she has been assured the sign will be to code.

Mr. LaChance said a thicker sign might avoid warping.

Mr. Green said the appearance would be better if the sign were thicker. There would be more substance.

Mrs. Drucker said she wants to make the sign sleek.

Mr. Hankin asked what the lighting would be for the sign.

Mrs. Drucker said there is still discussion of the lighting. She said she would like to use gooseneck lighting on each side.

Mr. Hankin said he is not sure how the light will get to the projecting sign but because it is black it should be lit.

Mr. Green said the white letters should pop out.

Mrs. Drucker agreed. She said we need to figure out how to get the light there.

Mr. May said the light needs to be downward directed.

Mr. Green suggested using LED tape lighting. He said the tape lighting doesn't require as much wire. He said it is great. You would need to use exterior grade.

Mrs. Drucker thanked the Committee for their comments.

MOTION: Mr. Hankin to approve the application with the understanding that the bottom of the projecting sign will be 10 feet above the sidewalk.

SECOND: Mr. Green

VOTE: All in favor

The Committee welcomed Mr. Pachano.

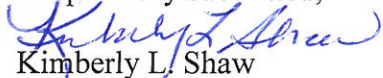
IV. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

No one spoke

V. ADJOURN:

Having concluded their business, Mr. LaChance adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly L. Shaw

Secretary