

DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
LARGE MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014
4:00 P.M.

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

EDWIN MAY STAFF LIASON

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.M.
Mr. May had not yet arrived.

II. PERMIT FOR REVIEW: 352 MAIN STREET

The Committee reviewed an application submitted on behalf of St. James Place for exterior changes to the south side of the building. Mr. Rembold was present to provide information about the application. He said the applicant proposes to cut into the bank on the south side of the building to provide access to the basement for the People's Pantry. A double door would be installed.

The Committee reviewed the plans.

Mr. Green suggested a retaining wall on one side to make it more aesthetically pleasing. He said there is nothing wrong with the proposal but a short retaining wall on the east side would offset the symmetry of the cut.

Mr. May arrived.

Mr. May said there will be no color or material changes to the exterior.

Mr. Dietemann said there is a potential problem with people pulling into and parking in the proposed driveway.

Mr. Hankin said the Planning Board would discuss that issue.

MOTION: Mr. LaChance to suggest to the Board of Selectmen that rather than a symmetrical V-cut in the topography, the east side could have a retaining wall at sitting height, not too high to require a guardrail or create a hazard, 15-24 inches in height. Placing the retaining wall on

the east side would be more of a gentle slope.

SECOND: Mr. Hankin

VOTE: All in favor.

PERMITS FOR REVIEW: 33 ROSSETER STREET

Mr. May said the application was not within the DAC purview so it was not discussed.

PERMITS FOR REVIEW: 306 MAIN STREET

The Committee reviewed a sign application for Bra & Girl. The sign had been previously approved for a location on Railroad Street. It will be moved to 306 Main Street. It is a projecting sign 19.5 inches by 30 inches. The bracket would be 36 inches from the wall to the end point.

Mr. Green recommended that the bracket be located in the vertical red portion or the horizontal red portion instead of the proposed location in the middle of the recessed panel. The sign should be lowered or the bracket lowered, maintaining the 10 foot minimum above the sidewalk to comply with the sign regulations.

MOTION: Mr. Dietemann to approve as shown with the recommendation that the suspended sign be relocated so the structure is contained within the salmon portion of the sign band instead of the dentil. The sign must conform with the height requirements.

SECOND: Mr. LaChance

VOTE: All in favor.

MINUTES: APRIL 2, 2014

MOTION: Mr. LaChance to approve.

SECOND: Mr. Hankin

VOTE: All in favor

IV. ADJOURN:

Without objection, Mr. Green adjourned the meeting at 4:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly L. Shaw

Inter-Departmental Secretary