

DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
TOWN HALL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010
4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: **CRAIG OKERSTROM LANG**
STEPHEN DIETEMANN
STEPHAN GREEN
OLGA MAY MILLIGAN
STEPHEN LEIGH
JONATHAN HANKIN
ANTHONY BARNABA
EDWIN A. MAY, STAFF LIAISON NON-VOTING MEMBER

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Okerstrom Lang called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

II. **MINUTES: OCTOBER 7, 2010**

MOTION: Mr. Hankin to approve as amended the minutes of September 2, 2010.

SECOND: Mr. Dietemann

VOTE: 7-0

III. **PERMITS FOR REVIEW:**

There were no permits for review.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Gaetan Lachance returned to discuss his application for Tamaro Inc. 281 Main Street, the Southworth Building. The application that was discussed at length at the previous meeting is for a proposal to convert the top floor of the building into a B&B with the addition of a new elevator, landscaping, signs and exterior stairs. Mr. Lachance was present with Mike Farmer to discuss the revisions to the plan based on suggestions from the committee at the last meeting.

Mr. Lachance said he had reviewed the possibility of have a lobby on the ground floor but decided it would be a security risk to have an unsupervised heated space at the back of the building.

Mr. Lachance said he had looked at turning the elevator entrance to the side or on a diagonal but determined this would take more space on the upper levels where more connector would be required to get to the building and further obstruct the view from two apartments. It would also take away a parking space.

Mr. Lachance said he had reached an agreement with bank to incorporate their back entrance into the stairway. This was achieved by changing the length of the stair runs up to the second floor resulting in a more consistent image to the

Church Street side. In addition he would like to replace the rusted corrugated metal awning at the door.

Mr. Lachance said the split face block is still their choice. He said it is not specifically a green material but it is durable and it is a locally manufactured product coming from Connecticut. The product contains some recycled material and is cost effective. He said he has chosen a color to match the existing brick and stone colors.

Mr. Lachance it was suggested that more of an issue be made of the elevator entrance as the main entrance. He said there are ten other units in the building and it is their desire to have the elevator addition be unobtrusive. It has been difficult to reach a unanimous decision on this matter as is required so this matter will not be pursued.

Mr. Lachance said it is their opinion that enclosing the stairway with some type of sheathing to hide it from the street would create a security risk. It is our intent to keep any activity on the stairway visible. We will change the railing to be more decorative and feel this will be aesthetically pleasing from the street.

Mr. Hankin asked about the treads on the stairway.

Mr. Lachance said they would be open, self cleaning stairs.

Mr. Barnaba said he was pleased that the applicants looked at the comments from the committee and addressed them. He said they have done the best they can and the end result will work nicely.

Mr. Green suggested creating a little scaling where the window lintels are and change the spacing of the block by wrapping it around at the lintel height.

MOTION: Mr. Barnaba to approve the design as modified.

SECOND: Mr. Leigh

VOTE: 7-0

V. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Mr. Hankin to adjourn.

SECOND: Mr. Dietemann

VOTE: 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly L. Shaw
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