

DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON

TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET GREAT BARRINGTON
THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2017
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: LISA LANDRY, CHAIR
GAETAN LaCHANCE
JONATHAN HANKIN
PEDRO PACHANO
STEPHAN GREEN

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. LaChance called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. Mr. Greene had not yet arrived. The Committee agreed to deal with the permit prior to reorganizing.

II. PERMIT FOR REVIEW: 34 RAILROAD STREET(Discussion/Vote)

Diego Gutierrez, architect was present with applicant Adam Medina to discuss a plan for Familia Botanica at 34 Railroad Street, for the exterior alteration of a commercial structure, altering the north exterior wall and adding a 221 square foot raised wood deck on the north side.

Mr. Gutierrez said the applicant wants to create something in the alley. He said the alley is a pedestrian way not a vehicular way. He said the proposal for the deck would be a big improvement to the alley. It will increase the use in a good way.

Mr. Gutierrez said there would the existing door and a window will be made bigger. That will be the only alteration to the exterior of the brick building. The proposed deck will have planters for screening. There will be a handicap ramp to the deck. The use will be half retail and half café.

Mr. Medina said he would like to pioneer the pedestrian way. He said he hopes we will see more of these types of uses in Great Barrington.

Mr. Green asked what the retail use will be.

Mr. Medina said the retail use will be boutique plants. We will make the pots. There will also be cut flowers.

Mr. Green asked about the preparation of food.

Mr. Medina said the food would be prepared off site and put together at the café.

Mr. LaChance asked what will you be serving for food.

Mr. Medina said breakfast and lunch will be served. The menu will vary but we will serve quiche and muffin and other fresh foods.

Mr. LaChance asked about the noise from the fan at Alium.

Mr. Medina said they are open at night. We will be open earlier in the day. It will not be an issue.

Mr. LaChance asked about signage.

Mr. Medina said the sign will be on the inside of the glass. We will permit if we need more.

Mr. LaChance asked about lighting.

Mr. Medina said there will be minimal lighting. Whatever we do will be downward directed and shielded.

Mr. Green suggested some lighting in the floor. Even though you won't be open at night it might be an interesting option.

Mr. LaChance said you will paint the Railroad Street side of the building.

Mr. Medina said yes. It will be painted navy.

The Committee was satisfied with the color plan.

Mr. Hankin asked if Mr. Medina had a discussion with National Grid regarding their easement in the alley.

Mr. Medina said he had not yet.

MOTION: Mr. Green to approve the deck and design

SECOND: Mr. Hankin

VOTE: All in favor

III. MINUTES: FEBRUARY 14, 2017

MOTION: Mr. Hankin to approve the minutes of April 19, 2017

SECOND: Ms. Landry

VOTE: All in favor

IV. REORGANIZE:

MOTION: Mr. Hankin nominated Ms. Landry as the Chair

SECOND: Mr. Green

VOTE: All in favor

MOTION: Mr. Hankin nominated Mr. Pachano as the Vice-Chair

SECOND: Mr. LaChance

VOTE: All in favor

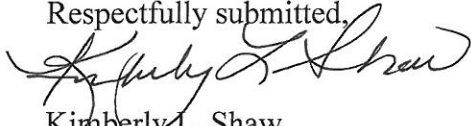
CITIZEN'S SPEAK TIME:

No one spoke.

V. ADJOURN:

Ms. Landry adjourned without objection at 5:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly L. Shaw
Secretary

